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JOINT BOARD FOR THE ENROLLMENT OF ACTUARIES

Renewal of Advisory Committee on Actuarial Examinations

AGENCY: Joint Board for the Enrollment of Actuaries.

ACTION: Renewal of Advisory Committee.

SUMMARY: The Joint Board for the Enrollment of Actuaries announces the renewal of the Advisory Committee on Actuarial Examinations.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gloria Walker, Management/Program Analyst, 202-694-1854.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Joint Board on examinations in actuarial mathematics and methodology. The Joint Board administers such examinations in discharging its statutory mandate to enroll individuals who wish to perform actuarial services with respect to pension plans subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. The Committee's advisory functions will include, but will not necessarily be limited to: (1) Considering areas of actuarial knowledge that should be treated on the examinations; (2) developing examination questions; (3) recommending proposed examinations and pass marks; and (4), as requested by the Joint Board, making recommendations relative to the examination program.

Dated: October 11, 2002.

Paulette Tino,

Chairman, Joint Board for the Enrollment of Actuaries.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Docket No. ST-02-05]

Microbiological Data Program; Public Meeting

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to notify all interested persons that the USDA Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) will hold a public meeting to discuss the Microbiological Data Program (MDP). Specifically, AMS will discuss the current status of the program and invite comment and input regarding the MDP activities to date. This notice also sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda for the meeting.

DATES: The public meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 20, 2002, from 1 to 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn, Georgetown meeting room, 815-14th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Martha Lamont, Monitoring Programs Office, Science and Technology Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, United States Department of Agriculture, 8609 Sudley Road, Manassas, Virginia, 20110-8411. Telephone number (703) 330-2300, Ext 17 or fax (703) 369-0678.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the past several years the number of foodborne illness associated with domestic and imported fresh fruits and vegetables has increased. Some microorganisms once thought under control may be adapting to their environments, may be developing resistance to conventional food processing operations, and may be re-emerging with increased pathogenicity. To respond to these concerns, Congress authorized an appropriation of \$6.234 million for FY 2002 to fund a microbiological monitoring program for foodborne pathogens and indicator organisms on domestic and imported fruits and vegetables. The program is designed to collect reliable data and develop national estimates of bacterial contamination with regard to selected produce. The MDP is a voluntary data gathering program and not a regulatory

or enforcement program. The Federal agencies; Food and Drug Administration, Centers of Disease Control and Prevention, USDA's National Agricultural Statistical Service, as well as 10 State Departments of Agriculture, industry and academia have provided assistance and information in formulating program policy and operating procedures. The program is being conducted under the authority of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1621 *et seq.*).

AMS is hereby giving notice of a public meeting, scheduled for Wednesday, November 20, 2002, in order to keep all interested persons advised of the current status of the program and invite comment and input regarding the MDP activities to date. The public meeting will begin at 1 p.m. and is scheduled to end at 4 p.m. It will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn, Georgetown meeting room, 815-14th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005.

Those parties who wish to speak at the meeting should register on or before November 13, 2002 to speak, please e-mail Martha.Lamont@USDA.gov, or send a fax to Martha Lamont at (703) 330-2300, Ext 17. Registrants should include their name, address, and daytime telephone number. Depending on the number of registered speakers, time limits may be imposed on speakers, and speakers who have registered in advance will be given priority if time is limited.

The proposed agenda for the meeting will include discussions of: (1) MDP overview and current status, (2) MDP sampling and testing methodology, (3) MDP Annual Summary Calendar Year 2002, and (4) recommendations and concerns.

Registration upon arrival is necessary for all participants, including those who have registered to speak in advance. Speakers should provide one original and two copies of their presentation at registration. A registration desk will be located outside the meeting room. If you require special accommodations, such as a sign language interpreter, please contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. The meeting will be recorded, and information about obtaining a transcript will be provided at the meeting.

Dated: October 22, 2002.

A.J. Yates,

Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Notice of Mineral County Resource Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the authorities in the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463) and under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-393) the Lolo National Forest's Mineral County Resource Advisory Committee will meet on November 12 at 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. in Superior, Montana for a business meeting. The meeting is open to the public.

