

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE****Forest Service****Environmental Statements; Notice of Intent: Salmon-Challis National Forest, ID**

**AGENCY:** USDA-Forest Service, Intermountain Region, Salmon-Challis National Forest.

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent to extend the comment period on the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the programmatic wilderness plan.

**SUMMARY:** The Forest Service will extend the comment period for the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Frank Church—River Of No Return Wilderness management plan for one month. The comment period was set to expire on February 1, 2000. The comment period will be extended to March 1, 2000. The Notice of Intent to prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Frank-Church River Of No Return Wilderness was published in the **Federal Register** December 7, 1994. The Forest Service prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Frank-Church River Of No Return Wilderness and released it for public comment in January 1998. Following a lengthy public comment period the Forest Service prepared a Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The supplement was released in September 1999 with a comment period to end February 1, 2000. Because of requests from various interested parties and individuals the Forest Service will extend the comment period until March 1, 2000. Written comments will be used in developing the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Frank Church—River Of No Return Wilderness management plan.

Written comments concerning this extension or the supplemental analysis described in this Notice should be received by March 1, 2000 to ensure timely consideration. Additional public meetings are not planned at this time.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** February 1, 2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Questions concerning the supplement and the Frank Church-River Of No Return Wilderness management plan should be directed to Ken Wotring, Wilderness Coordinator, Salmon-Challis National Forest, RR 2, Box 600, Salmon, Idaho 83467, telephone 208-756-5100.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Forest Service is seeking information and comments from the Federal, State, and local agencies, as well as individuals

and organizations who may be interested in, or affected by, the proposed action. The Forest Service invites written comments and suggestions on the issues related to the analysis and the area being analyzed. Information received will be used in preparation of the Final EIS. For the most effective use, comments should be submitted to the USDA-Forest Service by March 1, 2000. The Responsible Official is George Matejko, Forest Supervisor, Salmon-Challis National Forest. 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 preparing their responses. Comments received in response to this solicitation, 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 36 CFR 215 or 217. 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 the FOIA, confidentiality may be granted in only 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 submitted with or without name and address within 10 days.

**George Matejko,**

*Forest Supervisor.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE****Natural Resources Conservation Service****Notice of Proposed Changes to Section IV of the Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG) of the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Indiana**

**AGENCY:** Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), DOA.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of proposed changes in Section IV of the FOTG of the NRCS in Indiana for review and comment.

**SUMMARY:** It is the intention of NRCS in Indiana to issue a new conservation practice standard in Section IV of the FOTG. The new standard is Land Reconstruction of Brine Damaged Areas (Code 773). This practice may be used in conservation systems that treat highly erodible land.

**DATES:** Comments will be received on or before March 9, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Address all requests and comments to J. Chris Tippie, Acting State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), 6013 Lakeside Blvd., Indianapolis, Indiana 46278. Copies of this standard will be made available upon written request. You may submit electronic requests and comments to joe.gasper@in.usda.gov.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** J. Chris Tippie, 317-290-3200.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 343 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 states that revisions made after enactment of the law, to NRCS state technical guides used to carry out highly erodible land and wetland provisions of the law, shall be made available for public review and comment. For the next 30 days, the NRCS in Indiana will receive comments relative to the proposed changes. Following that period, a determination will be made by the NRCS in Indiana regarding disposition of those comments and a final determination of changes will be made.

Dated: January 18, 2000.

**J. Chris Tippie,**

*Acting State Conservationist, Indianapolis, Indiana.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE****Rural Telephone Bank, USDA****Staff Briefing for the Board of Directors**

**TIME AND DATE:** 2:00 p.m., Thursday, February 10, 2000.

**PLACE:** Room 5030, South Building, Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC.

**STATUS:** Open.

**MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED:**

1. Current telecommunications industry issues.

industry issues.

2. Status of PBO planning and recommendations to accelerate privatization of the Bank.
3. Procedure for issuing class C share certificates.
4. Procedure to replace lost share certificates.
5. Administrative issues.

