

during this time. FCS is invoking its authority under 7 CFR 250.30(f) to waive the current prohibition in 7 CFR 250.30(f)(1)(i) against the substitution of poultry for purposes of this demonstration project.

The demonstration project will be limited to bulk pack chicken, chicken parts, and bulk pack turkey because the processing of such items can be readily evaluated. There are a number of reasons why poultry is preferable to meat for purposes of this demonstration project. The definition of substitution in § 250.3 requires the replacement of commercial product for donated food to be of the same generic identity and equal or better quality. With bulk pack chicken, chicken parts, and bulk pack turkey these requirements can be met easily and quickly, but requirements for the substitution of meat would be more complicated. For example, the USDA specification for donated ground beef calls for quality assurance provisions and certification requirements including: (1) Checking fresh chilled beef for condition prior to grinding; (2) implementing a sampling program to determine if psychrotrophic plate count levels exceed 100,000 bacteria per gram; (3) assuring removal of bone and trimming defects; (4) complying with time and temperature requirements during processing and storing; and (5) complying with fat content requirements. These requirements cannot be duplicated by many processors. Additionally, donated ground beef is delivered frozen. Therefore, unlike bulk chilled poultry, immediate processing is not crucial. Bulk pack turkey has been added to the original demonstration project that allowed for the substitution of bulk pack chicken and bulk pack chicken parts because USDA graders can easily determine if commercial turkey meets or exceeds the specifications for donated turkey.

FCS is inviting interested poultry processors to submit written proposals to participate in the demonstration project. The following basic requirements will apply to the demonstration project:

- As with the processing of donated poultry into end products, AMS graders must monitor the processing of any substituted commercial poultry to ensure program integrity is maintained.
- Only bulk pack chicken, chicken parts, and bulk pack turkey delivered by USDA vendors to the processor will be eligible for substitution. No backhauled product will be eligible. (Backhauled product is typically cut-up frozen poultry parts delivered to schools which

may be turned over to processors for further processing at a later time.)

- Commercial poultry substituted for donated poultry must be certified by an AMS grader as complying with all product specifications for the donated poultry.
- Substitution of commercial poultry may occur in advance of the actual receipt of the donated poultry by the processor. However, no substitution may occur before the product is purchased by USDA and the contract is awarded. Lead time between the purchase and delivery of donated poultry may be up to five weeks. Any variation between the amount of commercial poultry substituted and the amount of donated poultry received by the processor will be adjusted according to guidelines furnished by USDA.
- Any donated poultry not used in end products because of substitution must only be used by the processor at one of its facilities in other commercial processed products and cannot be sold as an intact unit. However, in lieu of processing the donated poultry, the processor may use the product to fulfill other contracts with USDA provided all terms of the other contract are met.
- The only regulatory provision or State processing contract term affected by the demonstration project is the prohibition on substitution of poultry (§ 250.30(f)(1)(i) of the regulations). All other regulatory and contract requirements remain unchanged and must still be met by processors participating in the demonstration project.

The demonstration project will enable FCS to evaluate whether to amend program regulations to provide for the substitution of donated poultry with commercial poultry in the State processing program. Particular attention will be paid to whether such an amendment of the regulations would probably increase the number of processors participating, and whether it would probably increase the quantity of donated poultry that each processor accepts for processing. Further, FCS will attempt to determine whether the expected increase in competition and the expected increase in the quantity of donated poultry accepted for processing enables processors to function more efficiently, producing a greater variety of processed poultry end products in a more timely manner at lower costs.

FCS has determined that the current demonstration project did not allow sufficient time for the poultry industry to consider the ramifications and possible benefits of the demonstration. The initial, but limited, data gathered from recipient agencies, AMS graders,

and AMS procurement has been positive. USDA is convinced that given additional time, more chicken processors will decide to participate. Processors in the turkey industry, who are subject to the same inspection standards as the chicken industry, have expressed a strong desire to enter the demonstration. The limited participation in the demonstration, to date, has not provided FCS with sufficient data to make an informed decision regarding benefits that might accrue to State processing programs should the terms of the demonstration be made permanent. Interested processors should submit a written proposal to FCS outlining how they plan to carry out the substitution while complying with the above conditions. Processors who are currently participating in the demonstration should apply to continue in the demonstration. The proposal must contain (1) a step-by-step description of how production will be monitored (2) a complete description of the records that will be maintained for (a) the commercial poultry substituted for the donated poultry (b) the disposition of the donated poultry delivered. All proposals will be reviewed by representatives of the Food Distribution Division of FCS and by representatives of AMS Poultry Division's Grading Branch. Companies approved for participation in the demonstration project will be required to enter into an agreement with FCS and AMS which authorizes the processor to substitute commercial bulk pack chicken, chicken parts, and bulk pack turkey in fulfilling any current or future State processing contracts during the demonstration project period. Participation in the demonstration project will not ensure the processor will receive any State processing contracts.

