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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Research, Education, and Economics; Notice of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board Meeting

AGENCY: Research, Education, and Economics, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. No. 92-463), the United States Department of Agriculture announces a meeting of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board, which represents 30 constituent categories, as specified in section 802 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (Pub. L. No. 104-127), has scheduled a meeting on August 4-5, 1997, in Washington, D.C. The meeting agenda includes: a report on the findings of the National Stakeholder Symposium held March 25, 1997, in Washington, D.C.; and the Columbus, Ohio, Listening Session held on July 17, 1997; a report from the "Strategic Planning Task Force" for agricultural facilities; recommendations to improve public communication and education programs in USDA; and the Board's recommendations on operational procedures and for long-term agenda items. The Advisory Board will also discuss the status of the USDA Research, Education, and Extension Research Title reauthorization, USDA Budget, Research Education, and Economics Strategic and Annual Performance Plans as required under Government Performance and Results Act of 1993, and will begin relevance review of the Fund for Rural America project portfolio. The Advisory Board's Executive Committee, REE Strategic

Plan Working Group, and Performance Assessment and Public Education Working Group will provide progress reports to the Advisory Board. Invited speakers include a representative of the Civil Rights Action Team to highlight recommendations in the USDA's 1997 Civil Rights Report and the Chief Scientist of the USDA National Research Initiative and Competitive Research Grants Program. A special meeting of the Performance Assessment and Public Education Working group will be held following the Advisory Board meeting from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on August 5, for informal discussion with USDA Communications Officials on communicating with the public.

DATES: August 4, 1997, 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.; and August 5, 1997, 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and (Special Meeting) 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

PLACE: Channel Inn, Captains Room, 650 Waterfront Street, SW., Washington, DC.

TYPE OF MEETING: Open to the public.

COMMENTS: The public may file written comments before or after the meeting with the contact person listed below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Deborah Hanfman, Executive Director, National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board, Research, Education, and Economics Advisory Board Office, Room 3918 South, U.S. Department of Agriculture, STOP: 2255, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-2255. Telephone: 202-720-3684 Fax: 202-720-6199.

Done at Washington, D.C. this 28th day of July 1997.

Catherine E. Woteki,

Acting Under Secretary, Research, Education, and Economics.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Willamette Provincial Interagency Executive Committee (PIEC), Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Willamette PIEC Advisory Committee will meet on

Thursday, August 21, 1997. The meeting will be held at the Oregon State University LaSalle Stewart Conference Center, Agricultural Sciences meeting room; Corvallis, Oregon 97301; phone (541) 737-2402. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m., and will conclude at approximately 4:00 p.m. The agenda includes: Three panels discussing various aspects of municipal watersheds and their management in the Willamette Province. The panels will include: municipal water providers, hydrologists and other scientists, and natural resource managers. The agenda will also include a 30 minute presentation on the area control method of timber scheduling.

The public forum is tentatively scheduled to begin at 3:00 p.m. Time allotted for individual presentations will be limited to 3 minutes. Written comments are encouraged. Written comments may be submitted prior to the meeting by sending them to Designated Federal Official Neal Forrester at the address given below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

For more information regarding this meeting, contact Designated Federal Official Neal Forrester; Willamette National Forest, 211 East Seventh Avenue; Eugene, Oregon 97401; (541) 465-6924.

Dated: July 28, 1997.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

Designations for the Denver (CO) and East Indiana (IN) Areas

AGENCY: Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: GIPSA announces the designation of Denver Grain Inspection (Denver) and East Indiana Grain Inspection, Inc. (East Indiana), to provide official services under the United States Grain Standards Act, as amended (Act).

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 1997.