

OHV use on designated routes and close user-created trails in excess of those needed to provide a functional trail system.

#### Proposed Action

The proposed action would designate OHV trails to provide loop and point-to-point trail experiences with a variety of challenge levels for Class 1, Class 2 and Class 3 OHVs. Approximately 80 miles of dual-use Class 1 and 3 trails, 45 miles of Class 2 trails and 76 miles of Class 3 only trails are proposed for designation on existing system roads, user created trails, and newly constructed trails. Up to three new staging areas and two existing staging areas are proposed for designation to facilitate use and connectivity between the proposed Lava Rock OHV system and the existing East Fort Rock OHV system.

The proposed action would close and obliterate user created trails and non-system roads not designated by the Lava Rock OHV system. It is estimated that more than 50 miles of these trails are present and available for closure. Additionally, system roads that are in excess of administrative or public access needs would be closed or decommissioned in order to reduce road densities in the project area.

#### Responsible Official

The responsible official will be Shane Jeffries, Bend/Ft. Rock District Ranger, Deschutes National Forest.

#### Nature of Decision To Be Made

The responsible official will decide whether or not to create a system of OHV trails within the project area, and if so, where the trails and staging areas will be located, which class(es) of OHVs will be allowed on each trail, if and where new trails will be located, and which user-created trails should be closed or kept open. The responsible official will also decide how to mitigate impacts of these actions and will determine when and how monitoring of effects will take place.

#### Scoping Process

This notice of intent initiates the scoping process, which guides the development of the environmental impact statement. It is important that reviewers provide their comments at such times and in such manner that they are useful to the agency's preparation of the environmental impact statement. 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 appeal or judicial review.

Public comments regarding this proposal are requested in order to assist in identifying issues, determine how to best manage the resources, and to focus the analysis. Comments received, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record on this proposed action and will be available for public inspection. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered; however, those who submit anonymous comments will not have standing to appeal the subsequent decision under the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 36, Part 215 (36 CFR part 215). Additionally, pursuant to 7 CFR 1.27(d), any person may request the agency to withhold a submission from the public record by showing how the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) permits such confidentiality. Persons requesting such confidentiality should be aware that, under FOIA, confidentiality may be granted in only very limited circumstances, such as to protect trade secrets. The Forest Service will inform the requester of the agency's decision regarding the request for confidentiality, and where the request is denied, the agency will return the submission and notify the requester that the comments may be resubmitted with or without name and address within a specified number of days.

The Forest Service believes, at this early stage, it is important to give reviewers notice of several court rulings related to public participation in the environmental review process. First, reviewers of a draft EIS must structure their participation in the environmental review of the proposal so that it is meaningful and alerts an agency to the reviewer's position and contentions [*Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corp. v. NRDC*, 435 U.S. 519, 553 (1978)]. Also, environmental objections that could be raised at the draft EIS stage but that are not raised until after completion of the final EIS may be waived or dismissed by the courts [*City of Rangoon v. Harris*, 490 F. Supp. 1334, 1338 (E.D. Wis. 1980)]. Because of these court rulings, it is very important that those interested in this proposed action participate by the close of the 45-day comment period so that substantive comments and objections are made available to the Forest Service at a time when it can meaningfully consider them and respond to them in the final EIS.

To assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering issues and concerns on the proposed action,

comments on the draft EIS should be as specific as possible. It is also helpful if comments refer to specific pages or chapters of the draft statement. Comments may also address the adequacy of the draft EIS of the merits of the alternatives formulated and discussed in the statement. Reviewers may wish to refer to the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act at 40 CFR 1503.3 in addressing these points.

Dated: March 25, 2009.

**A. Shane Jeffries,**

*Bend/Fort Rock District Ranger.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Fresno County Resource Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Fresno County Resource Advisory Committee will be meeting in Prather, California on April 21st. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss a monitoring plan for the projects approved on April 2nd.

**DATES:** The meeting will be from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in Prather, CA.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the High Sierra Ranger District, 29688 Auberry Rd., Prather, CA. Send written comments to Robbin Ekman, Fresno County Resource Advisory Committee Coordinator, do Sierra National Forest, High Sierra Ranger District, 29688 Auberry Road, Prather, CA 93651 or electronically to [rekman@fs.fed.us](mailto:rekman@fs.fed.us).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Robbin Ekman, Fresno County Resource Advisory Committee Coordinator, (559) 855-5355 ext. 3341.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The meeting is open to the public. Committee discussion is limited to Forest Service staff and Committee members. However, persons who wish to bring Payments to States Fresno County Title II project matters to the attention of the Committee may file written statements with the Committee staff before or after the meeting. Agenda items to be covered include: (1) Develop a monitoring plan (2) Set future meeting dates.

Dated: April 1, 2009.

