

comments from industry groups. One comment was in favor of the proposed revisions of the standard and two comments were opposed.

One comment from an industry association which represents growers, packers and shippers is in favor of the proposal to amend the United States Standards for Grades of Sweet Peppers by separating the scoring and reporting of decay affecting the walls and calyxes from decay affecting the stems only. The proposed tolerances would allow decay affecting the stems only to be scored under the serious damage tolerance in all grades, and decay affecting the walls and/or calyxes shall continue to be scored under the more restrictive tolerance of two percent for decay.

AMS also received one comment from an industry group which represents receivers. The comment did not support the proposed revision to the decay tolerance. The commenter stated that all decay has a serious negative impact on the appearance and marketability of the product and requested not to change the decay tolerances. AMS also received one comment from an industry association which represents producers. The commenter proposes that decay affecting the stems and calyxes should not be scored against any grade, and should only be noted on the inspectors' notesheet and not reported on the certificate. AMS has reviewed stem decay affecting various commodities and believes the proposed changes would bring sweet peppers in line with other grade standards with regards to stem decay. Decay affecting the stem only does not affect the edible portion of the pepper, and does not affect the marketability to the same degree as decay affecting the walls and/or calyx. AMS believes a revision to the decay tolerance is warranted to better serve the industry.

Further, AMS requested comments on the use of color terms "chocolate" and "suntan" which are trade terms used by the industry to describe the color of some peppers. AMS received one comment regarding trade terms for color. The comment does not support including the industry terms into the grade standards. The commenter believes the use of such terms will result in a dispute over nearly every shipment. In view of the above, AMS does not recommend inclusion of such trade terms into the existing grade standard.

AMS received one comment requesting the grade standards designate how hybrid varieties which turn several colors should be scored. Currently the standard allows characteristic color other than green to be specified in

connection with the grade.

Additionally, when peppers fail to meet the color requirements of the grade for green lots or specified color, they are designated as Mixed Color. Current marketing practices for specialty packs which include mixed colors and/or types of sweet peppers would not meet the similar varietal characteristic requirements for all grades in the standards. Accordingly, AMS is proposing to amend the similar varietal requirement to allow mixed colors and/or types of sweet peppers when designated as a mixed or specialty pack.

AMS requested comments on industry terms for size based on 1½ bushel containers. As a result, AMS received one comment in favor of developing size requirements. The commenter requested that a requirement for fairly uniform be added to the standard. This would require that sweet peppers could not exceed ½ inch in diameter variance within containers and the diameter of peppers should not exceed the length of the pepper, otherwise the pepper is misshapen. AMS believes these requirements would be too restricting and would cause confusion by combining fairly uniform with shape requirements. The commenter also requested size definitions (small, medium, large, extra large and jumbo) for peppers packed in 1½ bushel containers which are based on a count per container, as well as minimum diameters for each category. The size classifications requested did not represent all ranges between size classifications and included minimum diameters which do not meet the current minimum diameters for the U.S. Fancy and U.S. No. 1 grades. These terms would not be applicable to 11, 15 and 25 pound containers which are commonly used in today's market.

Further, the commenter requested marking requirements which would require all cartons to be clearly marked by count and/or size, and establish the size of a standard box, however, the comment did not recommend a standard size box. The current standard contains three grades. The U.S. Fancy and U.S. No. 1 grades contain minimum length and diameter requirements. Additionally, inspections of sweet peppers may be based on specified size and count per container or other contract specifications upon request. AMS believes it would be impractical to apply such requirements due to the various varietal characteristics of sweet peppers regarding shape and size, and the lack of a standardized container.

AMS proposes to eliminate the unclassified category. This section is not

a grade and only serves to show that no grade has been applied to the lot. Since this designation is rarely used and may create some confusion in the marketplace, it should be discontinued.

The official grade of a lot of sweet peppers covered by these standards are determined by the procedures set forth in the Regulations Governing Inspection, Certification, and Standards of Fresh Fruits, Vegetables and Other Products (Sec. 51.1 to 51.61).

This notice provides for a 60-day comment period for interested parties to comment on changes to the standards.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 1621–1627.

Dated: March 7, 2005.

Kenneth C. Clayton,

Acting Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

New Mexico Collaborative Forest Restoration Program Technical Advisory Panel

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The New Mexico Collaborative Forest Restoration Program Technical Advisory Panel will meet in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The purpose of the meeting is to provide recommendations to the Register Forest, USDA Forest Service Southwestern Region, on which forest restoration grant proposals submitted in response to the Collaborative Forest Restoration Program Request For Proposals best meet the objectives of the Community Forest Restoration Act (Title VI, Pub. L. 106–393).

