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Done at Washington, DC, on October 2, 2003.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Foreign Agricultural Service

#### Trade Adjustment Assistance for Farmers

**AGENCY:** Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

The Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS), today accepted petitions filed by the Catfish Farmers of America, Indianola, Mississippi; Rutledge & Rutledge, Newport, Arkansas; and the Western Regional Chapter of Kentucky Aquaculture Association, Farmington, Kentucky, for trade adjustment assistance. The groups represent catfish producers in the states of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Nevada, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, South

Carolina, Texas, and Utah. The Administrator will determine within 40 days whether or not imports of fresh, chilled, or frozen catfish fillets, contributed importantly to a decline in domestic producer prices of 20 percent or more during calendar 2002. If the determination is positive, all catfish farmers represented by the petitioners will be eligible to apply to the Farm Service Agency for technical assistance at no cost and adjustment assistance payments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Jean-Louis Pajot, Coordinator, Trade Adjustment Assistance for Farmers, FAS, USDA, (202) 720-2916, e-mail: [trade.adjustment@fas.usda.gov](mailto:trade.adjustment@fas.usda.gov).

Dated: October 2, 2003.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Kirkwood Mountain Resort's 2003 Mountain Master Development Plan; Eldorado National Forest, Placer County, CA

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement.

**SUMMARY:** The Eldorado National Forest, Amador Ranger District is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) analyzing proposed improvements outlined in Kirkwood Mountain Resort's 2003 Mountain Master Development Plan, which provides for long-range planning on National Forest System lands with Kirkwood's Special Use Permit (SUP) area. The August 2001 Mountain Master Development Plan was slightly revised in September 2003 in order to accurately reflect Kirkwood's 2003 Specific Plan, which was recently approved via the California Environmental Policy Act review process, and provides for long-range development of private lands within the Kirkwood community. Therefore, the August 2001 Mountain Master Development Plan will be referred to as the 2003 MMDP. The projects detailed within the 2003 MMDP were evaluated cumulatively within the 2003 Kirkwood Recirculated Revised Final Environmental Impact Report.

The 2003 MMDP provides a detailed account of the Kirkwood's existing and potential recreational assets, constraints, and future needs. Kirkwood is seeking site-specific NEPA review of all projects

identified in the 2003 MMDP which, if approved, could be implemented within five to eight years.

The 2003 MMDP focuses on enhancing the recreational experience at Kirkwood by providing for improvements to: the lift and terrain network; on-mountain guest services; snowmaking coverage; infrastructure; and non-skiing/riding activities. Due to the nature of Kirkwood's lift and terrain network, some of the proposals contained in the 2003 MMDP overlap onto adjacent, private property; however, all proposals for NFS lands are confined to Kirkwood's existing SUP area, and the SUP area is not proposed for expansion or modification.

**DATES:** Comments concerning the scope and implementation of this proposal should be received by November 7, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to Anthony Botello, Project Leader, Eldorado National Forest, 26820 Silver Drive, Pioneer, CA 95666, (209) 295-5998 Fax

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Questions and comments about this EIS should be directed to Anthony Botello, at the above address, or call him at (209) 295-5960.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Kirkwood's Alpine comfortable carrying capacity (CCC—defined as the optimum number of guests accommodated by a resort at any one time, which affords a high quality recreational experience) is derived from the resort's combined uphill hourly capacity and the estimated demand for vertical transport. The 2003 MMDP proposes to increase Alpine CCC at Kirkwood from 6,460 guests to 9,300 guests.

Six existing aerial lifts are proposed for upgrades and/or realignments, including: Caples Crest (Chair 2)—which would be renamed "Flying Carpet" with full implementation of the 2003 MMDP; Iron Horse (Chair 3); Sunrise (4); Solitude (Chair 5); Wagon Wheel (Chair 10); and Reut (Chair 11). Two new chairlifts are proposed—Caples Crest Express and Thimble Peak (lifts A and C, respectively), as well as four new surface lifts—Look Out Vista (Lift B), Covered Wagon (Lift D), Red Cliffs (Lift E) and a snowplay lift. Proposed aerial and surface lifts would provide access to existing hike-to terrain within Kirkwood's SUP area.

Proposed terrain additions and improvements are proposed within Kirkwood's SUP area which would increase Kirkwood's formalized (*i.e.*, named) trail network from approximately 567 acres to approximately 781 acres. (Off-piste (*i.e.*, natural/ungroomed) terrain is not