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www.vetmed.iastate.edu/iicab/cancerbiologics.htm.

Done in Washington, DC, this 15th day of March 2001.

Bobby R. Acord,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 01-011-2]

Public Meeting; Veterinary Biologics; Correction

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting;

correction.

SUMMARY: We are correcting an error in a notice informing interested individuals of a public meeting on biologics for cancer diagnosis, prevention, and immunotherapy. The notice was published in the Federal Register on March 7, 2001 (66 FR 13696). The notice had the wrong e-mail address for Dr. Dave M. Dusek in FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT. This document corrects the e-mail address. DATES: The public meeting will be held on Thursday and Friday, April 12 and 13, 2001, from 8 a.m. to approximately

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held in the Scheman Building at the Iowa State Center, Iowa State University, Ames, IA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information about the meeting, contact Dr. Dave M. Dusek, Center for Veterinary Biologics, Veterinary Services, APHIS, 510 South 17th Street, Suite 104, Ames, IA 50010-8197; phone (515) 232–5785, fax (515) 232–7120, or e-mail David.M.Dusek@usda.gov. For registration information, contact Ms. Dawne Buhrow at the Institute for International Cooperation in Animal Biologics, room 2160, College of Veterinary Medicine, Iowa State University, Ames, IA 50011; phone (515) 294–7632, fax (515) 294–8259, or e-mail iicab@iastate.edu. Information is also available online at http://

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service

Notice of Solicitation for Membership to the Forestry Research Advisory Council

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app., the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) announces solicitation for nominations to fill eight vacancies on the Forestry Research Advisory Council.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 1441 (c) of the Agriculture and Food Act of 1981 requires the establishment of the Forestry Research Advisory Council to provide advice to the Secretary of Agriculture on accomplishing efficiently the purposes of the Act of October 10, 1962 (16 U.S.C. 582a, et seq.), known as the McIntire-Stennis Act of 1962. The Council also provides advice related to the Forest Service research program, authorized by the Forest and Rangeland Resources Research Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95-307, 92 Stat. 353, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 1600 (note)). The Council is composed of 20 voting members from the following membership categories:

- Federal and State agencies concerned with developing and utilizing the Nation's forest resources, in particular committee membership, will include representation from the National Forest System and Forest and Range Experiment Stations leaders, Forest Service;
 - The forest industries;
- The forestry schools of the Statecertified eligible institutions, and State agricultural experiment stations; and
- Volunteer public groups concerned with forests and related natural resources.

(Nomination of members representing the forestry schools will be sent to the Secretary by State-certified eligible forestry schools. This notice does not seek nominations representing those institutions.)

The Council membership is appointed with staggered terms of one, two, and three years. As a result of the staggered appointments, the terms of six members expired December 31, 2000. Nominations for a three-year appointment for all of the six vacant positions and two unfilled positions last year are sought. Nominees will be carefully reviewed for their broad expertise, leadership and relevancy to a membership category. Nominations for one individual who fits several of the categories, or for more than one person who fits one category will be accepted. Please indicate the specific membership category for each nominee. Each nominee must complete Form AD-755, Advisory Committee Membership Background Information (which can be obtained from the contact persons below) and will be vetted before selection. Send nominee's name, resume, and the completed Form AD-755 by mail to: Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service; U. S. Department of Agriculture; Office of the Forestry Research Advisory Council; Mail Stop 2210; 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-2210. Nominations delivered by express mail or overnight courier service should be sent to: Office of the Forestry Research Advisory Council; Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service; U. S. Department of Agriculture; Room 3211, Waterfront Centre; 800 9th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20024.

DATES: Nominations must be received on or before April 19, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Catalino A. Blanche, Designated Federal Officer, Forestry Research Advisory Council; Office of the Forestry Research Advisory Council; Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service; U. S. Department of Agriculture; Mail Stop 2210; 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250–2210; telephone: (202) 401-4190; fax: (202) 401-1706; email: cblanche@reeusda.gov, or contact Dr. Hao Tran, Staff Assistant, Research and Development, Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture; telephone: (202) 205-1293; fax: (202) 205-1530; email: htran@fs.fed.us.

Done at Washington, DC this 12th day of March, 2001.

