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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Research Service

Notice of Intent To Grant Exclusive License

AGENCY: Agricultural Research Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service, intends to grant to Integrated BioControl Systems, Inc., an exclusive license to Serial No. 08/863,261, filed May 27, 1997, entitled "Synthetic Diet for Rearing the Ectopterous Parasitoid, *Catolaccus grandis*." Serial No. 08/863,261 is a continuation of Serial No. 08/404,779. Notice of Availability for Serial No. 08/404,779 was published in the **Federal Register** on December 14, 1997.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before March 1, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to: USDA, ARS, Office of Technology Transfer, Room 415, Building 005, BARC-West, Beltsville, Maryland 20705-2350.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: June Blalock of the Office of Technology Transfer at the Beltsville address given above; telephone: 301-504-5989.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Government's patent rights to this invention are assigned to the United States of America, as represented by the Secretary of Agriculture. It is in the public interest to so license this invention as Integrated BioControl Systems, Inc., has submitted a complete and sufficient application for a license. The prospective exclusive license will be royalty-bearing and will comply with the terms and conditions of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7. The prospective exclusive license may be granted unless, within sixty (60) days from the date of this published Notice, the Agricultural Research Service receives written

evidence and argument which establishes that the grant of the license would not be consistent with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7.

Richard M. Parry, Jr.,
Assistant Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Consumer Service

Summer Food Service Program for Children; Program Reimbursement for 1998

AGENCY: Food and Consumer Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice informs the public of the annual adjustments to the reimbursement rates for meals served in the Summer Food Service Program for Children (SFSP). These adjustments reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index and are required by the statute governing the Program.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert M. Eadie, Chief, Policy and Program Development Branch, Child Nutrition Division, Food and Consumer Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 1007, Alexandria, Virginia 22302, (703) 305-2620.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This action is not a rule as defined by the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601-612) and thus is exempt from the provisions of that Act. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980 (44 U.S.C. 3507), no new recordkeeping or reporting requirements have been included that are subject to approval from the Office of Management and Budget.

This action is exempted from review by the Office of Management and Budget under Executive Order 12866.

This program is listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance under No. 10.559 and is subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372 which requires intergovernmental consultation with State and local officials (7 CFR Part 3015, Subpart V, and final rule related notice published at 48 FR 29114, June 24, 1983).

Definitions

The terms used in this Notice shall have the meaning ascribed to them in the regulations governing the Summer Food Service Program for Children (7 CFR Part 225).

Background

Pursuant to section 13 of the National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1761) and the regulations governing the SFSP (7 CFR Part 225), notice is hereby given of adjustments in Program payments for meals served to children participating in the SFSP during the 1998 Program. Adjustments are based on changes in the food away from home series of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for All Urban Consumers for the period November 1996 through November 1997.

The new 1998 reimbursement rates in dollars are as follows:

MAXIMUM PER MEAL REIMBURSEMENT RATES

Operating Costs	
Breakfast	\$1.190
Lunch or Supper	2.080
Supplement4800
Administrative Costs	
a. For meals served at rural or self-preparation sites:	
Breakfast1175
Lunch or Supper2175
Supplement0600
b. For meals served at other types of sites:	
Breakfast0925
Lunch or Supper1800
Supplement0475

The total amount of payments to State agencies for disbursement to Program sponsors will be based upon these Program reimbursement rates and the number of meals of each type served.

The above reimbursement rates for operating costs, before being rounded down to the nearest whole cent, as required by Public Law 104-193, represent a 2.52 percent increase during 1997 (from 154.7 in November 1996 to 158.6 in November 1997) in the food away from home series of the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the Department of Labor. The Department points out that the SFSP administrative reimbursement rates continue to be adjusted up or

down to the nearest quarter-cent, as has previously been the case.

Authority: Secs. 9, 13 and 14, National School Lunch Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1758, 1761 and 1762a).

Dated: December 24, 1997.

