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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[No. TM-04-03]

Notice of Meeting of the National Organic Standards Board

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is announcing a forthcoming meeting of the National Organic Standards Board (NOSB).

DATES: The meeting dates are: Wednesday, April 28, 2004, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday, April 29, 2004, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Friday, April 30, 2004, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Requests from individuals and organizations wishing to make an oral presentation at the meeting are due by the close of business on April 12, 2004.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will take place at the Best Western Inn of Chicago, The Buckingham Room, 162 East Ohio Street, Chicago, Illinois. Requests for copies of the NOSB meeting agenda, requests to make an oral presentation at the meeting, or written comments may be sent to Ms. Katherine Benham, Advisory Board Specialist at USDA-AMS-TMD-NOP, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 4008-So., Ag Stop 0268, Washington, DC 20250-0200. Requests to make an oral presentation at the meeting may also be sent via facsimile to Ms. Katherine Benham at (202) 205-7808 or electronically to Ms. Katherine Benham at katherine.benham@usda.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard Mathews, Program Manager, National Organic Program, (202) 720-3252.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 2119 (7 U.S.C. 6518) of the Organic

Foods Production Act of 1990 (OFPA), as amended (7 U.S.C. 6501 *et seq.*) requires the establishment of the NOSB. The purpose of the NOSB is to make recommendations about whether a substance should be allowed or prohibited in organic production or handling, to assist in the development of standards for substances to be used in organic production and to advise the Secretary on other aspects of the implementation of the OFPA.

The NOSB met for the first time in Washington, DC, in March 1992, and currently has six committees working on various aspects of the organic program. The committees are: Compliance, Accreditation, and Certification; Crops; Livestock; Materials; Handling; and Policy Development.

In August of 1994, the NOSB provided its initial recommendations for the National Organic Program (NOP) to the Secretary of Agriculture. Since that time, the NOSB has submitted 50 addenda to its recommendations and reviewed more than 256 substances for inclusion on the National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances. The last meeting of the NOSB was held on October 22-24, 2003, in Washington, DC.

The Department of Agriculture (USDA) published its final National Organic Program regulation in the **Federal Register** on December 21, 2000 (65 FR 80548). The rule became effective April 21, 2001.

The principal purposes of the meeting are to provide an opportunity for the NOSB to receive an update from the USDA/NOP and to hear a presentation on the ECert Program, receive various committee reports, receive reports from the 606 Task Force and Compost Tea Task Force, and review materials to determine if they should be included on the National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances.

The Materials Committee will explain the materials review process and provide an update on the sunset review of materials. OFPA provides that materials on the National List will sunset unless their exemption or prohibition is reviewed and renewed within 5 years. All but those materials added during 2003 are scheduled to sunset on October 21, 2007. The Materials Committee will also present for NOSB consideration eight materials

for possible inclusion on the National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances. The Accreditation, Certification and Compliance Committee will present for NOSB consideration its recommendations regarding compliance procedures. Specifically, the committee will recommend definitions for "minor noncompliance," "noncompliance," and "organic integrity" along with noncompliance notification procedures and examples of noncompliance as guidance to Accredited Certifying Agents. The Handling Committee will provide an update on their work on the issue of food contact substances. Finally, the Policy Development Committee will present for NOSB consideration revisions to the NOSB policy manual and its recommendation on the factors and constraints to be used in determining a substance's compatibility with a system of sustainable agriculture and its consistency with organic farming and handling.

Materials to be review at the meeting by the NOSB are as follows: for Crop Production: Soy Protein Isolate, 6-Benzyladenine, Urea, and Hydrogen Chloride; for Handling: Nitrous Oxide, and Tetrasodium Pyrophosphate (TSPP); and for Livestock Production: Moxidectin and Proteinated Chelates.

For further information, see <http://www.ams.usda.gov/nop>. Copies of the NOSB meeting agenda can be requested from Ms. Katherine Benham by telephone at (202) 205-7806; or by accessing the NOP Web site at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/nop>.

