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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Secretary

Research, Education, and Economics; Notice of Strategic Planning Task Force Meeting

AGENCY: Research, Education, and Economics, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The United States Department of Agriculture announces a meeting of the Strategic Planning Task Force on Research Facilities.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Strategic Planning Task Force on Research Facilities, currently consisting of 14 members, is scheduled to meet for the eighth of eight planned meetings. The meeting is scheduled to be held at the Hilton Washington Dulles Airport beginning at 1:00 p.m. on May 10, 1999, and concluding May 11, 1999. The meeting will be a review of the data collected by the Task Force and will continue discussion of the draft report.

Times and Dates: May 10, 1999, beginning at 1:00 p.m., and May 11, 1999, beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Place: Hilton Washington Dulles Airport, 13869 Park Center Road, Herndon, Virginia 20171.

Type of Meeting: Open to the public.

Comments: The public may file written comments before or after the meeting with the contact person listed below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mitch Geasler, Project Director, Strategic Planning Task Force on Research Facilities, Room 344-A Jamie L. Whitten Building, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-0113. Telephone 202-720-3803.

Done at Washington, DC, this 7th day of April, 1999.

Eileen Kennedy,

Deputy Under Secretary, Research, Education, and Economics.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Foreign Agricultural Service

Agricultural Advisory Committees for Trade

AGENCY: Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA.

ACTION: Rechartering of the Agricultural Advisory Committees for Trade.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Secretary of Agriculture, after consultation with the United States Trade Representative, has rechartered the following advisory committees:

- Agricultural Policy Advisory Committee for Trade
- Agricultural Technical Advisory Committee for Trade in Animals and Animal Products
- Agricultural Technical Advisory Committee for Trade in Fruits and Vegetables
- Agricultural Technical Advisory Committee for Trade in Grains, Feed, and Oilseeds
- Agricultural Technical Advisory Committee for Trade in Sweeteners and Sweetener Products
- Agricultural Technical Advisory Committee for Trade in Tobacco, Cotton, and Peanuts

The purpose of these committees is to provide advice to the Secretary of Agriculture and the U.S. Trade Representative with respect to the trade policy of the United States pursuant to Section 135(c) of the Trade Act of 1974 (Pub. L. 93-618) as amended. Meetings of these committees will be open to the public, unless the U.S. Trade Representative determines that the committees will be discussing issues the disclosure of which justify closing such meetings or portions thereof in accordance with Section 552(c) of Title 5 of the United States Code. The renewal of such committees is in the public interest in connection with the duties of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) imposed by the Trade Act of 1974, as amended.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Comments regarding the reestablishment of these committees should be addressed to Paula Scott or Denise Bell, Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS), USDA, Room 5065-S, Washington, DC 20250-1000.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) (5 U.S.C. Appendix), notice is hereby given that the Secretary of Agriculture and the U.S. Trade Representative are reestablishing the Agricultural Policy Advisory Committee for Trade (APAC) and the Agricultural Technical Advisory Committees for Trade (ATACs). In 1974, Congress established a private sector advisory committee system to ensure that U.S. trade policy and trade negotiation objectives adequately reflect U.S. commercial and economic interests. Congress expanded and enhanced the role of this system in three subsequent trade acts. The private sector advisory system now consists of almost 40 committees, arranged in three tiers; The President's Advisory Committee on Trade and Policy Negotiations (ACTPN); seven policy advisory committees, including the APAC; and more than 30 technical advisory committees including the ATACs. The duties of the APAC are to provide the Secretary of Agriculture and the U.S. Trade Representative with advice concerning negotiating objectives and bargaining positions before entering into a trade agreement, the operation of an agreement once entered into, and other matters arising in connection with the administration of the trade policy of the United States. The duties of the ATACs are to provide advice and information regarding trade issues which affect both domestic and foreign production and trade concerning the respective agricultural commodities, drawing upon the technical competence and experience of its members. Each committee is required to meet at the conclusion of negotiations for each trade agreement entered into under the Act to provide a report on such agreement to the President, to Congress, and to the U.S. Trade Representative. The APAC is comprised of approximately 50 members. The members elect a chairperson from the membership of the committee. The Assistant to the Administrator, FAS, and the Assistant U.S. Trade Representative,

Intergovernmental Affairs and Public Liaison, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, are the Committee's Joint Executive Secretaries. Each of the ATACs is comprised of approximately 25 members. The members of each committee elect a chairperson from the membership of the committee. A full-time federal officer or employee of FAS shall serve as the Executive Secretary of each Technical Advisory Committee. Each committee is chartered for a period of 2 years, at which time all appointments expire. Reappointments are made at the discretion of the Secretary of Agriculture and the U.S. Trade Representative.