**ACTION:** Board of Directors Meeting.

**TIME AND DATE:** 9:00 a.m., Friday, February 11, 2000.

**PLACE:** Room 104-A, The Williamsburg Room, Department of Agriculture, 12th & Jefferson Drive, SW, Washington, DC.

**STATUS:** Open.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:** The following matters have been placed on the agenda for the Board of Directors meeting:

1. Call to order.
2. Action on Minutes of the November 9, 1999, board meeting.
3. Report on loans approved in the first quarter of FY 2000.
4. Review first quarter financial statements for FY 2000.
5. Privatization Committee report.
6. Discussion of Privatization Committees' recommendations to:
  - (a) Contract for a financial advisor to assist the Bank in its preparations for privatization.
  - (b) Transfer funds to be used for the financial advisor contract from the Bank's Liquidating Account at the U.S. Treasury to a private financial institution.
7. Consideration of resolution to change the procedure for issuing class C share certificates.
8. Consideration of resolution to modify the procedure for replacing lost share certificates.
9. Consideration of resolution to adopt a schedule for various actions concerning the November 2000 Board of Directors election.
10. Consideration of resolution to appoint Tellers for the November 2000 Board of Directors election.
11. Consideration of resolution to approve Kenneth M. Ackerman to serve as the Assistant Treasurer.
12. Adjournment.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Roberta D. Purcell, Assistant Governor, Rural Telephone Bank, (202) 720-9554.

Dated: January 28, 2000.

**Christopher McLean,**

*Acting Governor, Rural Telephone Bank.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 2-2000]

#### Foreign-Trade Zone 193-Pinellas County, FL; Application For Foreign-Trade Subzone Status; RP Scherer Corporation (Gelatin Capsules), Pinellas County, FL

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners, grantee of FTZ 193, requesting special-purpose subzone status for the gelatin capsule manufacturing facilities of RP Scherer Corporation (RP Scherer), a subsidiary of Cardinal Health, Inc., located in the St. Petersburg/Clearwater area, Pinellas County, Florida. The application was submitted pursuant to the Foreign-Trade Zones Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), and the regulations of the Board (15 CFR part 400). It was formally filed on January 20, 2000.

The RP Scherer facilities (42.1 acres) are located at 4 sites in the St. Petersburg/Clearwater area (Pinellas County), Florida: *Site 1* (3 buildings, 348,093 mfg. sq. ft. on 32.2 acres)—main manufacturing plant, located at 2725 Scherer, St. Petersburg; *Site 2* (1 building, 48,400 mfg. sq. ft. on 2.2 acres,)—manufacturing plant #2 (leased from Danielson, Ltd.), located at 11286 47th Street North, Clearwater; *Site 3* (1 building, 63,000 mfg. sq. ft. on 3.3 acres,)—manufacturing plant #3 (leased from First Group, Inc.), located at 11399 47th Street North, Clearwater, and *Site 4* (23,140 sq. ft.)—warehouse facility (leased from Ft. Lauderdale-Staples, L.L.C.), located at 10990 US 19, Clearwater. The facilities (754 employees) are used for the manufacture of soft gelatin capsules for pharmaceutical, nutritional, cosmetic, and recreational products. RP Scherer encapsulates the products in gelatin capsule form and returns them to client companies for packaging and distribution. The company purchases raw gelatin from abroad. At this time, the company is only requesting to use zone procedures for the encapsulation of pharmaceutical and nutritional products.

FTZ procedures would enable the company to choose the lower duty rate that applies to the finished pharmaceutical and nutritional products (HTSUS headings 3003, 3004, 3006—duty-free), instead of the duty rate that would otherwise apply to foreign gelatin (HTSUS 3503.00.55, duty rate—3.8% + 2.8¢/kg). The application indicates that the savings from zone procedures would

help improve the international competitiveness of the RP Scherer plant and of the U.S. pharmaceutical plants that use this service.

In accordance with the Board's regulations, a member of the FTZ Staff has been designated examiner to investigate the application and report to the Board.

Public comment on the application is invited from interested parties. Submissions (original and three copies) shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is April 3, 2000. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period to April 18, 2000.

A copy of the application and the accompanying exhibits will be available for public inspection at each of the following locations:

Office of the Executive Secretary,  
Foreign-Trade Zones Board, U.S.  
Department of Commerce, Room  
4008, 14th and Pennsylvania Avenue,  
NW., Washington, D.C. 20230  
U.S. Department of Commerce Export  
Assistance Center, 1130 Cleveland St.,  
Clearwater, Florida 34615

Dated: January 20, 2000.

**Dennis Puccinelli,**

*Acting Executive Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

#### Notice of Initiation of Five-Year ("Sunset") Review

**AGENCY:** Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of Initiation of Five-Year ("Sunset") Review.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with section 751(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("the Act"), the Department of Commerce ("the Department") is automatically initiating a five-year ("sunset") review of the antidumping duty order listed below. The International Trade Commission ("the Commission") is publishing concurrently with this notice its notice of *Institution of Five-Year Reviews* covering this same order.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Melissa G. Skinner, or Mark D. Young, Office of Policy, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, at (202)