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The EA and FONSI have been 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 1), and (4) APHIS' NEPA Implementing Procedures (7 CFR part 372).

Done in Washington, DC, this 16th day of May 2003.

Kevin Shea,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 03–051–1]

Genetically Engineered Forest and Fruit Trees; Public Meeting

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: This is to notify parties involved in those fields associated with the environmental release of genetically engineered trees, as well as other interested persons, that a public meeting will be held to provide a forum for discussion on the environmental safety, potential benefits, and risks of genetically engineered trees relative to traditional varieties. The meeting is being organized by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 8, 2003, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Wednesday, July 9, 2003, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held at the USDA Center at Riverside, 4700 River Road, Riverdale, MD.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information about the meeting or to register, contact Mr. John Cordts, Biotechnologist, BRS, APHIS, 4700

River Road Unit 147, Riverdale, MD 20737–1236; (301) 734–5531, fax: (301) 734–8669, or e-mail:

John.M.Cordts@aphis.usda.gov.

In addition, information regarding the meeting and registration is available on the Internet at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppq/biotech/>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The regulations in 7 CFR part 340, “Introduction of Organisms and Products Altered or Produced Through Genetic Engineering Which Are Plant Pests or Which There Is Reason to Believe Are Plant Pests,” (referred to below as the regulations) regulate, among other things, the introduction (importation, interstate movement, or release into the environment) of organisms and products altered or produced through genetic engineering that are plant pests or that there is reason to believe are plant pests. Such genetically engineered organisms and products are considered “regulated articles.”

Field tests of genetically engineered forest and fruit trees are currently being conducted under the regulations. In order to provide a forum for the discussion of regulatory and scientific issues related to the environmental safety, potential benefits, and risks associated with genetically engineered forest and fruit trees, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is organizing a public meeting. This public meeting is scheduled for July 8–9, 2003, and will provide an opportunity for the exchange of information between APHIS representatives, scientists with recognized expertise in fields associated with the environmental release of genetically engineered trees, and other interested persons on subjects including forest ecology, plant genetics, and weed science. Preregistration is required for all those who wish to attend the meeting. The deadline for all preregistration is Monday, June 30, 2003. Information regarding the meeting and registration instructions may be obtained from the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** or on the Internet at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppq/biotech/>.

Persons interested in making an oral presentation at the meeting should submit a brief written statement of the general views they wish to present, the name and address of each person who will participate in the presentation, and an estimate of the approximate length of time needed to make the presentation. This information should be submitted to the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** or through the

Internet address provided in that section no later than July 1, 2003. The number of oral presentations and the time allocated for each may be limited, depending upon the number of requests. Oral presentations will be recorded in the proceedings of the meeting. Persons interested in submitting written comments for inclusion in the proceedings may do so by e-mail, postal mail/commercial delivery, or fax by August 1, 2003. Send all comments to the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Please state that your comment refers to Docket No. 03–051–1. If you use e-mail, your comment must be contained in the body of your message or sent as an attachment in WordPerfect or Microsoft Word format. Please include your name and address in your message and “Docket No. 03–051–1” on the subject line.

Parking and Security Procedures

Please note that a fee of \$2.25 is required to enter the parking lot at the USDA Center at Riverside. The machine accepts \$1 bills or quarters.

Upon entering the building, visitors should inform security personnel that they are attending the Tree Biotechnology meeting. Identification is required. Security personnel will direct visitors to the sign-in tables located outside of the Conference Center. All participants must sign in upon arrival. Conference badges must be worn throughout the day.

Done in Washington, DC, this 16th day of May 2003.

