

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) Reduce stream sediment (*i.e.* reduce road densities and control erosion sources on roads to be retained, especially in RHCAs) and remove barriers to fish passage and other aquatic organisms to allow for unrestricted access to historic habitats; (2) restore white pine and larch (regeneration harvest), improve stand vigor (commercial thinning), and start the trend to improve species diversity and balance vegetative successional stages across the landscape to create stand conditions that are resilient and allow for rapid recovery after disturbances; and (3) promote a trend in the balance of successional stages toward the historical range and promote a trend towards increased wildlife security.

The Proposed Action would address improvements to the area's watershed, vegetation, and wildlife habitat. Watershed improvements include: (1) Decommissioning 6 miles of system roads and 65 miles of non-system roads; (2) improving and/or reconstructing up to 5 miles of existing roads to fix erosion problems; and (3) replacing 40 undersized culverts.

Up to 30 miles of existing roads would need improvement or reconstruction, up to 60 miles of existing roads would need reconditioning; all for logging access. No new road construction is anticipated at this time. Opportunities for precommercial thinning will be identified later in the process.

Improvements to wildlife habitat would include (1) conducting vegetation treatments to promote better successional stage balance. This action would correspond directly to the proposed commercial thinning and regeneration harvest activities; (2) restricting road access (closed to all vehicles year round) on 14.5 miles of existing roads to improve elk security. Proposed access restrictions are a result of a Road and Trail Analysis being completed for this project; and (3) designating additional stands for management as mature and old growth forest habitats.

Possible Alternatives the Forest Service will analyze include a "no action" alternative in which none of the proposed activities would be implemented. Additional alternatives that meet the project purpose and need

may be considered in response to issues raised by the public during scoping.

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 Douglas Gober, District Ranger, North Fork Ranger District, 12730 Highway 12, Orofino, ID 83844.

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 October 2010.

Preliminary Issues identified that could be affected by proposed activities include: Air quality, economic feasibility, fish habitat, heritage resources, old growth habitat, soil productivity, spread of noxious weeds, threatened/endangered/sensitive and management indicator species of wildlife and plants, tribal treaty rights, water quality, and wildlife habitat.

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 Clearwater National Forest publishes a legal notice in the Lewiston Morning Tribune (Lewiston, Idaho), the Forest's paper of record. A notice of availability will also be published 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: January 4, 2010.

**Rick Brazell,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. FSIS-2009-0037]

#### **Codex Alimentarius Commission: Meeting of the Codex Committee on Milk and Milk Products**

**AGENCY:** Office for Food Safety, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Office for Food Safety, and the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), are sponsoring a public meeting on January 13, 2010. The objective of the public meeting is to provide information and receive public comments on agenda items and draft United States positions that will be discussed at the 9th Session of the Codex Committee on Milk and Milk Products (CCMMP) of the Codex

Alimentarius Commission (Codex), which will be held in Auckland, New Zealand, February 1–5, 2010. The Deputy Under Secretary for Food Safety and the AMS recognize the importance of providing interested parties the opportunity to obtain background information on the 9th Session of the CCMMP and to address items on the agenda.

**DATES:** The public meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 13, 2010, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The public meeting will be held in Room 3074, South Agriculture Building, USDA, 14th Street and Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250. Documents related to the 9th Session of the CCMMP will be accessible via the World Wide Web at the following address: <http://www.codexalimentarius.net/current.asp>.

The U.S. Delegate to the 9th Session of the CCMMP, Duane R. Spomer, AMS, invites interested U.S. parties to submit their comments electronically to the following e-mail address: [Susan.Sausville@ams.usda.gov](mailto:Susan.Sausville@ams.usda.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Susan M. Sausville, Chief, AMS, Dairy Standardization; Telephone: (202) 720–9382; Fax: (202) 720–2643; e-mail: [Susan.Sausville@ams.usda.gov](mailto:Susan.Sausville@ams.usda.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

Codex was established in 1963 by two United Nations organizations, the Food and Agriculture Organization and the World Health Organization. Through adoption of food standards, codes of practice, and other guidelines developed by its committees, and by promoting their adoption and implementation by governments, Codex seeks to protect the health of consumers and ensure that fair practices are used in trade.

The CCMMP was established to elaborate codes and standards for milk and milk products. The CCMMP is hosted by the Government of New Zealand.

##### Issues To Be Discussed at the Public Meeting

The following items on the agenda for the 9th Session of the CCMMP will be discussed during the public meeting:

1. Matters Referred by the Codex and other Codex committees and task forces.
2. Draft Amendment to the *Codex Standard for Fermented Milks* (CODEX STAN 243–2003) pertaining to drinks based on fermented milk.

3. Report of the working group on the proposed draft standard for processed cheese.

4. Maximum levels for annatto extracts in Codex standards for milk and milk products.

5. Report of the International Dairy Federation and the International Organization for Standardization Working Group on Methods of Analysis and Sampling for Milk and Milk Products.

6. Inconsistent presentation of food additive provisions in Codex standards for milk and milk products.

7. Consistency of the *Model Export Certificate for Milk and Milk Products* with the *Generic Model Official Certificate (Annex to the Guidelines for Design, Production, Issuance and Use of Generic Official Certificates)*.

Each issue listed will be fully described in documents distributed, or to be distributed, by the Secretariat prior to the meeting. Members of the public may access these documents (see **ADDRESSES**)

##### Public Meeting

At the January 13, 2010 public meeting, draft United States positions on the agenda items will be described and discussed, and attendees will have the opportunity to pose questions and offer comments. Written comments may be offered at the meeting or sent to Susan Sausville (see **ADDRESSES**.) Written comments should state that they relate to activities of the 9th Session of the CCMMP.

##### Additional Public Notification

Public awareness of all segments of rulemaking and policy development is important. Consequently, in an effort to ensure that minorities, women, and persons with disabilities are aware of this notice, FSIS will announce it online through the FSIS Web page located at [http://www.fsis.usda.gov/regulations/2009\\_Notices\\_Index/](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/regulations/2009_Notices_Index/).

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FSIS is able to provide information to a much broader and more diverse audience. In addition, FSIS offers an electronic mail subscription service which provides automatic and customized access to selected food safety news and information. This service is available at [http://www.fsis.usda.gov/news\\_and\\_events/email\\_subscription/](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/news_and_events/email_subscription/). Options range from recalls to export information to regulations, directives and notices. Customers can add or delete subscriptions themselves, and have the option to password protect their accounts.

Done at Washington, DC, on January 5, 2010.

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## CHEMICAL SAFETY AND HAZARD INVESTIGATION BOARD

### Senior Executive Service Performance Review Board

**AGENCY:** Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a change in the membership of the Senior Executive Service Performance Review Board for the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board (CSB).

**DATES:** Effective January 8, 2010.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Christopher Kirkpatrick, Office of General Counsel, (202) 261–7600.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** 5 U.S.C. 4314(c)(1) requires each agency to establish, in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Office of Personnel Management, a performance review board (PRB). The PRB reviews initial performance ratings of members of the Senior Executive Service (SES) and makes recommendations as to final annual performance ratings for senior executives. Because the CSB is a small independent Federal agency, the SES members of the CSB's PRB are drawn from other Federal agencies.

The Chairperson of the CSB has appointed the following individual to the CSB Senior Executive Service Performance Review Board:

PRB Member—Gary L. Halbert, General Counsel, National Transportation Safety Board.

Mr. Halbert replaces Curtis Bowling (Director of Environmental Readiness and Safety, Office of the Secretary of Defense/Chairman, Department of