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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council; Meeting

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council will meet in Rapid City, South Dakota, June 14–16, 2001. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss emerging issues in urban and community forestry.

DATES: The meeting will be held June 14–16, 2001. A tour of local projects will be held on June 14 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Hotel Alex Johnson, 523 Sixth Street, Rapid City, South Dakota. Individuals, who wish to speak at the meeting or to propose agenda items, must send their names and proposals to Suzanne M. del Villar, Executive Assistant, National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council, 20628 Diane Drive, Sonoma, California 95370. Individuals may fax their names and proposed agenda items to (209) 536–9089.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Suzanne M. del Villar, Cooperative Forestry Staff, (209) 536–9201.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Challenge Cost-Share Grant categories, identified by the Council, are advertised annually to solicit proposals for projects to advance the knowledge of, and promote interest in, urban and community forestry. Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B), the meeting will be closed from approximately 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on June 16, in order for the Council to determine the categories for the 2002 Challenge Cost-Share grant program. Otherwise, the meeting is open to the public.

Council discussion is limited to Forest Service staff and Council

members, however, persons who wish to bring urban and community forestry matters to the attention of the Council may file written statements with the Council staff before or after the meeting. Public input sessions will be provided. This notice is being provided less than 15 days prior to the meeting because of administrative delays in authorizing closure of a portion of the meeting.

Dated: June 11, 2001.

Ann M. Veneman,

Secretary, Department of Agriculture.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Northwest Sacramento Province Advisory Committee (PAC); Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Forest Service.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Northwest Sacramento Province Advisory Committee will meet on June 14, 2001. The meeting starts at 9:30 a.m. in the BLM Conference Room, 355 Hemsted Drive, Redding, CA. The Advisory Committee was appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture to provide recommendations on implementation of the Northwest Plan Record of Decision (“President’s Forest Plan”).

Agenda items to be covered include: (1) FERC relicensing; (2) Survey and Manage Final SEIS; (3) Red Legged Frog Critical Habitat issue; (4) Update on proposed Resource Advisory Committees (RAC’s); (5) Using Clear Creek full ecosystem landscape management demonstration project; (6) Open agenda time; (7) NPS presentation plan; (8) Fire/Fuels Initiative update. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Direct questions regarding this meeting to Sharon Heywood, Designated Federal Official for Northwest Sacramento Province Advisory Committee, USDA Forest Service, 2400 Washington Ave., Redding CA 96001 (503) 242–2200 or Duane Lyon, Coordinator, Northwest Sacramento Province Advisory Committee, USDA Forest Service, 2400 Washington, Ave., Redding, CA 96001 (530) 242–2207.

Dated: May 7, 2001.

J. Sharon Heywood,

Forest Supervisor.

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AMTRAK REFORM COUNCIL

Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Amtrak Reform Council.

ACTION: Notice of Special Public Business Meeting in Newark, NJ.

SUMMARY: As provided in Section 203 of the Amtrak Reform and Accountability Act of 1997 (Reform Act), the Amtrak Reform Council (Council) gives notice of a special public meeting of the Council. On June 26, 2001, the Council will hold a Business Meeting 8:30 a.m.–9:30 a.m. during which time the Council members will discuss general Council business. Following the Business Meeting, the Council will hold a formal Hearing inviting states and commuter agencies to testify before the Council on the Council’s proposal of “appropriate separation” of the NEC infrastructure from Amtrak national train operations. The Hearing will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

DATES: The Business Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 26, 2001, from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., followed by a Hearing from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Both events are open to the public.

ADDRESSES: Both the Business Meeting and Hearing will take place in the Ballroom at the Hilton Newark Gateway in the Gateway Center on Raymond Boulevard, Newark, New Jersey 07102 (across from Newark Penn Station.) The Ballroom is located on the first floor to the left of the bellhop desk. The nearest New Jersey Transit stop is Newark Penn Station which is across the street. Persons in need of special arrangements should contact the person listed below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Deirdre O’Sullivan, Amtrak Reform Council, Room 7105, JM–ARC, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590, or by telephone at (202) 366–0591; FAX: 202–493–2061. For information regarding ARC’s upcoming events, the agenda for meetings, the ARC’s Second Annual Report, information about ARC Council Members and staff, and much more, you

can also visit the Council's website at www.amtrakreformcouncil.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The ARC was created by the Amtrak Reform and Accountability Act of 1997 (Reform Act), as an independent commission, to evaluate Amtrak's performance and to make recommendations to Amtrak for achieving further cost containment, productivity improvements, and financial reforms. In addition, the Reform Act provides: that the Council is to monitor cost savings from work rules established under new agreements between Amtrak and its labor unions; that the Council submit an annual report to Congress that includes an assessment of Amtrak's progress on the resolution of productivity issues; and that, after a specified period, the Council has the authority to determine whether Amtrak can meet certain financial goals specified under the Reform Act and, if it finds that Amtrak cannot, to notify the President and the Congress.

