

and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques, or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to both John O'Connell, Paperwork Reduction Act Coordinator, at the address provided above, and the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20253.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Additional Public Notification

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Barbara J. Masters,

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. FSIS 2006-0015]

Nominations for Membership on the National Advisory Committee on Microbiological Criteria for Foods

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is soliciting nominations for membership on the National Advisory Committee on Microbiological Criteria for Foods (NACMCF). Nominations for membership are being sought from individuals with scientific expertise in the fields of epidemiology, food technology, microbiology (food, clinical, and predictive), risk assessment, infectious disease, biostatistics, and other related sciences. Persons from State and Federal governments, industry, consumer groups, and academia, as well as all other interested persons, are invited to submit nominations. Members who are not Federal government employees will be appointed to serve as non-compensated special government employees (SGEs). SGEs will be subject to appropriate conflict of interest statutes and standards of ethical conduct.

The nominee's typed resume or curriculum vitae must be limited to five one-sided pages and should include educational background, expertise, and a select list of publications. For submissions received that are more than five one-sided pages in length, only the first five pages will be considered.

DATES: The nominee's typed resume or curriculum vitae must be received by July 24, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Nominations should be sent to Ms. Karen Thomas, Advisory Committee Specialist, USDA, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Room 333 Aerospace Center, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-3700.

FSIS invites interested persons to submit comments on this notice. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

Federal eRulemaking Portal: This Web site provides the ability to type

short comments directly into the comment field on this Web page or attach a file for lengthier comments. Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and, in the "Search for Open Regulations" box, select "Food Safety and Inspection Service" from the agency drop-down menu, then click on "Submit." In the Docket ID column, select the FDMS Docket Number FSIS-2006-0015 to submit or view public comments and to view supporting and related materials available electronically.

Mail, including floppy disks or CD-ROM's, and hand- or courier-delivered items: Send to Docket Clerk, USDA, FSIS, FSIS Docket Room, 300 12th Street, SW., Room 102, Cotton Annex Building, Washington, DC 20250.

Electronic mail:

fsis.regulationscomments@fsis.usda.gov.

All submissions received must include the Agency name and docket number FSIS-2006-0015.

All comments submitted in response to this notice, as well as research and background information used by FSIS in developing this document, will be posted to the regulations.gov Web site. The background information and comments also will be available for public inspection in the FSIS Docket Room at the address listed above between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Karen Thomas, Advisory Committee Specialist, at the above address or by telephone at 202-690-6620 or by FAX at 202-690-6634.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The NACMCF was established in March 1988, in response to a recommendation in a 1985 report of the National Academy of Sciences Committee on Food Protection, Subcommittee on Microbiological Criteria, "An Evaluation of the Role of Microbiological Criteria for Foods." The current charter for the NACMCF and other information about the Committee are available for viewing on the NACMCF homepage at http://www.fsis.usda.gov/About_Fsis/NACMCF/index.asp.

The Committee provides scientific advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of Health and Human Services concerning the development of microbiological criteria by which the safety and wholesomeness of food can be assessed. For example, the Committee assists in the development of criteria for microorganisms that indicate whether food has been processed using good manufacturing practices.

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Appointments to the Committee will be made by the Secretary of Agriculture after consultation with the Secretary of Health and Human Services to ensure that recommendations made by the Committee take into account the needs of the diverse groups served by the Department. Membership shall include, to the extent practicable, individuals with demonstrated ability to represent minorities, women, and persons with disabilities.

Given the complexity of issues, the full Committee expects to meet at least twice yearly, and the meetings will be announced in the **Federal Register**. The subcommittees will meet as deemed necessary by the chairperson and will be held as working group meetings in an open public forum. The subcommittee meetings will not be announced in the **Federal Register**. FSIS will announce the agenda and subcommittee working group meetings through the Constituent Update, available on-line at http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News_&_Events/2006_Constituent_Update/index.asp. NACMCF holds subcommittee working group meetings in order to accomplish the work of the NACMCF; all work accomplished by the subcommittees is reviewed and approved by the full Committee during a public meeting of the full Committee, as announced in the **Federal Register**. The subcommittee may invite technical experts to present information for consideration by the subcommittee. All data and records available to the full Committee are expected to be available to the public at the time the full Committee reviews and approves the work of the subcommittee.

Appointment to the Advisory Committee is for a two-year term, renewable for a total of three consecutive terms. Members are required to attend all meetings in-person as this is necessary for the functioning of this advisory committee. Members must be prepared to work outside of scheduled Committee and subcommittee meetings, and may be required to assist in document preparation. Committee members serve on a voluntary basis; however, travel reimbursement and per diem are available.

Regarding Nominees Who Are Selected

All nominees who are selected must submit a USDA Advisory Committee Membership Background Information form AD-755, available on-line at: <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/FSISForms/AD-755.pdf>.

As new appointees, SGEs must complete the Office of Government

Ethics (OGE) 450 Confidential Financial Disclosure Report, before rendering any advice, or prior to their first meeting. All members will be reviewed for conflict of interest pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 208 in relation to specific NACMCF work charges. Financial disclosure updates will be required annually. Members must report any changes in financial holdings requiring additional disclosure. OGE 450 forms are available on-line at: http://www.usoge.gov/pages/forms_pubs_otherdocs/fpo_files/forms/fr450fill_04.pdf.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Klamath National Forest, California, Westpoint

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

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

SUMMARY: The Forest Service will prepare an environmental impact statement (the Westpoint Project) on a proposal to treat vegetation using a variety of silvicultural methods on approximately 930 acres of National Forest System lands in the Middle Creek and Scott Bar Mountain areas about 12 miles west of the town of Fort Jones, in Siskiyou County, California. Approximately five miles of classified roads are proposed for decommissioning. Approximately two miles of existing unclassified roads would be added to the transportation system. Activities would likely take place within five years of the decision.

DATES: Comments concerning the scope of the analysis should be received within 30 days of the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. The draft environmental impact statement is expected by November 2006, and the final environmental impact statement is expected by March 2007.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Ray Haupt, District Ranger, Scott River Ranger District, 11263 N. Highway 3, Fort Jones, CA 96032.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bill Bailey, Timber Management Officer, at the above address or call (530) 463-5351.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose and Need for Action

The Westpoint Project analysis area of the Klamath National Forest consists of two separate areas covering approximately 10,900 acres. Both the Scott River and the Siskiyou County Highway 7F01 (Scott River Road) bisect the analysis area into eastern and western portions. The road and river, in this corridor, are used extensively by residents of the town of Scott Bar and private homeowners along the river. Forest recreation visitors use the road as access to Indian Scotty Campground, Jones Beach Day Use Area, and four trailheads into the Marble Mountain Wilderness.

Projects proposed for the entire project area are intended to protect and maintain three important landscape conditions: (1) Northern spotted owl habitat, (2) forest health, and community safety near homes, and (3)