The meeting is open to the public. The NOSB has scheduled time for public input on Wednesday, April 28, 2004, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.; and Friday, April 30, 2004, 8 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. Individuals and organizations wishing to make an oral presentation at the meeting may forward their request by mail, facsimile, or e-mail to Ms. Katherine Benham at addresses listed in **ADDRESSES** above. While persons wishing to make a presentation may sign up at the door, advance registration will ensure that a person has the opportunity to speak during the allotted time period and will help the NOSB to better manage the meeting and to accomplish its agenda. Individuals or organizations will be given approximately 5 minutes to present

their views. All persons making an oral presentation are requested to provide their comments in writing. Written submissions may contain information other than that presented at the oral presentation.

Written comments may also be submitted at the meeting. Persons submitting written comments at the meeting are asked to provide 30 copies.

Interested persons may visit the NOSB portion of the NOP Web site <http://www.ams.usda.gov/nop> to view available documents prior to the meeting. Approximately 6 weeks following the meeting interested persons will be able to visit the NOSB portion of the NOP Web site to view documents from the meeting.

Dated: March 31, 2004.

A. J. Yates,

Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Deschutes and Ochoco National Forests Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Deschutes and Ochoco National Forests Resource Advisory Committee will meet in Redmond, Oregon. The purpose of the meeting is to receive natural resource projects that will be reviewed and recommended at a later meeting, discuss the Committee's project guidelines and decision-making priorities, review bylaws, elect a Chair, and discuss reports related to the work of the Committee under Title II of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000.

DATES: The meeting will be held May 11, 2004 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the office of the Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council, 2363 SW Glacier Place, Redmond, Oregon 97756. Send written comments to Leslie Weldon, Designated Federal Official for the Deschutes and Ochoco Resource Advisory Committee, c/o Forest Service, USDA, Deschutes National Forest, 1645 Highway 20 East, Bend, OR 97701 or electronically to lweldon@fs.fed.us.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Leslie Weldon, Designated Federal Official, Deschutes National Forest, 541-383-5562.

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 Title II matters to the attention to the Committee may file written statements with the Committee staff before or after the meeting. A public input session will be provided and individuals who made written requests by May 4 will have the opportunity to address the Committee at the session.

Dated: March 30, 2004.

Leslie A.C. Weldon,

Forest Supervisor, Deschutes National Forest.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Notice of Lincoln County Resource Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the authorities in the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463) and under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-393) the Kootenai National Forests' Lincoln County Resource Advisory Committee will meet on April 14, 2004 at 6 p.m. in Troy, Montana for a business meeting. The meeting will be open to the public.

DATES: April 14, 2004.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Troy Ranger Station, 1437 North U.S. Highway 2, Troy, Montana.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Barbara Edgmon, Committee Coordinator, Kootenai National Forest at (406) 293-6211, or e-mail bedgmon@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A field trip to the completed Plateau Fuel Reduction Project is planned for April 14, 2004 at 5 p.m. Meet at the Weigh Station at the intersection of U.S. Highway 2 and State Highway 56. The meeting agenda topics include presentation of the urban interface map, status of approved projects, and review of Libby Ranger district proposals. If the meeting is changed a notice will be posted in the local newspapers, including the Daily Interlake based in Kalispell, Montana.

Dated: March 29, 2004.

Bob Castaneda,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Environmental Impact Statement on Watershed Planning and Implementation of Resource Protection Measures for the Rockhouse Creek Watershed, Leslie County, KY; Correction

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; correction.

SUMMARY: The Natural Resources Conservation Service published a document in the **Federal Register** of March 19, 2004, concerning a Notice of Intent for Environmental Impact Statement on Watershed Planning and Implementation of Resource Protection Measures for the Rockhouse Creek Watershed, Leslie County, Kentucky, Scoping Meeting. The document contained incorrect meeting location.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Jack Kuhn, Assistant State Conservationist, Natural Resource Planning, 771 Corporate Drive, Suite 210, Lexington, KY 40503-5479; telephone: 859-224-7371.

Correction

In the **Federal Register** of March 19, 2004, in FR Doc. 04-6200, on page 13015, in the second column, correct the "Scoping Meeting" caption to read:

Scoping Meeting: A public scoping meeting will be held April 20, 2004 to provide information and the opportunity to discuss the issues and alternatives that should be covered in the Draft EIS and to receive oral and written comments. The meeting will be held from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Rockhouse Pentecostal Church, Route 421, Hyden, KY.

Dated: March 30, 2004.

Helen V. Huntington,

Federal Register Liaison, Natural Resources Conservation Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Notice of Proposed Change to the Natural Resources Conservation Service's National Handbook of Conservation Practices

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA, Maine State Office.