Dawn R. Riley,

Acting Deputy Under Secretary, Research, Education, and Economics.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Kirkpatrick Dam/Oklawaha River Restoration Project, Ocala National Forest, Putnam and Marion County Florida

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA. **ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare a draft environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: The USDA Forest Service along with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), intends to prepare a draft environmental impact statement to authorize continued occupancy and use of national forest system land for operating and maintaining portions of Kirkpatrick Dam, Rodman Reservoir, and Eureka Lock in conjunction with the implementation of the partial restoration of the Oklawaha River.

DATES: A draft environmental impact statement is expected to be completed in April 2001. The final environmental

ADDRESSES: You may request to be placed on the project mailing list and direct comments to: Marsha Kearney, Forest Supervisor, USDA Forest Service, 325 John Knox Rd., Tallahassee, Florida 32303.

impact statement is scheduled to be

completed in December 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

George Hemingway, Special Projects Liaison, USDA Forest Service, 325 John Knox Rd., Tallahassee, Florida 32303, 850–942–9364.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FDEP has applied for a permit to occupy and use national forest system land for operating and maintaining portions of Kirkpatrick Dam, Rodman Resevoir, and Eureka Lock. The FDEP is in the process of developing the Kirkpatrick Dam/ Ocklawaha River Restoration Project for restoring a portion of the Cross Florida Barge Canal to its historic condition. The FDEP is considering four alternatives for this project: (1) Complete Restoration of the Oklawaha River, (2) Partial Restoration of the Oklawaha River, (3) Total Retention of the Rodman Reservoir, and (4) Partial Retention of the Rodman Reservoir. The FDEP has chosen the Partial Restoration of the Oklawaha River as its preferred

alternative. This plan will restore river hydrology and floodplain function to historic conditions through breaching the dam, with limited removal and/or alteration of structures and topographical manipulation, and allowing for restoration by natural processes.

A Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare a draft environmental impact statement for this project was prepared by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE) and published on February 6, 1996. The COE decisions include permitting activities for Section 9 and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act and for Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. The COE permitting decisions are several years away and the Forest Service decision is ripe for action at this time; therefore, the Forest Service intends to prepare its own draft environmental impact statement to support its land use decision. The Forest Supervisor for the National Forests in Florida will decide whether or not to permit continued occupancy and use of national forest system land by FDEP for operating and maintaining portions of Kirkpatrick Dam, Rodman Reservoir, and Eureka Lock, and the disposition and management of currently submerged national forest land in conjunction with the implementation of the Partial Restoration of the Oklawaha River.

The scoping process, as outlined by the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ), will be utilized to involve Federal, State, and local agencies and other interested persons and organizations. Interested persons and organizations wishing to participate in the scoping process should contact the Forest Service at the above mentioned address. Environmental considerations include potential presence of historical or archeological resources, aesthetics, recreation demand, water quality, flood control, water supply, land use, wetlands, endangered and threatened species, and fish and wildlife habitats and values. The comment period on the draft environmental impact statement will be 45 days from the date the **Environmental Protection Agency** publishes the Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register**.

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 draft environmental impact statements 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 environmental impact statement stage but that are not raised until after completion of the final environmental impact statement may be waived or dismissed by the courts. City of Angoon v. Hodel, 803 F.2d 1016, 1022 (9th Cir. 1986) and Wisconsin Heritages, Inc. 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 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 environmental impact statement.

To assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering issues and concerns on the proposed action, comments on the draft environmental impact statement 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 environmental impact statement or the merits of the alternatives formulated and discussed in the statement. Reviewers may wish to refer to the CEO for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act at 40 CFR 1503.3 in addressing these points.

Dated: March 14, 2001.

Art Rohrbacher,

Acting Forest Supervisor, National Forests in Florida.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Availability of an Environmental Assessment for an Amendment to the White Mountain National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan; Grafton, Coos, and Carroll Counties, New Hampshire, and Oxford County, Maine

AGENCY: Forest Service, Agriculture. **ACTION:** Notice of availability of an environmental assessment.

SUMMARY: The White Mountain National Forest proposes to amend the Forest Plan to address threatened, endangered, and sensitive species. Supervisor Donna L. Hepp (Responsible Official) made available copies of the Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Amendment to the White Mountain