

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Forest Service****Fresno County Resource Advisory Committee**

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Fresno County Resource Advisory Committee will meet in Prather, California. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss and to receive project proposals regarding the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-393) for expenditure of Payments to States Fresno County Title II funds.

DATES: The meeting will be held December 17, 2002, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: 29688 Auberry Road, Prather, California. The meeting will be held at the Sierra National Forest, High Sierra District Ranger office, 29688 Auberry Road, Prather, California 93651. Send written comments to Nancy Fleenor, Fresno County Resource Advisory Committee Coordinator, c/o Sierra National Forest, High Sierra Ranger District, 29688 Auberry Road, Prather, CA 93651 or electronically to nfleenor@fs.fed.us.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy Fleenor, Fresno County Resource Advisory Committee Coordinator, (559) 855-5355 ext. 3350.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public. Committee discussion is limited to Forest Service staff and Committee members. However, persons who wish to bring Payments to States Fresno County Title II project matters to the attention of the Committee may file written statements with the Committee staff before or after the meeting. Public sessions will be provided and individuals who made written requests by December 17, 2002, will have the opportunity to address the Committee at those sessions. Agenda items to be covered include: (1) Review and approve the November 19, 2002 meeting notes; (2) Discuss new business of the RAC if applicable; (3) Discuss the progress of the 2001 funded projects; (4) Consideration of Title II Project proposals from the public and/or the RAC members; (5) Confirm the date, location and agenda of the next meeting; (6) Public comment.

Dated: November 4, 2002.

Ray Porter,

District Ranger.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Forest Service****Interim Direction on Forest Service Challenge Cost Share Agreements**

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability of agency directive.

SUMMARY: The Forest Service is issuing an interim directive to provide internal guidance to its employees in implementing the cost share portion of the challenge cost share program, authorized by Public Law 102-154. This interim directive clarifies that there is no fixed match requirement, pursuant to the law, and that the Forest Service intends each cooperative agreement under the challenge cost share program should require each party to achieve benefits commensurate with the resources expended. This interim directive is issued to the Forest Service Manual Title 1500, External Relations, Chapter 1580, Grants, Cooperative Agreements, and Other Agreements, as ID number 1580-2002-2.

DATES: The interim directive is effective November 12, 2002.

ADDRESSES: The interim directive is available electronically from the Forest Service via the World Wide Web/Internet at <http://www.fs.fed.us/im/directives>. Single paper copies of the interim directive also are available by contacting the Forest Service, USDA, Acquisition Management Staff, 1323 Club Drive—Mare Island, Vallejo, CA 94592 (telephone 707-562-8902).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dave Allasia, Acquisition Management Staff (707-562-8902).

Dated: November 1, 2002.

Dale N. Bosworth,

Chief.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**National Agricultural Statistics Service****Notice of Intent To Revise an Information Collection**

AGENCY: National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

ACTION: Intent to revise an information collection.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13) and Office of Management and Budget regulations at 5 CFR part 1320 (60 FR 44978, August 29, 1995),

this notice announces the intent of the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) to discontinue the Milkfat Prices Survey as part of the Milk and Milk Products Surveys information collection.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by December 20, 2002 to be assured of consideration. The final milkfat price report will be released on December 20, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to Ginny McBride, NASS OMB Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 5336 South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250 or sent electronically to gmcbride@nass.usda.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rich Allen, Associate Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, (202) 720-4333.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Milk and Milk Products Surveys.

OMB Control Number: 0535-0020.

Expiration Date of Approval: 09/30/04.

Type of Request: Intent to Revise an Information Collection.

Abstract: The primary objective of the National Agricultural Statistics Service is to prepare and issue state and national estimates of crop and livestock production, prices, and disposition. The Milk and Milk Products Surveys obtain basic agricultural statistics on milk production and manufactured dairy products from farmers and processing plants throughout the nation. Data are gathered for milk production, dairy products, evaporated and condensed milk, manufactured dry milk, and manufactured whey products. Dairy statistics are used by the U. S. Department of Agriculture to help administer programs and by the dairy industry in planning, pricing, and projecting supplies of milk and milk products. In addition, the Agricultural Marketing Service uses the weekly dairy product prices to establish minimum prices for milk under the Federal Milk Marketing Order. The Agricultural Appropriation Act for fiscal year 2001 authorized funding to develop and implement a biweekly milkfat price survey to benefit all segments of the dairy industry. The survey was requested by dairy industry leaders to meet the industry's need for a better measure of the true value of milkfat. A pilot survey was conducted to determine if accurate and unbiased prices could be collected from buyers of cream. The data were analyzed and the