Kevin Shea,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Commodity Credit Corporation

Information Collection; Farm Storage Facility Loan Program

AGENCY: Commodity Credit Corporation, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) is seeking comments from all interested individuals and organizations on the extension with revision of a currently approved information collection in support of the Farm Storage Facility Loan Program.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing on or before July 22, 2003 to be

assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: Comments concerning this notice should be addressed to Chris Kyer, Price Support Division, Farm Service Agency, United States Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., STOP 0512, Washington, DC 20250-0512, or to the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503. Comments may be also submitted by email to chris_kyer@wdc.fsa.usda.gov. Copies of the information collection may be requested by writing to Chris Kyer at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Chris Kyer, Price Support Division, Farm Service Agency, USDA, at (202) 720-7935.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Description of Information Collection

Title: Farm Storage Facility Loan Program.

OMB Control Number: 0560-0204.

Expiration Date: 1/31/04.

Type of Request: Extension with revision of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: This information is needed to administer the CCC's Farm Storage Facility Loan Program, which is covered under the regulation of 7 CFR Part 1436. The information will be gathered from producers needing additional on farm-grain storage and handling capacity to determine whether they are eligible for loans.

Estimate of Burden: Average 15 minutes per respondent.

Respondents: Eligible Producers.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2,000.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 15,700 hours.

Comment is invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request

for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Signed at Washington, DC, on May 16, 2003.

James R. Little,

Executive Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Public Meetings of the Black Hills National Forest Advisory Board

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting location change related to FEMA regulations.

SUMMARY: The Black Hills National Forest Advisory Board (NFAB) will hold meetings to become informed about Black Hills National Forest issues and to reach consensus on those issues, and then to make management recommendations to the forest supervisor about the issues. The meetings are open, and the public may attend any part of the meetings. The May 28 agenda includes a presentation on the Phase II Amendment to the Black Hills National Forest 1997 Land and Resource Management Plan.

DATES: The meetings will be held on the following dates:

Wednesday, May 28, 2003 from 1 to 6 p.m.

Friday, July 11, 2003 from 1 to 6 p.m.

Wednesday, August 20, 2003 from 1 to 6 p.m.

Wednesday, September 17, 2003 from 1 to 6 p.m.

Wednesday, October 15, 2003 from 1 to 6 p.m.

Wednesday, November 19, 2003 from 1 to 6 p.m.

ADDRESSES: *Location Change:* Due to Federal Emergency Management Agency regulations regarding meeting venues, the meetings will take place at the SDSU West River Ag Center located at 1905 Plaza Boulevard, Rapid City, SD. Please note the location change.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Frank Carroll, Black Hills National Forest, 25041 North Highway 16, Custer, SD, 57730, (605) 673-9200.

Dated: May 16, 2003.

David M. Thom,

Acting Black Hills National Forest Supervisor.

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List; Addition

AGENCY: Committee for Purchase from People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

ACTION: Addition to Procurement List.

SUMMARY: This action adds to the Procurement List a service to be furnished by a nonprofit agency employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 22, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Jefferson Plaza 2, Suite 10800, 1421 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202-3259.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sheryl D. Kennerly, (703) 603-7740.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On February 28, 2003, the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notice (68 FR 9634) of a proposed addition to the Procurement List.

Comments were received from three Native American organizations. All of them questioned the appropriateness of the Committee's program taking a service which is currently in the Small Business Administration's 8(a) Program for small disadvantaged businesses, asserting that the Committee's action affected all 8(a) contractors, particularly Tribal 8(a) contractors which have difficulty acquiring Government contracts. The commenters claimed that the Committee's program is targeting 8(a) and other small business set-aside programs, rather than going after the many other Government contracting opportunities said to exist.

The Committee's program does not target 8(a) or other small business set-aside programs when deciding what to add to the Committee's Procurement List. In fact, the Committee has long had a policy of waiting until 8(a) contractors are no longer eligible for subsequent contracts, as in the instant case, before adding supplies or services to the Procurement List. The Committee does not believe that its authority to add supplies and services to the Procurement List is subordinate to small business set-aside authorities, a conclusion which is supported by a General Accounting Office protest decision as well as the Committee's own legal analysis, so the fact that one of these set-asides was in place is not a bar to an addition to the Procurement List of suitable supplies or services. One of