George A. Braley,

Acting Administrator, Food and Consumer Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

BlueGrass Bound Timber Sale; Idaho Panhandle National Forests; Boundary County, Idaho

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice, cancellation of notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: On December 30, 1994, notice was published in the **Federal Register** [FR 67696] that an environmental impact statement would be prepared to assess the effects of timber harvest and road construction within the Boundary Creek drainage on the Bonners Ferry Ranger District, Idaho Panhandle National Forests.

That notice is hereby cancelled.

Changes in Agency direction have resulted in changes to the proposed action and substantial reductions in their anticipated effects and a determination that documentation in an environmental impact statement is no longer necessary.

DATES: This action is effective December 31, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Pat Cooley, project leader, Bonners Ferry Ranger District, Idaho Panhandle National Forests, Route 4, Box 4860, Bonners Ferry, Idaho 83805-9764.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed actions of timber harvest and road construction and alternatives, including taking no action at this time, are being assessed and documented in the Blue-Grass Bound environmental assessment. It is anticipated that the pre-decision environmental assessment will be available for 30-day public comment period in February, 1998. After this public comment period, the comments will be analyzed and considered in reaching a decision regarding this proposal. The decision will be documented in a Decision Notice.

I am the responsible official for this environmental analysis. My address is Bonners Ferry Ranger District, Route 4

Box 4860, Bonners Ferry, ID 83805-9764.

Dated: December 18, 1997.

Elaine J. Zieroth,

District Ranger.

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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 January 15 at the Best Western Motel at 1143 Chetco Ave., Brookings, Oregon. The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. and continue until 5 p.m. Agenda items to be covered include: (1) Coordinated watershed restoration between federal and non-federal land managers; (2) province monitoring priorities; (3) forest health issues; (4) report from local BLM and Forest Service on local issues; and (5) public comment. All Province Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public.

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: December 17, 1997.

James T. Gladen,

Forest Supervisor, Designated Federal Official.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Southwest Washington Provincial Advisory Committee; Meeting Notice

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Southwest Washington Provincial Advisory Committee will meet on Friday, January 23, 1998, in Vancouver, Washington, at the Educational Service District 112 (2500 NE 65th Avenue). The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. and continue until 5 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to: (1) Review and prioritize watershed restoration projects for 1998 and 1999,

(2) Provide information on the Intergovernmental Advisory Committee Survey, (3) Share 1997 Advisory Committee Annual Report Information, and (4) Public Open Forum. All Southwest Washington Provincial Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend. The "open forum" provides opportunity for the public to bring issues, concerns, and discussion topics to the Advisory Committee. The "open forum" is scheduled as part of agenda item (4) for this meeting. Interested speakers will need to register prior to the open forum period. The committee welcomes the public's written comments on committee business at any time.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Direct questions regarding this meeting to Sue Lampe, Public Affairs, at (360) 891-5091, or write Forest Headquarters Office, Gifford Pinchot National Forest, 10600 N.E. 51st Circle, Vancouver, WA 98682.

Dated: December 22, 1997.

Robert Yoder,

Province Lead Staff.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Timber Sale Contracts; Change in Stumpage Rate Adjustment Procedure

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; adoption of final procedure.

SUMMARY: The Forest Service gives notice of adoption of a revised stumpage rate adjustment procedure, by which rates bid on timber can be adjusted in response in market changes after the contract is awarded. The procedure will be applied to most timber sale contracts in the western States. In an August 7, 1996, **Federal Register** notice (61 FR 41124), the Forest Service proposed eliminating the stumpage rate adjustment procedure entirely. After considering the public comment, the Forest Service has decided to continue to use stumpage rate adjustment in timber sale contracts, but to modify the procedures so that 100 percent of the difference between current and base lumber price indices is added to tentative rates during periods of increasing lumber prices and 100 percent of the difference is subtracted from tentative rates during periods of declining prices. The effect of this change is to equalize the risk of lumber