**Ray Porter,**

*District Ranger.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Food Safety and Inspection Service

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#### Codex Alimentarius Commission: Meeting of the Codex Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Food

**AGENCY:** Office of the Acting Deputy Under Secretary for Food Safety, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of the Acting Deputy Under Secretary for Food Safety, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Center for Veterinary Medicine, are sponsoring a public meeting on April 29, 2009. The objective of the public meeting is to provide information and receive public comments on agenda items and draft U.S. positions that will be discussed at the 18th Session of the Codex Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods (CCRVDF) which will be held in Natal, Brazil from May 11-15, 2009. The Acting Deputy Under Secretary for Food Safety and the FDA recognize the importance of providing interested parties the opportunity to obtain background information on the 18th CCRVDF session and to address items on the agenda.

**DATES:** The public meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 29, 2009, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The public meeting will be held at the USDA, J.L. Whitten Building, Room 107-A, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250.

Documents related to the 18th session of the CCRVDF will be accessible via the World Wide Web at the following address: <http://www.codexalimentarius.net/current.asp>.

The U.S. Delegate to the 18th Session of the CCRVDF, Dr. Steven Vaughn, and the FDA invite U.S. interested parties to submit their comments electronically to the following e-mail address:

[Brandi.Robinson@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:Brandi.Robinson@fda.hhs.gov).

*For Further Information About the 18th Session of the CCRVDF Contact:* Steven Vaughn, D.V.M., Director, Office of New Animal Drug Evaluation, Center for Veterinary Medicine, FDA, 7500 Standish Place, Rockville, MD 20855

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[Steven.Vaughn@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:Steven.Vaughn@fda.hhs.gov).

*For Further Information About the Public Meeting Contact:* Jasmine Matthews, Program Analyst, USDA, Food Safety and Inspection Service, U.S. Codex Office, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 4861, Washington, DC 20250. Telephone: (202) 690-1124, Fax: (202) 720-3157, e-mail: [jasmine.matthews@fsis.usda.gov](mailto:jasmine.matthews@fsis.usda.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

The Codex Alimentarius (Codex) was established in 1963 by two United Nations organizations, the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the World Health Organization (WHO.) Through adoption of food standards, codes of practice, and other guidelines developed by its committees, and by promoting their adoption and implementation by governments, Codex seeks to protect the health of consumers and ensure that fair practices are used in trade.

The CCRVDF is responsible for determining priorities for the consideration of residues of veterinary drugs in foods; to recommend maximum levels of such substances; to develop codes of practice as may be required; and to consider methods of sampling and analysis for the determination of veterinary drug residues in foods.

The Committee is hosted by the United States.

##### Issues To Be Discussed at the Public Meeting

The following items on the agenda for the 18th Session of the CCRVDF will be discussed during the public meeting:

- Matters Referred by the Codex Alimentarius Commission and Other Codex Committees and Task Forces.
- Matters Arising from FAO and WHO and from the 70<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Joint FAO and WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA).
- Report of the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) Activities, Including the Harmonization of Technical Requirements for Registration of Veterinary Medicinal Products.
- Draft Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs) for Veterinary Drugs (at Step 7).
- Proposed draft MRLs for Veterinary Drugs (at Step 3).
- Draft Guidelines for the Design and Implementation of National Regulatory Food Safety Assurance Programs Associated with the Use of Veterinary Drugs in Food Producing Animals.
- Discussion Paper on Consideration of Methods of Analysis and Sampling in

the CCRVDF (Report of the Electronic Working Group on Methods of Analysis and Sampling).

- Draft Priority List of Veterinary Drugs Requiring Evaluation or Re-Evaluation by JECFA and the Working Document Listing Veterinary Drugs of Potential Interest (Report of the Electronic Working Group on the Priority List of Veterinary Drugs Requiring Evaluation or Re-evaluation).
- Discussion Paper on Current Practices and Needs for Further Work by the Committee (Report of the Electronic Working Group on Risk Management Topics and Options).

Each issue listed will be fully described in documents distributed, or to be distributed, by the Secretariat prior to the meeting. Members of the public may access copies of these documents (see ADDRESSES).

##### Public Meeting

At the April 29, 2009, public meeting, draft U.S. positions on the agenda items will be described and discussed, and attendees will have the opportunity to pose questions and offer comments. Written comments may be offered at the meeting or sent to the U.S. Delegate for the 18th Session of the CCRVDF, Dr. Steven Vaughn (see ADDRESSES). Written comments should state that they relate to activities of the 18th session of the CCRVDF.

##### Additional Public Notification

Public awareness of all segments of rulemaking and policy development is important. Consequently, in an effort to ensure that minorities, women, and persons with disabilities are aware of this notice, FSIS will announce it online through the FSIS Web page located at [http://www.fsis.usda.gov/regulations/2009\\_Notices\\_Index/](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/regulations/2009_Notices_Index/). FSIS will also make copies of this **Federal Register** publication available through the FSIS Constituent Update, which is used to provide information regarding FSIS policies, procedures, regulations, **Federal Register** notices, FSIS public meetings, and other types of information that could affect or would be of interest to constituents and stakeholders. The Update is communicated via Listserv, a free electronic mail subscription service for industry, trade groups, consumer interest groups, health professionals, and other individuals who have asked to be included. The Update is also available on the FSIS Web page. Through the Listserv and Web page, FSIS is able to provide information to a much broader and more diverse audience. In addition, FSIS offers an electronic mail subscription service which provides automatic and