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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Docket # AMS-FV-07-0142]

United States Standards for Grades of Beet Greens

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is revising the voluntary United States Standards for Grades of Beet Greens. Specifically, AMS is removing the "Unclassified" category from the standards.

DATES: *Effective Date:* December 26, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Carl Newell, Standardization and Training Section, Fresh Products Branch, (540) 361-1120. The revised United States Standards for Grades of Beet Greens are available by accessing the Fresh Products Branch Web site at: <http://www.ams.usda.gov/freshinspection>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 203(c) of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1621-1627), as amended, directs and authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture "To develop and improve standards of quality, condition, quantity, grade and packaging and recommend and demonstrate such standards in order to encourage uniformity and consistency in commercial practices." AMS is committed to carrying out this authority in a manner that facilitates the marketing of agricultural commodities. AMS makes copies of official standards available upon request. The United States Standards for Grades of Fruits and Vegetables not connected with Federal Marketing Orders or U.S. Import Requirements no longer appear in the Code of Federal Regulations, but are

maintained by USDA, AMS, Fruit and Vegetable Programs.

AMS is revising the United States Standards for Grades of Beet Greens using the procedures that appear in Part 36, Title 7 of the Code of Federal Regulations (7 CFR part 36). These standards were last revised June 1, 1959.

Background

Prior to undertaking detailed work to develop a proposed revision to the standards, AMS published a notice on February 19, 2008, in the **Federal Register** (73 FR 9086) soliciting comments on possible revisions to the United States Standards for Grades of Beet Greens, including an AMS proposal to remove the "Unclassified" category from the standards. No comments were received in response to the notice. A second notice was published on July 10, 2008, in the **Federal Register** (73 FR 39646) proposing to revise the standards to remove the "Unclassified" category from the standards. No comments were received in response to the second notice; accordingly, AMS is revising the grade standards for beet greens to include this revision.

The official grades of beet greens covered by these standards are determined by the procedures set forth in the Regulations Governing Inspection, Certification and Standards of Fresh Fruits, Vegetables and Other Products (7 CFR 51.1 to 51.62).

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 1621-1627.

Dated: November 20, 2008.

James E. Link,

Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Humboldt Toiyabe National Forest; California and Nevada; Bridgeport Ranger District Travel Management

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: The Humboldt Toiyabe National Forest will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement to

disclose the impacts associated with the following proposed actions:

- Restricting motor vehicles to designated roads and trails, consistent with the national travel management rule.
- Changes to the forest transportation system, including the recognition and designation of certain user-created routes for motor vehicle use.
- The Ranger District currently manages about 1500 miles of motor vehicle routes for public use. The proposed action would recognize and adopt an additional 300 additional miles of existing informal (user-created) roads and trails. Most of these have been in existence for many years, but have not been recognized as a part of the forest transportation system.

DATES: Comments concerning the scope of the analysis must be received within 30 days from the date this Notice of Intent is published in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to: Travel Management Team, Bridgeport Ranger District, HCR1, Box 1000, Bridgeport, CA 93517. E-mail comments may be submitted to comments-intermtn-humboldt-toiyabe-bridgeport@fs.fed.us.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Loomis, Humboldt Toiyabe National Forest, 1536 S. Carson St. Carson City, NV 89701. Phone: 775-882-2766.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Over the past few decades, the availability and capability of motorized vehicles, particularly off-highway vehicles (OHVs) and sport utility vehicles (SUVs) has increased tremendously. Nationally, the number of OHV users has climbed sevenfold in the past 30 years, from approximately 5 million in 1972 to 36 million in 2000.

Unmanaged OHV use has resulted in unplanned roads and trails, erosion, watershed and habitat degradation, and impacts to cultural resource sites. Compaction and erosion are the primary effects of OHV use on soils. Riparian areas and aquatic dependent species are particularly vulnerable to OHV use. Unmanaged recreation, including impacts from OHVs, is one of "Four Key Threats Facing the Nation's Forests and Grasslands." (USDA Forest Service, June 2004).

On November 9, 2005, the Forest Service published final travel management regulations in the **Federal Register** (FR Vol. 70, No. 216—Nov. 9, 2005, pp 68264–68291). This final Travel Management Rule requires designation of those roads, trails, and areas that are open to motor vehicle use on National Forests. Designations will be made by class of vehicle and, if appropriate, by time of year. The final rule prohibits the use of motor vehicles off the designated system as well as use of motor vehicles on routes and in areas that are not designated.

