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AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Bureau for Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance, Office of Food for Peace; Announcement of Draft FY 2007 Food for Peace Guidelines and Procedures for International Food Relief Partnership Transportation and Distribution Applications; Notice

Pursuant to the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954 (Pub. L. 480, as amended), notice is hereby given that the draft FY 2007 Food for Peace Guidelines and Procedures for International Food Relief Partnership Transportation and Distribution Applications are available to interested parties for general viewing and comments.

Individuals who wish to access the draft guidelines and procedures should visit the Food for Peace Web site at http://www.usaid.gov/our_work/humanitarian_assistance/ffp/, or contact the Office of Food for Peace, via AMEX International, Attn: 2007 IFRP Applications, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Suite 700, Washington, DC 20004 or IFRP@amexdc.com.

William Hammink,

Director, Office of Food for Peace, Bureau for Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Commodity Credit Corporation

Bulk Grain Available for Sale Online

AGENCY: Commodity Credit Corporation, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces that the Commodity Credit Corporation

(CCC) will make available for sale a portion of its grain inventory beginning November 20, 2006, via the Internet at <http://www.GrainLink.com>. This is the first time that CCC will use GrainLink to provide online marketing services to sell bulk grain, including wheat, rice, soybeans, barley, corn, grain sorghum, and oats that CCC owns via the Internet. This notice is to announce the sale and introduce this new process to the industry.

DATES: *Effective Date:* November 15, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jose Gonzalez, Inventory Program Manager, Warehouse and Inventory Division, Farm Service Agency, USDA, STOP 0553, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-0553. Telephone: (202) 690-2534. E-mail: jose.gonzalez@usda.gov. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact the USDA Target Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TDD).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: CCC acquires bulk grain through the forfeiture of marketing assistance loans obtained in accordance with Title 1, Subtitle B, of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002. CCC's general sales policy is to maximize the returns to the Corporation. The authorities for selling CCC-owned grain include the CCC Charter Act and section 165 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996. The regulations at 7 CFR part 1402 contain CCC policy for certain commodities available for sale by CCC.

CCC has contracted with Farms Technology, LLC, of Overland Park, Kansas to provide online marketing services to sell CCC-owned bulk grain (wheat, rice, soybeans, barley, corn, grain sorghum, and oats), via an Internet based cash grain marketing platform called *GrainLink.com*. CCC will entertain offers from prospective buyers for the purchase of grain owned by CCC that is included in the inventory listed on *GrainLink.com*. Prospective buyers may also visit the DACO Web site at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/daco/default.htm> to review the entire catalog of grain inventory. Under "Related Topics", click on "Procurement and Sales" and then "Sales" to access inventories of various commodities.

Parties interested in purchasing CCC-owned grain that is not available for sale via *GrainLink.com* may contact CCC merchandisers directly at (816) 926-3816 to discuss grain availability.

A portion of CCC's grain inventory will be available for sale at <http://www.GrainLink.com> beginning November 20, 2006, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. central daylight time (CDT). This inventory will be made available for advance review only, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. CDT, on November 16 and November 17, 2006. Additional CCC grain inventory may be placed on GrainLink at anytime following November 20, 2006, without prior notification to the public. Interested parties are encouraged to check the GrainLink Web site on a regular basis for inventory that may be made available for sale.

To allow access to GrainLink's "Real Time Bid Service" Farms Technology requires users to enter into a participation agreement and pay a monthly subscription fee. There are no commission charges to place bids online; however, successful bidders are charged a commission fee of \$.01 per bushel (wheat, barley, oats, corn, soybeans) or \$.01 per hundredweight (grain sorghum or rice) for completed sales.

Additional information on Farms Technology services is available by contacting Jason Tatge, Chief Executive Officer, by telephone at (888) 393-6471, or by e-mail at Jason@farmstech.com.

Any questions about this notice may be directed to Jose Gonzalez by calling (202) 690-2534 or e-mail jose.gonzalez@usda.gov.

Signed at Washington, DC, November 9, 2006.

Teresa C. Lasseter,

Executive Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Cherry Dinner Project, Clearwater National Forest, Latah County, ID

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

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

SUMMARY: The USDA, Forest Service, will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to disclose the environmental effects of timber harvest prescribed fire, watershed restoration, and access management activities in the Cherry Dinner project area on the Palouse Ranger District of the Clearwater National Forest. The Cherry Dinner project area is located between the towns of Helmer and Bovill within the Hog Meadow Creek and Little Boulder Creek drainages, approximately 25 air-miles north of the town of Orofino, Idaho.

