

high risk (probability of ignition occurring), high hazard (availability of fuels to sustain a fire) wildland urban intermix area, (3) increase the vigor and health of mixed conifer stands and plantations, and (4) prevent and control the spread of noxious weeds.

Proposed Action

The proposed action includes vegetation treatment areas designed to create SPLATs to reduce the intensity and spread of wildland fire across the landscape and near communities and reduce inter tree competition to improve tree vigor and increase stand resistance to drought induced mortality, insect and disease attack. To accomplish the goals listed above, the Bass Lake Ranger District is proposing a 5700 acre project area with approximately 2,130 acres in vegetation treatment. The proposed action includes silvicultural and fuel reduction treatments used to accelerate the development of old forest characteristics and improve the resiliency of conifer stands and plantations to natural disturbances. In summary these treatments would include:

- Commercial thinning from below and mechanically treating approximately 45–50 year old pine plantations and 85–110 year old pine and mixed conifer forests to remove fuel ladders and reduce competition between remaining trees to maintain or improve forest resiliency and vigor.
- Mechanical treatment of brush/shrub patches and failed plantations to reduce wildland fire effects and to tie treatment areas together.
- Re-establish conifers in areas lacking appropriate stocking.
- Hand-pull noxious weeds, prior to project implementation, in order to minimize the likelihood of spread into recently treated forests (invasive weeds tend to spread opportunistically into freshly disturbed areas).

Estimated acre accomplishment of the gross vegetation treatment:

- Commercial thinning of approximately 1,250 acres of pine plantations (550+/- acres), pine and mixed conifer stands (700+/- acres).
- Masticating brush fields and pre-commercially thinning non-commercial size reproduction areas on approximately 215 acres;
- Treating slash concentrations on 1,450 acres by a combination of tractor and/or hand piling and burning. Of these 1,450 acres 1,000 may be available for under story burning.
- Prescribe burning approximately 200 acres.

Possible Alternatives

To comply with the National Environmental Policy Act, the Forest Service will evaluate additional alternatives to the proposed action developed based on public comments. A no action alternative to provide a baseline for comparison to the action alternatives will be included within the EIS. Each alternative will be explored and evaluated, or rationale will be given for eliminating an alternative from detailed study.

Responsible Official

The Responsible Official is Scott G. Armentrout, Forest Supervisor, Sierra National Forest, 1600 Tollhouse Road, Clovis, CA 93612.

Nature of Decision To Be Made

The Forest Supervisor will decide whether to implement the proposed action, take an alternative action that meets the purpose and need or take no action.

Scoping Process

This notice of intent initiates the scoping process, which guides the development of the environmental impact statement. The project is included in the Sierra National Forest's quarterly schedule of proposed actions (SOPA). Information on the proposed action will also be posted on the Sierra National Forests Web site, <http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/sierra/projects>, and will also be advertised in both the Fresno Bee and the Oakhurst Sierra Star. This notice of intent initiates the scoping process, which guides the development of the environmental impact statement. Comments submitted during this scoping period should be specific to the proposed action. The comments should describe as clearly and completely as possible any issues the commenter has with the proposal. 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.

Dated: August 4, 2010.

Scott G. Armentrout,
Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. FSIS-2010-0024]

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

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Office of the Acting 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 August 16, 2010. 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 19th Session of the Codex Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods (CCRVDF), which will be held in Burlington, Vermont, from August 30–September 3, 2010. The Acting Under Secretary for Food Safety and the FDA recognize the importance of providing interested parties the opportunity to obtain background information on the 19th CCRVDF session and to address items on the agenda.

DATES: The public meeting is scheduled for August 16, 2010, from 1 p.m.–4 p.m.

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

Conference Call Information:

Call-In#: 1-866-692-3158.

Passcode: 5986642.

Documents related to the 19th 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 19th Session of the CCRVDF, Dr. Kevin Greenlees, and the FDA invite U.S. interested parties to submit their comments electronically to the following e-mail address: Brandi.Robinson@fda.hhs.gov.

For further information about the 19th session of the CCRVDF contact: Dr. Kevin Greenlees, Senior Advisor for Science & Policy, Office of New Animal Drug Evaluation, HFV-100 USFDA Center for Veterinary Medicine, 7520 Standish Place, Rockville, MD 20855, Telephone: (240) 276-8214, Fax: (240) 276-9538, e-mail: Kevin.Greenlees@fda.hhs.gov

For further information about the public meeting, contact: Ken Lowery,

International Issues Analyst, USDA, Food Safety and Inspection Service, U.S. Codex Office, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 4861, Washington, DC 20250, Telephone: (202) 690-4042, Fax: (202) 720-3157, e-mail: Kenneth.Lowery@fsis.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

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 fair practices in the food trade.

The CCRVDF is responsible for determining priorities for the consideration of residues of veterinary drugs in foods, recommending maximum levels of such substances, developing codes of practice as may be required, and considering 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 19th 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/WHO.
- 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 (MRL) for veterinary drugs (at Step 7).
- Discussion paper on methods of analysis for residues of veterinary drugs in foods.
- Draft priority list of veterinary drugs requiring evaluation or re-evaluation by the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA).
- Factors related to the establishment of Acceptable Dietary Intake (ADI) and the process of recommending MRLs.
- Risk management recommendations for veterinary drugs for which no ADI and MRL has been recommended by JECFA.
- Discussion paper on veterinary drugs in honey production.

- Discussion paper on sampling plan for residue control for aquatic animal products and derived edible products of aquatic origin.

Public Meeting

At the August 16, 2010, 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 19th Session of the CCRVDF, Dr. Kevin Greenlees (*see ADDRESSES*). Written comments should state that they relate to activities of the 19th Session of the CCRVDF.

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Done at Washington, DC on: August 10, 2010.

Karen Stuck,

U.S. Manager for Codex Alimentarius.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Notice of Meeting of the Agricultural Air Quality Task Force

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), United States Department of Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice of meeting; correction.

SUMMARY: The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) published in the **Federal Register** of July 28, 2010, Notice of a Meeting (75 FR 44214). This document corrects the location of the LPAES Workshop. The correct location is on the campus of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Headquarters, Room C111 A-B-C, located at 109 TW Alexander Drive, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27711; (919) 541-5400.

The Agricultural Air Quality Task Force (AAQTF) will meet to continue discussions on air quality issues relating to agriculture. Additionally, the Livestock and Poultry Subcommittee of the AAQTF will conduct a pre-meeting *Livestock and Poultry Air Emissions Standardization (LPAES) Workshop* discussing livestock and poultry air emissions monitoring data/research obtained from the National Animal Air Emissions Monitoring Study (NAAEMS), and other published research/data.

DATES: The LPAES workshop will convene at 2 p.m. on Monday September 27, 2010 and at 8 a.m. on Tuesday September 28, 2010 and will conclude at 6 p.m. September 27, 2010 and 5 p.m. September 28, 2010.

The AAQTF meeting will convene at 8 a.m. on Wednesday and Thursday