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George A. Braley,
Associate Administrator, Food and Consumer Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Klamath Provincial Advisory Committee (PAC); Meeting

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Klamath Provincial Advisory Committee will meet on May 29 and May 30, 1997 at the Six Rivers

National Forest Conference Room, 1330 Broadway, Eureka, California. On May 29, the meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. and adjourn at 5:00 p.m. The meeting will reconvene at 8:00 a.m. on May 30 and adjourn at 3:00 p.m. Agenda items to be covered include: (1) Klamath Province storm damage overview; (2) Aquatic Conservation Strategy, discussing its role in the Northwest Forest Plan; (3) a Forest approach to economic monitoring; (4) Subcommittee Reports; and (5) public comment periods. All PAC meetings are open to the public. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Connie Hendryx, USDA, Klamath National Forest, at 1312 Fairlane Road, Yreka, California 96097; telephone 916-842-6131, (FTS) 700-467-1309.

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Barbara Holder,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Southwest Oregon Provincial Interagency Executive Committee (PIEC), Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Southwest Oregon PIEC Advisory Committee will meet on May 28, 1997 at the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Office at 4192 North Umpqua Highway, Roseburg, Oregon. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. and continue until 4:30 p.m.

Agenda items to be covered include: (1) Update on coarse woody material standard; (2) Update on COHO listing; (3) Update on Rogue and Umpqua Basin Assessments; (4) Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management local issues; (5) Interagency Executive Committee issues and end results, and (6) Public comments. All Province Advisory committee meetings are open to the public. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Direct questions regarding this meeting to Chuck Anderson, Province Advisory Committee staff, USDA, Forest Service, Rogue River National Forest, 333 W. 8th Street, Medford, Oregon 97501, phone 541-858-2322.

Dated: April 29, 1997.

James T. Gladen,

Acting Forest Supervisor, Designated Federal Official.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Water Rights Task Force Meeting

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: The Forest Service announces meetings of the Water Rights Task Force established on August 20, 1996, in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Agricultural Improvement and Reform Act of 1996, as amended. The chairman has scheduled the 10th, 11th, and 12th meetings of the Task Force in Denver, CO, on June 9-10, July 17-18, and August 4-5, 1997, respectively.

DATES: The meetings will be held June 9 from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; June 10 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; July 17 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; July 18 from 8:30 a.m. to noon; August 4 from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30; and August 5 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: All three meetings will be held in Conference Room D of the Presidents Club, Continental Airlines, in Concourse A of Denver International Airport terminal.

Send written comments to Eleanor Towns, FACA Liaison, Water Rights Task Force, c/o USDA Forest Service, MAIL STOP 1124, P.O. Box 96090, Washington, DC 20090-6090. Telephone (202) 205-1248; Fax: (202) 205-1604.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Stephen Glasser, Watershed & Air Management Staff, Telephone: (202) 205-1172; Fax: (202) 205-1096.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Water Rights Task Force is comprised of seven members appointed by Congress and the Secretary of Agriculture to study and make recommendations on issues pertaining to water rights. All meetings are open to the public. However, time for the public to address the Task Force must be arranged prior to the meetings by contacting either the Chairman, Mr. Bennett W. Raley, c/o Trout & Raley, P.C., 1775 Sherman Street, Suite 1300, Denver, CO 80203, phone (303) 861-1963, extension 125, or Ms. Towns at the address and phone number under **ADDRESSES**. Meeting discussion is limited to the Task Force members and Forest Service personnel. Persons who

wish to bring water rights matters to the attention of the Task Force may file written statements with the Forest Service liaison at the address listed earlier in this notice, either before or after each meeting.

Dated: May 2, 1997.

Valdis E. Mezainis,

Acting Chief.

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ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT AGENCY

The Director's Advisory Committee; Notice of Closed Meetings

May 7, 1997.

In accordance with the Federal advisory Committee Act, as amended 5 U.S.C. App. (1988), the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency announces the following Presidential Committee meetings:

Name: The Director's Advisory Committee (DirAC).

Dates: May 27 and May 28, 1997.

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Place: State Department Building, 320 21st Street, N.W., Room 4930, Washington, D.C.

Type of Meetings: Closed.

Contact: Robert Sherman, Executive Director, Director's Advisory Committee, Room 5844, Washington, D.C. 20451, (202) 647-4622.

Purpose of Advisory Committee: To advise the President, the Secretary of state, and the Director of the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency respecting scientific, technical, and policy matters affecting arms control, nonproliferation, and disarmament.

Purpose of the Meetings: The Committee will review specific arms control, nonproliferation, and verification issues. Members will be briefed on current U.S. policy and issues regarding negotiations such as the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty and the Conventional Weapons Convention. Members will also be briefed on issues regarding the Chemical and Biological Weapons Conventions. Members will exchange information and concepts with key ACDA personnel. Both of the meetings will be held in Executive Session.

Reason for Closing: The DirAC members will be reviewing and discussing matters specifically authorized by Executive Order 12958 to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy.

Authority to Close Meetings: The closing of the meetings is in accordance with a determination by the Director of the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency dated May 7, 1997 made pursuant to the provisions of Section 10(d) of the Federal