DATES: Comments on this project must be received, in writing, within 30 days following the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. A 45-day public comment period will follow the release of the draft environmental impact statement that is expected in April 2007. The final environmental impact statement is expected in September 2007.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and suggestions concerning the scope of this project should be sent to Kara Chadwick (kchadwick@fs.fed.us), District Ranger, Palouse Ranger District, 1700 Highway 6, Potlatch, ID 83855.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: George Harbaugh (gharbaugh@fs.fed.us), Project Leader, Lochsa Ranger District. Phone: (208) 926-4274.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Cherry Dinner project area contains approximately 20,470 acres, of which 14,670 acres are National Forest lands and 5,800 acres are other ownership (State, timber companies, and private). The legal location is mostly in portions of T40N, R1W and small portions of T40N, R1E, T41N, R1W, and T39N, R1W, Boise Meridian, Latah County, Idaho. The proposed actions would occur on National Forest lands and are all outside the boundaries of any inventoried roadless area or any areas considered for inclusion to the National Wilderness System as recommended by the Clearwater National Forest Plan or by any past or present legislative wilderness proposals.

Purpose and Need for Action is to: (1) Improve species diversity and productivity by reestablishing seral species, such as western white pine, ponderosa pine, and western larch, which historical dominated the cover type in this area; (2) reduce fuel buildup in stands in the wildland urban interface (WUI) where fire suppression has interrupted the short-return fire interval and resulted in unnaturally high amounts of fuel and overgrown understory, and create a more defensible space to control wildfire on Forest

Service land adjacent to private structures and homes; (3) reduce long-term sedimentation to streams caused by existing unsurfaced roads, and stabilize stream banks made unstable by motorized vehicles, cattle trailing, and channelization (historic railroad grades); (4) update fish/water quality standards in Appendix K of the Clearwater Forest Plan to better meet the Clean Water Act standards of supporting fisheries and reflect better information on fisheries collected in stream surveys; and (5) provide for a reasonable level of human access, reduce user conflicts, and provide the necessary resource protection required by law, regulation, and good stewardship practices.

The Proposed Action would harvest timber from about 2,210 acres, using regeneration harvest methods, improvement cuts, and commercial thinning. Road activities associated with the timber sales would include constructing 8.1 miles of permanent road, reconstructing 9.4 miles of existing roads, and constructing 1.5 miles of temporary road (to be decommissioned after harvest activity). Understory slashing and prescribed fire would be applied on 310 acres to reintroduce fire, not associated with timber harvest. Watershed improvements would include 24.2 miles of road decommissioning, putting 24.6 miles of existing roads into intermittent stored service (self-maintaining), and stabilizing 4.8 miles of streambanks along the East Fork Potlatch River and its tributaries. Access management would consist of constructing a 0.5 mile OHV connector trail and managing area roads and trails based on a Roads Analysis. Other components of the proposed action include designating approximately 1,700 of forest to be managed for old growth and raising fish/water quality standards on 3 streams to incorporate better information on fish and their habitat. There is also the opportunity to precommercial thin approximately 200 acres of young stands scattered throughout the project area.

Possible Alternatives the Forest Service will consider include the "no action" alternative in which none of the proposed activities would be implemented. Additional alternatives being considered examine varying levels and locations for the proposed activities to achieve the proposal's purpose and need, as well as to respond to the issues and other resource concerns.

The Responsible Official is the Forest Supervisor of the Clearwater National Forest, 12730 Highway 12, Orofino, ID 83544. The Responsible Official will decide if the proposed project will be

implemented and will document the decision and reasons for the decision in a Record of Decision. That decision will be subject to Forest Service Appeal Regulations. The responsibility for preparing the DEIS and FEIS has been delegated to Kara Chadwick, District Ranger, Palouse Ranger District, 1700 Highway 6, Potlatch, ID 83855.

The Scoping Process for the EIS is being initiated with this notice, and written comments regarding the analysis should be received within 30 days following the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. Additional scoping will follow the release of the DEIS, expected in April 2007. This proposal also includes eight openings greater than 40 acres that would be created by timber harvest. A 60-day public review period was initiated on April 19, 2005, and approval to exceed 40 acres was received from the Regional Office on November 22, 2005. However, additional comments on this issue will be accepted during this 30-day scoping period.

Issues identified through previous scoping that could be affected by proposed activities include: Access management, air quality, economic feasibility, fish habitat, heritage resources, sensitive and management indicator species of wildlife, sensitive plants, snag habitat, soil productivity, spread of noxious weeds, tribal treaty rights, and water quality. Issues expected not to be affected by the proposal include impacts of grazing, old growth habitat, risk of landslides, and threatened and endangered wildlife and plant species. Issues found to be outside the scope of the project or not consistent with Forest Plan standards include developing a wildland fire use plan and using prescribed fire over timber harvest.

Early Notice of Importance of Public Participation in Subsequent Environmental Review: A draft environmental impact statement will be prepared for comment. The comment period on the draft environmental impact statement will be 45 days from the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes the notice of availability in the **Federal Register**.