DATES: November 12, 2002.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Mineral County Courthouse, 300 River Street, Superior, MT 59872.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert Harper, Designated Forest Official (DFO), District Ranger, Superior District, Lolo National Forest at (406) 822-4233.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Agenda topics for this meeting include establishing operating guidelines, and discussion about funding projects. If the meeting location is changed, notice will be posted in local newspapers, including the Mineral Independent and the Missoulian.

Dated: October 17, 2002.

Robert Harper,

Designated Federal Official, District Ranger, Superior Ranger District.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Forest Service Strategic Plan (2003 Update)

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993, the Forest Service will be updating its strategic plan over the next twelve months. The purpose of this plan is to

outline long-term goals and objectives that will help guide the agency's current actions and future plans. In the past, the Forest Service has found that public comment has been helpful in developing the strategic plan and its subsequent updates. This notice, therefore, announces the opportunity for the public to review the agency's current strategic plan and to recommend changes that should be included in the draft 2003 update.

DATES: Comments must be received, in writing, on or before December 30, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments for the draft 2003 update of the strategic plan to the Director, Strategic Planning and Resource Assessment Staff, via U.S. Postal Service to Forest Service, USDA, Mail Stop 1129, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20250-1129; via email to spra@fs.fed.us; or via facsimile to (703) 605-4199. The public may inspect comments received on this notice in the office of the Director of Strategic Planning and Resource Assessment, Sixth Floor, Rosslyn Plaza, Building E, 1621 North Kent Street, Arlington, VA 22209. Persons wishing to inspect the comments are encouraged to call ahead at (703) 605-4488 to facilitate entrance into the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy Osborne, Strategic Planning and Resource Assessment Staff, (703) 605-4488; or via email at spra@fs.fed.us. Additional information concerning the strategic plan, including the current plan, may be obtained on the Internet at <http://www.fs.fed.us/plan>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The intent of the strategic plan is to outline long-term goals and objectives that will help guide the agency's current actions and future plans. Management strategies are identified under each objective that provide key approaches to be used to achieve the stated goals and objectives. The draft 2003 update of the strategic plan will be developed using the Montreal Process Criteria and Indicators for forest conservation and sustainable management as a framework for identifying goals, objectives, and trend indicators focused on the agency mission of sustainable resource management. Three goals are envisioned for the draft 2003 update of the strategic plan: (1) Sustaining ecosystem health, diversity, and productivity of national forests and grasslands, (2) providing the American people with a sustainable flow of goods and services, and (3) maintaining organizational capacity to deliver effective public service.

More information on the Montreal Process Criteria and Indicators and on current trends in the indicators for the

United States is available at <http://www2.srs.fs.fed.us/2003/2003.htm>, the Web site for the draft National Report on Sustainable Forests. In addition, it is anticipated that the 2003 update of the Forest Service Strategic Plan will be available for public comment in spring 2003.

Dated: October 18, 2002.

Sally D. Collins,

Associate Chief.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will hold a Farm Bill 2002 National Technical Service Provider Summit entitled "Expanding the Capabilities of Conservation Service on Private Lands." The purpose of this event is to initiate a Departmental dialogue with potential technical service providers. The Summit is open to the public.

DATES: The Summit will convene Thursday, November 7, 2002. Registration will start at 8 a.m., followed by a panel session. The afternoon listening session will continue until 4 p.m., with opportunities for statements on ways to successfully implement a Technical Service Provider Process.

ADDRESSES: The Summit will be held at the Jefferson Auditorium of the Department of Agriculture's (USDA) South Building, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC. Participants should enter the building through the 5th wing entrance of the South Building, located on the corner of Independence Avenue and 14th Street. Participants should note that in order to access the building, they must bring valid photo identification and allow for time to be checked in at the security station. Weapons of any type, including protective sprays, are prohibited in the building. Requests to make statements should be sent to Marilou Flores, USDA/NRCS Technical Service Provider Group. Speakers will be limited to three minutes. Written statements will also be accepted, and should be addressed to Melissa M. Hammond, Group Leader, Technical Service Provider Group, USDA/Natural Resources Conservation Service, Washington, DC. Elements for which