Issued at Washington, DC, this 31st day of March, 1999.

Dated: March 31, 1999.

Sally Thompson,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Oregon Coast Provincial Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Oregon Coast Provincial Advisory Committee (PAC) will meet on April 29, 1999, at the Hatfield Marine Science Center (Meeting Room 9/ Fireside Room), 2030 S. Marine Science Drive, Newport, OR. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. and continue until 3:30 p.m. Agenda items to be covered include: (1) Introduction activity for old and new PAC members; (2) Northwest Forest Plan original goals and changes, Committee of Scientists Report; (3) PAC accomplishment report; (4) PAC subcommittees (summary/formation/organization). Committee meetings are open to the public. One 30-minute open public forum is scheduled for 12:30 p.m. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend. The committee welcomes the public's written comments on committee business at any time.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Direct questions regarding this meeting to Jose Linares, Strategic Planning Staff Officer, Siuslaw National Forest (541-750-7018), or write to the Forest Supervisor, Siuslaw National Forest, P.O. Box 1148, Corvallis, Oregon 97339.

Dated: April 6, 1999.

James R. Furnish,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

Advisory Committee Meeting

Pursuant to the provisions of section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), notice is hereby given of the following committee meeting:

Name: Grain Inspection Advisory Committee.

Date: May 11-12, 1999.

Place: Hilton Kansas City Airport, 8801 NW 112th Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

Time: 8:00 am-5:00 pm on May 11; and 8:00 am-11:30 am on May 12, 1999.

Purpose: To provide advice to the Administrator of the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) with respect to the implementation of the U.S. Grain Standards Act (7 U.S.C. 71 et seq.).

The agenda includes a tour of the Agency's Technical Center and a review and discussion of GIPSA's financial status, moisture meter implementation plan, grain elevator safety, future inspection service needs, wheat cleanliness, and other related issues concerning the delivery of grain inspection and weighing services to American agriculture.

Public participation will be limited to written statements, unless permission is received from the Committee Chairman to orally address the Committee. Persons, other than members, who wish to address the Committee or submit written statements before or after the meeting, should contact the Administrator, GIPSA, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, STOP 3601, Washington, D.C. 20250-3601, telephone (202) 720-0219 or FAX (202) 205-9237.

The meeting will be open to the public. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication of program information or related accommodation should contact GIPSA. Information contact is Marianne Plaus, telephone (202) 690-3460 or FAX (202) 205-9237.

Dated: April 7, 1999.

James R. Baker,

Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Notice of Proposed Changes to Section IV of the Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG) of the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Indiana

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

ACTION: Notice of availability of proposed changes in Section IV of the FOTG of the NRCS in Indiana for review and comment.

SUMMARY: It is the intention of NRCS in Indiana to issue new and revised conservation practice standards Section IV of the FOTG. The revised standards are Firebreak (Code 394) and Tree/Shrub Establishment (Code 612). These practices may be used in conservation systems that treat highly erodible land.

DATES: Comments will be received for a 30-day period commencing with this date of publication.

ADDRESSES: Address all requests and comments to Robert L. Eddleman, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), 6013 Lakeside Blvd., Indianapolis, Indiana 46278. Copies of these standards will be made available upon written request. You may submit electronic requests and comments to joe.gasper@in.usda.gov

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert L. Eddleman, 317-290-3200.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 343 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 states that revisions made after enactment of the law, to NRCS state technical guides used to carry out highly erodible land and wetland provisions of the law, shall be made available for public review and comment. For the next 30 days, the NRCS in Indiana will receive comments relative to the proposed changes. Following that period, a determination will be made by the NRCS in Indiana regarding disposition of those comments and a final determination of changes will be made.

Dated: March 24, 1999.

Robert L. Eddleman,

State Conservationist, Indianapolis, Indiana.

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