The Forest Service believes, at this early stage, it is important to give reviewers notice of several court rulings related to public participation in the environmental review process. First, reviewers of draft environmental impact statements must structure their participation in the environmental review of the proposal so that it is meaningful and alerts an agency to the reviewer's position and contentions. *Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corp. v.*

NRDC, 435 U.S. 519, 553 (1978). Also, environmental objections that could be raised at the draft environmental impact statement stage but that are not raised until after completion of the final environmental impact statement may be waived or dismissed by the courts. *City of Angoon v. Hodel*, 803 F.2d 1016, 1022 (9th Cir. 1986) and *Wisconsin Heritages, Inc. v. Harris*, 490 F. Supp. 1334, 1338 (E.D. Wis. 1980). Because of these court rulings, it is very important that those interested in this proposed action participate by the close of the 45-day comment period so that substantive comments and objections are made available to the Forest Service at a time when it can meaningfully consider them and respond to them in the final environmental impact statement.

To assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering issues and concerns on the proposed action, comments on the draft environmental impact statement should be as specific as possible. It is also helpful if comments refer to specific pages or chapters of the draft statement. Comments may also address the adequacy of the draft environmental impact statement or the merits of the alternatives formulated and discussed in the statement. Reviewers may wish to refer to the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act at 40 CFR 1503.3 in addressing these points.

Comments received, including the names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record on this proposal and will be available for public inspection.

(Authority: 40 CFR 1501.7 and 1508.22; Forest Service Handbook 1909.15, Section 21)

Dated: November 7, 2006.

Thomas K. Reilly,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Notice of Southwest Idaho Resource Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the authorities in the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463) and under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-393), The Boise and Payette National

Forests' Southwest Idaho Resource Advisory Committee will conduct a business meeting, which is open to the public.

DATES: Wednesday, December 6, 2006, beginning at 10:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: Idaho Counties Risk Management Program Building, 3100 South Vista Avenue, Boise, Idaho.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Agenda topics will include review and approval of project proposals, and is an open public forum.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Doug Gochmour, Designated Federal Officer, at 208-392-6681 or e-mail dgochnour@fs.fed.us.

Dated: November 8, 2006.

Richard A. Smith,

Forest Supervisor, Boise National Forest.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Notice of Availability of the "Natural Resources Conservation Service Conservation Programs Manual—Part 513: Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Program"

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service, Department of Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice; correction.

SUMMARY: The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) published in the *Federal Register* notice of October 24, 2006, (71 FR 62246) a document with an incorrect URL. The incorrect URL is located in the **SUMMARY** section on page 62247. This notice corrects the previously published document.

The Department of Agriculture (USDA), NRC seeks comments on the proposed revision of the "Natural Resources Conservation Service Conservation Programs Manual—Part 513: Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Program." USDA asks for comments from RC&D Council members and individuals from tribal, State, and local governments and organizations involved in either natural resource conservation or community development groups. These comments will assist USDA in policy development and implementation of the RC&D Program. This manual is used by NRCS, other USDA staff members, RC&D Council members, and others that either develop RC&D applications or participate in the RC&D Program.

This revision of the manual reflects changes in the NRCS organizational structure, incorporates new area planning requirements, provides guidelines for the RC&D Program Operations Information Tracking System, and incorporates additional exhibits to increase clarity. It is available for download at http://policy.nrcs.usda.gov/scripts/lpsii.dll/NB/NB_390_7_1_a.pdf.

DATES: *Effective Dates:* Comments will be received for a 60-day period commencing with the date of this publication.

ADDRESSES: Address all requests and comments to: Terry D'Addio, National RC&D Program Manager, NRCS, Room 5245-South, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-9410.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Terry D'Addio: (202) 720-0557; fax: (202) 690-0639; e-mail: terry.d'addio@wdc.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The "Conservation Programs Manual: Part 513—RC&D Program" is a document used by NRCS, other USDA staff members, RC&D Council members, and others that either develop RC&D applications or participate in the RC&D Program. The purpose of this document is to provide policy guidance for the RC&D Program, not to establish regulatory requirements. The RC&D Program was authorized to encourage and improve the capability of State and local units of government and local nonprofit organizations in rural areas to plan, develop, and implement programs for resource conservation and development. Through the establishment of RC&D areas, the program establishes or improves coordination systems in communities, and builds community leadership skills to effectively use Federal, State, and local programs for the communities' benefit. Current program objectives focus on improvements achieved through natural resources conservation and community development. Such activities lead to sustainable communities, prudent land use, and the sound management and conservation of natural resources.

Assistance is provided, as authorized by the Secretary of Agriculture, to designated RC&D areas through their organized RC&D Councils (comprised of local affected officials and civic leaders). RC&D Councils, in association with local, State, and Federal governments and other non-profit organizations, initiate and lead the planning and implementation of their