On some NFS lands, long managed as open to cross-country motor vehicle travel, repeated use has resulted in unplanned, unauthorized, roads and trails. These routes generally developed without environmental analysis or public involvement, and do not have the same status as NFS roads and NFS trails included in the forest transportation system. Nevertheless, some unauthorized routes are well-sited, provide excellent opportunities for outdoor recreation by motorized and non-motorized users, and would enhance the National Forest system of designated roads, trails and areas. Other unauthorized routes are poorly located and cause unacceptable impacts. Only NFS roads and NFS trails can be designated for motorized vehicle use. In order for an unauthorized route to be designated, it must first be added to the national forest transportation system (NFTS).

The Bridgeport Ranger District recently completed an inventory of unauthorized routes on NFS lands and identified approximately 800 miles of unauthorized routes. The Bridgeport Ranger District then used an interdisciplinary process to conduct travel analysis that included working with the public to determine whether any of the unauthorized routes should be proposed for addition to the Bridgeport Ranger District transportation system in this proposed action. Travel analysis developed a number of routes which could be considered in this or future decisions on the NFTS as a part of travel management on the Bridgeport Ranger District. Roads, trails and areas that are currently part of the Bridgeport Ranger District transportation system and are open to motorized vehicle travel will remain designated for such use except as described below under Proposed Action. This proposal focuses only on the prohibition of motorized vehicle travel off designated routes and needed changes to the Bridgeport Ranger District transportation system, including the addition of some user-created routes

to the Bridgeport Ranger District transportation. The proposed action is being carried forward in accordance with the Travel Management Rule (36 CFR Part 212).

Purpose and Need for Action

There is a need for regulation of unmanaged motorized vehicle travel by the public. Currently, motorized vehicle travel by the public is not prohibited off designated routes in much of the Ranger District. In their enjoyment of the National Forest, motorized vehicle users have created numerous unauthorized routes. The number of such routes continues to grow each year with many routes having environmental impacts and safety concerns that have not been addressed. The Travel Management Rule, 36 CFR Part 212, provides policy for ending this trend of unauthorized route proliferation and managing the Forest transportation system in a sustainable manner through designation of motorized NFS roads, trails and areas, and the prohibition of cross-country travel. There is a need for limited changes and additions to the Bridgeport Ranger District transportation system to provide motorized access to dispersed recreation opportunities (camping, hunting, fishing, hiking, horseback riding, etc.) and to provide for a diversity of motorized recreation opportunities (4×4 Vehicles, motorcycles, ATVs, passenger vehicles, etc.).

It is Forest Service policy to provide a diversity of road and trail opportunities for experiencing a variety of environments and modes of travel consistent with the National Forest recreation role and land capability (FSM 2353.03(2)). In meeting these needs the proposed action must also achieve the following purposes:

- Avoid impacts to cultural resources.
- Provide for public safety.
- Provide for a diversity of recreational opportunities.
- Assure adequate access to public and private lands.
- Provide for adequate maintenance and administration of designations based on availability of resources and funding to do so.
- Minimize damage to soil, vegetation and other forest resources.
- Avoid harassment of wildlife and significant disruption of wildlife habitat.
- Minimize conflicts between motor vehicles and existing or proposed recreational uses of NFS lands.
- Minimize conflicts among different classes of motor vehicle uses of NFS lands or neighboring federal lands.
- Assure compatibility of motor vehicle use with existing conditions in

populated areas, taking into account sound, emissions, etc.

- Have valid existing rights of use and access (rights-of-way).

Proposed Action

The proposed action would restrict motor vehicles to designated roads and trails, consistent with the national travel management rule; and change the forest transportation system, including the recognition and designation of certain user-created routes for motor vehicle use.

The Ranger District currently manages about 1500 miles of motor vehicle routes for public use. Motor vehicles will continue to be welcome on these roads and trails. The proposed action would recognize and adopt an additional 300 additional miles of existing informal (user-created) roads and trails. Most of these have been in existence for many years, but have not been recognized as a part of the forest transportation system. Maps and tables describing the proposed action can be found at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/htnf/projects/#bridgeport>. In addition, maps will be available for viewing at the Bridgeport Ranger District.

Responsible Official

Cheryl Probert, District Ranger, Bridgeport Ranger District, HCR1, Box 1000, Bridgeport, CA 93517.

Scoping Process

The first formal opportunity to comment on the Bridgeport Ranger District Travel Management Project is during the scoping process (40 CFR 1501.7), which begins with the issuance of this Notice of Intent. All comments, including the names, addresses and when provided, will be placed in the record and are available for public inspection. The Forest Service is seeking comments from individuals, organizations, and local, state, and Federal agencies that may be interested in or affected by the proposed action. Comments may pertain to the nature and scope of the environmental, social, and economic issues, and possible alternatives related to the development of the travel management plan and EIS.

A series of public open houses are scheduled to explain the proposed travel plan and route designation process and to provide an opportunity for public input.

- Hawthorne, Nevada: December 8, 4–6 p.m. Mineral County Public Library, 1st and A St., Hawthorne, NV.
- Bridgeport, California: December 9, 4–6 p.m. Memorial Hall, 100 Sinclair St., Bridgeport, CA.