DATES: The meeting will be held April 25–29, 2005, beginning at 1 p.m. on Monday, April 25 and ending at approximately 4 p.m. on Friday, April 29.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Nativo Lodge, 6000 Pan American Freeway NE., Albuquerque, NM 87109, (505) 798–4300. Written comments should be sent to Walter Dunn, at the Cooperative and International Forestry Staff, USDA Forest Service, 333 Broadway SE., Albuquerque, NM 87102. Comments may also be sent via e-mail to wdunn@fs.fed.us, or via facsimile to Walter Dunn at (505) 842–3165.

All comments, including names and address when provided, are place in the record and are available for public inspection and copying. The public may

inspect comments received at the Cooperative and International Forestry Staff, USDA Forest Service, 333 Broadway SE., Albuquerque, or during the Panel meeting at the Nativo Lodge, 6000 Pan American Freeway NE., Albuquerque, NM.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Walter Dunn, Designated Federal Official, at (505) 842-3425, Elaine Waterbury, at (505) 842-3881, or Angela Sandoval, at (505) 842-3289. Cooperative and International Forestry Staff, USDA Forest Service, 333 Broadway SE., Albuquerque, NM 87102.

Individuals who use telecommunications devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., eastern standard time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public. Panel discussion is limited to Forest Service staff and Panel members. However, project proponents may respond to questions of clarification from Panel members or Forest Service staff. Persons who wish to bring Collaborative Forest Restoration Program grant proposal review matters to the attention of the Panel may file written statements with the Panel staff before or after the meeting. Public input sessions will be provided and individuals who submitted written statements prior to the public input sessions will have the opportunity to address the Panel at those sessions.

Dated: March 4, 2005.

Lucai M. Turner,

Deputy Regional Forester.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Glenn/Colusa County Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Glenn/Colusa County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will meet in Willows, California. Agenda items to be covered include: (1) introductions, (2) approval of minutes, (3) public comment, (4) project proposal/possible action, (5) Web site update, (6) national RAC meeting, (7) general discussion, (8) next agenda.

DATES: The meeting will be held on March 28, 2005, from 1:30 p.m. and end at approximately 4:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Mendocino National Forest Supervisor's Office, 825 N. Humboldt Ave., Willows, CA 95988. Individuals wishing to speak or propose agenda items must send their names and proposals to Jim Giachino, DFO, 825 N. Humboldt Ave., Willows, CA 95988.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Bobbin Gaddini, Committee Coordinator, USDA, Mendocino National Forest, Grindstone Ranger District, P.O. Box 164, Elk Creek, CA 95939. (530) 968-1815; e-mail ggaddini@fs.fed.us.

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 matters to the attention of the Committee may file written statements with the Committee staff before or after the meeting. Public input sessions will be provided and individuals who made written requests by March 25, 2005, will have the opportunity to address the committee at those sessions.

Dated: March 7, 2005.

James Barry,

Acting Designated Federal Official.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Alpine County, CA, Resource Advisory Committee (RAC)

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the authorities in the Federal Advisory Committees Act (Pub. L. 92-463) and under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-393) the Alpine County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will meet on Monday, April 25, at 18:00 at the Diamond Valley School for business meetings. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss issues relating to implementing the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (Payment to States) and expenditure of Title II funds. The meetings are open to the public.

DATES: Monday, April 25, 2005, at 18:00 hours.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Diamond Valley School, 35 Hawkside Drive, Markleeville, California 96120. Send written comments to Franklin Pemberton,

Alpine County RAC coordinator, c/o USDA Forest Service, Humboldt-Toiyabe N.F., Carson Ranger District 1536 So. Carson Street, Carson City, NV 89701.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Alpine Co. RAC Coordinator, Frank Pemberton at (775)-884-8150; or Gary Schiff, Carson District Ranger and Designated Federal Officer, at (775)-884-8100, or electronically to fpemberton@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Meeting is open to the public. Council discussion is limited to Forest Service staff and Council members. However, persons who wish to bring urban and community forestry matters to the attention of the council may file written statements with the Council staff before and after the meeting.

Dated: January 29, 2005.

Robert L. Vaught,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended), the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) invites comments on this information collection for which RUS intends to request approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by May 10, 2005.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- E-mail: RUSComments@usda.gov. Include in the subject line of the message "0572-0051." The e-mail must identify, in the text of the message, the name of the individual (and name of the entity if applicable) who is submitting the comment.

- Mail: Addressed to Richard Annan, Director, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, Rural Utilities Service, United States Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., STOP 1522, Washington, DC 20250-1522.

- Hand Delivery/Courier: Addressed to Richard Annan, Director, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis,