

engineered using the same transformation method and contain the same enzymes that make the plants tolerant to the herbicide glyphosate. Accordingly, we have determined that canola event GT200 is similar to the antecedent organism in APHIS petition number 98-216-01p, and we are proposing that canola event GT200 should no longer be regulated under the regulations in 7 CFR part 340.

The subject canola has been considered a regulated article under APHIS' regulations in 7 CFR part 340 because it contains gene sequences derived from plant pathogens. However, GT200 has been approved for commercial use in Canada since 1996, with no subsequent reports of deleterious effects on plants, nontarget organisms, or the environment as a result of its environmental release.

Should APHIS approve Monsanto's request for an extension of a determination of nonregulated status, canola event GT200 would no longer be considered a regulated article under APHIS' regulations in 7 CFR part 340. Therefore, the requirements pertaining to regulated articles under those regulations would no longer apply to the field testing, importation, or interstate movement of the subject canola or its progeny.

National Environmental Policy Act

An environmental assessment (EA) has been prepared to examine any potential environmental impacts associated with this proposed extension of a determination of nonregulated status. The EA was prepared in accordance with: (1) The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), (2) regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality for implementing the procedural provisions of NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500-1508), (3) USDA regulations implementing NEPA (7 CFR part 1b), and (4) APHIS' NEPA Implementing Procedures (7 CFR part 372). Copies of Monsanto's extension request and the EA are available upon request from the individual listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.**

Done in Washington, DC, this 22nd day of February 2002.

W. Ron DeHaven,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 01-108-2]

Public Meeting; Veterinary Biologics

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: This is the second notice to producers and users of veterinary biological products and other interested individuals that we are holding our 11th annual public meeting to discuss regulatory and policy issues related to the manufacture, distribution, and use of veterinary biological products. This notice provides information on the agenda as well as the dates, times, and place of the meeting.

DATES: The public meeting will be held Tuesday, April 2, through Thursday April 4, 2002, from 8 a.m. to approximately 5 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday, and from 8 a.m. to approximately noon on Thursday.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held in the Scheman Building at the Iowa State Center, Iowa State University, Ames, IA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information concerning registration and agenda topics, contact Ms. Kay Wessman, Center for Veterinary Biologics, Veterinary Services, APHIS, 510 South 17th Street, Suite 104, Ames, IA 50010-8197; phone (515) 232-5785 extension 127; fax (515) 232-7120; or e-mail Kay.Wessman@aphis.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In a notice published in the **Federal Register** on November 30, 2001 (66 FR 59773-59774, Docket No. 01-108-1), we announced that we will be holding our 11th annual veterinary biologics public meeting and requested that interested persons submit suggestions for agenda topics. Based on the responses and on other considerations, the agenda for the 11th public meeting will include, but is not limited to, the following:

- Veterinary biologics perspectives relating to emergency animal health management, both global and domestic;
 - Safeguarding animal health;
 - Importation activities;
 - Transmissible spongiform encephalopathies;
 - Biosecurity;
 - The U.S. Department of Agriculture's response to animal health issues;
 - International harmonization; and
 - Animal care.
- In addition, we will provide updates on regulations, aquaculture,

reticuloendotheliosis virus, in vitro potency testing, and compliance with the Government Paperwork Elimination Act (including electronic submissions/filing, the Ames Information Management System, summary information format for biotechnology products, and processing labels and outlines of production). During the "roundtable discussion" portion of the meeting, participants will have the opportunity to present their views on matters concerning the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's veterinary biologics program.

Registration forms, lodging information, and copies of the agenda for the 11th public meeting may be obtained from the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.** This information is also available on the Internet at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/vs/cvb>.

The registration deadline is March 19, 2002. A block of hotel rooms has been set aside for this meeting until March 19. Early reservation of rooms is strongly encouraged.

Done in Washington, DC, this 22nd day of February, 2002.

W. Ron DeHaven,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Lost Granite Squirrel, Colville National Forest, Pend Oreille and Stevens Counties, WA

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

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

SUMMARY: The Forest Service, USDA, will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) on a proposal to implement vegetation, riparian and road management projects. The Proposed Action will be in compliance with the 1988 Colville National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan) as amended, which provides the overall guidance for management of this area. The Proposed Action is within portions of the Lost Creek and Ruby Creek drainages on the Sullivan Lake and Newport Ranger Districts. The project will be located approximately 45 miles north of Newport, Washington. Project implementation is scheduled for fiscal year 2004. The Colville National Forest invites written comments and suggestions on the scope of the analysis.

The agency will give notice of the full environmental analysis and decision-making process so interested and affected people may be able to participate and contribute in the final decision.

DATES: Comments concerning the scope of the analysis should be received by April 1, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments and suggestions concerning the management of this area to Dan Dallas, District Ranger, 315 North Warren, Newport, Washington 99156. Comments may also be sent by FAX (509-447-7301). Include your name and mailing address with your comments so documents pertaining to this project may be mailed to you.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions about the Proposed Action and EIS should be directed to Dan Dallas, District Ranger, 315 North Warren, Newport, Washington 99156 (phone 509-447-7300), or to Amy Dillon, Interdisciplinary Team Leader, 12641 Sullivan Lake Road, Metaline Falls, Washington 99153 (phone 509-446-7500).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Lost Granite Squirrel Planning Area is within the Lost Creek and Ruby Creek drainages on the Newport and Sullivan Lake Ranger Districts. The project would be located approximately 45 miles north of Newport, Washington, in the area south and west of State Route 20. The Proposed Action includes vegetation management on approximately 6,500 acres. This includes commercial treatments on approximately 4,600 acres and precommercial thinning on approximately 1,900 acres. Prescribed fire may be applied on up to 12,000 acres. The road management projects will include local governments and adjacent landowners in a transportation analysis for these drainages. Part of that analysis will consider both building and closing roads. The riparian and wetland management proposals include active stream corridor improvement along Lost Creek and Ruby Creek and using native riparian plants for soil stabilization. The following will also be included as part of this project: review of current dispersed recreation condition and future opportunities (including dispersed camping at Nile and Browns Lakes and winter recreation uses); review of the Ruby and Lost Creek grazing allotments; and analysis of noxious weed populations along Ruby Creek road and all Forest Service system roads within the analysis area.

This analysis will evaluate a range of alternatives for implementation of the

project activities. The area being analyzed is approximately 47,500 acres, of which 37,335 acres are National Forest System lands. The other ownership areas are included only for analysis of effects. The project area does not include any wilderness, RARE II, or other inventoried roadless land.

The preliminary issues identified include: water quality and watershed restoration; forest stand density; forest road management and maintenance; lynx habitat management; deer winter range management, grazing allotment management, noxious weed treatments, and reintroduction of prescribed fire. Initial scoping began in February 2001. The scoping process will include the following: Identify and clarify issues; identify key issues to be analyzed in depth; explore alternatives based on themes which will be derived from issues recognized during scoping activities; and identify potential environmental effects of the Proposed Action and alternatives. A range of alternatives will be considered, including a No-Action alternative. The Forest Service is seeking information, comments, and assistance from other agencies, organizations, Indian Tribes, and individuals who may be interested in or affected by the Proposed Action. This input will be used in preparation of the draft EIS. Your comments are appreciated throughout the analysis process.

Comments received in response to this notice, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record on this Proposed Action and will be available for public inspection. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered; however, those who submit anonymous comments will not have standing to appeal the subsequent decision under 36 CFR part 215. Additionally, pursuant to 7 CFR 1.27(d), any person may request the agency to withhold a submission from the public record by showing how the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) permits such confidentiality. Persons requesting such confidentiality should be aware that under the FOIA, confidentiality may be granted in only very limited circumstances, such as to protect trade secrets. The Forest Service will inform the requester of the agency's decision regarding the request for confidentiality, and where the request is denied, the agency will return the submission and notify the requester that the comments may be resubmitted with or without name and address within a specified number of days.

The draft EIS is to be filed with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and to be available for public review by November 2002. The EPA will publish a notice of availability of the draft EIS in the **Federal Register**. The comment period on the draft EIS will be 45 days from the date the EPA notice appears in the **Federal Register**. Copies of the draft EIS will be distributed to interested and affected agencies, organizations, Indian Tribes, and members of the public for their review and comment. It is important that those interested in the management of the Colville National Forest participate at that time.

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 EIS 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, 533 (1978). Also, environmental objections that could be raised at the draft EIS stage but are not raised until after completion of the final EIS 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 EIS.

To assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering issues and concerns on the Proposed Action, comments on the draft EIS should be as specific as possible. It is also helpful if comments refer to specific pages or chapters of the draft EIS. Comments may also address the adequacy of the draft EIS 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.

The final EIS is scheduled to be available by March 2003. In the final EIS, the Forest Service is required to respond to substantive comments received during the comment period for the draft EIS. The Responsible Official is Nora Rasure, Colville National Forest Supervisor. She will decide which, if

any, of the alternatives will be implemented. Her decision and rationale for the decision will be documented in the record of decision, which will be subject to Forest Service Appeal Regulations (36 CFR part 215).

Dated: February 12, 2002.

Nora Rasure,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Upper Desolation Vegetation Recovery Projects, Umatilla National Forest, Grant County, OR

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Cancellation notice.

SUMMARY: On February 10, 2000, a Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an environmental impact statement for the Upper Desolation Vegetation Recovery Projects, was published in the **Federal Register** (65 FR 6582). Since the project proposed action has been postponed, and conditions on the ground related to fire salvage harvest have changed, the 2000 NOI is hereby rescinded.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Janel Lacey, District Planner, North Fork John Day Ranger District, P.O. Box 158, Ukiah, Oregon 97880, telephone 541-427-3231.

Dated: February 11, 2002.

Jeff Blackwood,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Siskiyou Resource Advisory Committee (RAC)

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Siskiyou Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will meet on Thursday, March 28, and Friday, March 29, 2002. Thursday's meeting will begin at 10 a.m. and conclude at approximately 5 p.m. Friday's meeting will begin at 8 a.m. and will conclude at approximately 5 p.m. The meetings will be held at the Anne Basker Auditorium, 600 NW 6th Street, Grants Pass, Oregon. The agenda for March 28 includes: (1) Review of the Title II projects; (2) Agreements of the process

for the RAC to recommend projects; (3) Recommendation of projects to be funded; (4) Election of the RAC vice-chairperson; and (5) Public Forum. The public forum will begin at 3 p.m. on Thursday. The time allotted for individual presentations during the public forum segment will be limited to 3-4 minutes (depending on the number of presenters) on both days. The agenda for Friday, March 29 includes: (1) Continuation of the projects to be recommended by the RAC; and (2) Public Forum. The public forum will begin at 11 a.m. on Friday. Written comments are encouraged, particularly if the material cannot be presented within the time limits for the public forum. Written comments may be submitted prior to the March 28 and 29 meetings by sending them to the Designated Federal Official Jack E. Williams at the address given below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Designated Federal Official Jack E. Williams; Rogue and Siskiyou national forests; P.O. Box 520, Medford, Oregon 97501; (541) 858-2200.

Dated: February 22, 2002.

Jack E. Williams,

Forest Supervisor, Rogue River and Siskiyou National Forests.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 022202A]

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Alaska License Limitation Program for Groundfish, Crab, and Scallops

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506 (c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before April 29, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Madeleine Clayton, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6086, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW,

Washington DC 20230 (or via Internet at MClayton@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Patsy A. Bearden, F/ AKR2, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668 (telephone 907-586-7008).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration is seeking renewed Paperwork Reduction Act clearance for requirements currently cleared under OMB Numbers 0648-0420 (scallops) and 0648-0334 (groundfish and crab), but proposes to merge these requirements under the latter number. These two collections of information originally were needed to make eligibility determinations to obtain a License Limitation Permit (LLP) to deploy a harvesting vessel in the king or Tanner crab fisheries in the Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands Management Area (BSAI), in the scallop fisheries, and in the directed groundfish fisheries (except for IFQ sablefish and for demersal shelf rockfish east of 140 degrees West longitude) in the GOA or the BSAI. The LLP has no expiration date; consequently, the application for eligibility was a one-time procedure. This collection now supports LLP transfer activities for crab, scallops, and groundfish, and any appeals resulting from denied actions.

II. Method of Collection

The information is submitted to respond to requirements set forth in regulations at 50 CFR part 679.4. Paper applications are required from participants, and methods of submittal include facsimile transmission or mailing of paper forms.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0334.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Individuals or households, business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 244.

Estimated Time Per Response: 1 hour for a LLP Transfer Application; and 4 hours for a LLP appeal.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 544.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$928.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information