• Smith Valley, Nevada: December 10, 6–8 p.m. Smith Valley High School Multi Purpose Room, 20 Day Lane, Smith, NV.

Times, dates and locations will also be posted through local public notice and on the project Web page at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/htnf>. Written comments will be accepted at these meetings.

Early Notice of Importance of Public Participation in Subsequent Environmental Review

It is important that reviewers provide their comments at such times and in such a way that they are useful to the Agency's preparation of the EIS. Therefore, comments should be provided prior to the close of the comment period and should clearly articulate the reviewer's concerns and contentions. The submission of timely and specific comments can affect a reviewer's ability to participate in subsequent administrative review or judicial review.

Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be part of the public record for this proposed action. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered; however, anonymous comments will not provide the respondent with standing to participate in subsequent administrative review or judicial review.

Dated: November 13, 2008.

Cheryl Probert,

Bridgeport District Ranger.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Industry and Security

Emerging Technology and Research Advisory Committee; Notice of Partially Closed Meeting

The Emerging Technology and Research Advisory Committee (ETRAC) will meet on December 8, 2008, 1:30 p.m., Room 3884, in the Herbert C. Hoover Building, 14th Street between Pennsylvania and Constitution Avenues, NW., Washington, DC. The Committee advises the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration on emerging technology and research activities, including those related to deemed exports.

Agenda

Open Session

1. ETRAC charge.
2. ETRAC discussion on path forward.
3. Subcommittees—Discussion.
 - (a) Biology, biotech and health sciences
 - (b) Chemical and materials sciences
 - (c) Communications, advanced computing and software
 - (d) Nuclear technologies and directed energy research
 - (e) Space and remote sensing technologies
 - (f) Nanotechnologies and microelectronics
4. Public Comments and Questions.

Closed Session

5. Discussion of matters determined to be exempt from the provisions relating to public meetings found in 5 U.S.C. app. 2 §§ 10(a)(1) and 10(a)(3).

The open session will be accessible via teleconference to 20 participants on a first come, first serve basis. To join the conference, submit inquiries to Ms. Yvette Springer at Yspringer@bis.doc.gov no later than December 1, 2008.

A limited number of seats will be available for the public session. Reservations are not accepted. To the extent that time permits, members of the public may present oral statements to the Committee. The public may submit written statements at any time before or after the meeting. However, to facilitate the distribution of public presentation materials to the Committee members, the Committee suggests that presenters forward the public presentation materials prior to the meeting to Ms. Springer via e-mail.

The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the delegate of the General Counsel, formally determined on November 10, 2008, pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. app. 2 §§ (10)(d)), that the portion of the meeting dealing with matters the disclosure of which would be likely to frustrate significantly implementation of an agency action as described in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B) shall be exempt from the provisions relating to public meetings found in 5 U.S.C. app. 2 §§ 10(a)1 and 10(a)(3). The remaining portions of the meeting will be open to the public.

For more information, call Yvette Springer at (202) 482–2813.

Dated: November 20, 2008.

Yvette Springer,

Committee Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Industry and Security

Regulations and Procedures Technical Advisory Committee; Notice of Partially Closed Meeting

The Regulations and Procedures Technical Advisory Committee (RPTAC) will meet December 10, 2008, 9 a.m., Room 4830, in the Herbert C. Hoover Building, 14th Street between Constitution and Pennsylvania Avenues, NW., Washington, DC. The Committee advises the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration on implementation of the Export Administration Regulations (EAR) and provides for continuing review to update the EAR as needed.

Agenda

Public Session

1. Opening remarks by the Chairman.
2. Presentation of papers or comments by the Public.
3. Opening remarks by Bureau of Industry and Security.
4. Export Enforcement update.
5. Regulations update.
6. Working group reports.
7. Automated Export System (AES) update.

Closed Session

8. Discussion of matters determined to be exempt from the provisions relating to public meetings found in 5 U.S.C. app. 2 §§ 10(a)(1) and 10(a)(3).

The open session will be accessible via teleconference to 20 participants on a first come, first serve basis. To join the conference, submit inquiries to Ms. Yvette Springer at Yspringer@bis.doc.gov no later than December 3, 2008.

A limited number of seats will be available for the public session. Reservations are not accepted. To the extent that time permits, members of the public may present oral statements to the Committee. The public may submit written statements at any time before or after the meeting. However, to facilitate the distribution of public presentation materials to the Committee members, the Committee suggests that presenters forward the public presentation materials prior to the meeting to Ms. Springer via e-mail.

The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the delegate of the General Counsel, formally determined on October 30, 2008, pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. app. 2 §§ (10)(d)), that the portion of the meeting dealing