The Reform Act prescribes that the Council is to consist of eleven members, including the Secretary of Transportation and ten others nominated by the President and the leadership of the Congress. Members serve a five-year term.

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Thomas A. Till,

Executive Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Export Administration

[Docket No. 010412092-1149-02]

Public Hearings on Section 232 National Security Investigation of Imports of Iron Ore and Semi-Finished Steel

AGENCY: Bureau of Export Administration, Office of Strategic Industries and Economic Security, Strategic Analysis Division, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public hearings on section 232 national security investigation of imports of iron ore and semi-finished steel.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Export Administration (BXA) is holding public hearings on the investigation that the Department of Commerce initiated, on February 1, 2001, to determine the effects on the national security of imports of iron ore and semi-finished steel. This investigation is being

conducted under section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1862). This notice identifies the issues on which the Department is interested in obtaining the public's views. It also sets forth the procedures for public participation in the hearings.

DATES: The hearings will be held on Thursday, July 5, 2001 at the Virginia High School, Goodman Auditorium, 411 5th Avenue, South, Virginia, MN 55792; on Sunday, July 15, 2001 at the Northern Michigan University, University Center, Michigan Room, 1401 Presque Isle, Marquette, MI 49855; and on Thursday, July 19, 2001 at the Newport Gateway, 19900 MacArthur Boulevard, Suite 300 (Food and Drug Administration Office), Irvine, CA 92612. All hearings will begin at 12 noon local time and conclude at 7 PM local time.

ADDRESSES: Send requests to speak and written summaries of the oral presentations to Brad Botwin, Director, Strategic Analysis Division, Bureau of Export Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 3876, 14th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230, by June 25, 2001. Any person, whether presenting or not, may submit a written statement through August 17, 2001; 30 days after the last hearing date.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brad Botwin, Director, Strategic Analysis Division, Bureau of Export Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-4060, bbotwin@bxa.doc.gov or Michael Vaccaro, Trade and Industry Analyst, Bureau of Export Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-8232, mvaccaro@bxa.doc.gov. For more information about the section 232 program, including the regulations and the text of previous investigations, see www.doc-bxa.bmpcoe.org under "Programs."

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background and Specific Comments Requested

On February 1, 2001, the Department of Commerce initiated an investigation under section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1862), to determine the effects on the national security of imports of iron ore and semi-finished steel. The findings and recommendations of the investigation are to be reported by the Secretary of Commerce to the President no later than October 29, 2001. For further details on this investigation, see the **Federal Register** notices of February

6, 2001 (66 FR 9067) and April 18, 2001 (66 FR 19917).

The iron ore and semi-finished steel products subject to this investigation include:

1. Iron Ore
 - Briquettes
 - Pellets
 - Sinter
2. Semi-finished Steel
 - Ingots
 - Billets
 - Blooms
 - Slab

Consistent with the interest of the U.S. Department of Commerce in soliciting public comments on issues affecting U.S. industry and national security, BXA is holding public hearings as part of the investigation. The hearings will assist the Department in determining whether imports of iron ore and semi-finished steel threaten to impair the national security and in recommending remedies if such a threat is found to exist.

The Department is particularly interested in comments and information directed to the criteria listed in 15 CFR part 705.4, Effect of Imported Articles on the National Security ("the regulations"), including the following: (a) Quantity of the articles subject to the investigation and other circumstances related to the importation of such articles; (b) Domestic production capacity needed for these articles to meet projected national defense requirements; (c) The capacity of domestic industries to meet projected national defense requirements; (d) Existing and anticipated availability of human resources, products, raw materials, production equipment, facilities, and other supplies and services essential to the national defense; (e) Growth requirements of domestic industries needed to meet national defense requirements and the supplies and services including the investment, exploration and development necessary to assure such growth; (f) The impact of foreign competition on the economic welfare of any domestic industry essential to our national security; (g) The displacement of any domestic products causing substantial unemployment, decrease in the revenues of government, loss of investment or specialized skills and productive capacity, or other serious effects; (h) Relevant factors that are causing or will cause a weakening of our national economy; and (i) Any other relevant factors.

Notice of Public Hearings

The hearings will be held on Thursday, July 5, 2001 at the Virginia