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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Foreign Agricultural Service

Foreign Market Development Cooperator Program—FY 1998 Program Announcement Extension

AGENCY: Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice extends the application deadline for participation in the Foreign Market Development Cooperator (Cooperator) Program for Fiscal Year 1998 and permits facsimile applications.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Foreign Agricultural Service, Marketing Operations Staff, STOP 1042, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-1042.

A **Federal Register** notice published July 14, 1997 (62 FR 37539) announced the Cooperator Program for Fiscal Year 1998 and set forth an application deadline of August 13, 1997. The deadline for submission of applications for the 1998 Cooperator Program is hereby extended to August 25, 1997 due to the disruption of parcel delivery services. Applications may be submitted by facsimile, hand delivered, or sent by postal delivery and must now be received by 5 p.m. Eastern Daylight Savings Time, August 25, 1997 at the following:

Facsimile: Director, Marketing Operations Staff on (202) 720-9361;

Hand Delivery (including Federal Express, DHL, etc.): U.S. Department of Agriculture, Foreign Agricultural Service, Marketing Operations Staff, Room 4932-S, 14th and Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-1042;

U.S. Postal Delivery: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Marketing Operations Staff, STOP 1042, 1400 Independence

Ave., S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-1042.

For more detailed information regarding the application process or other terms and requirements of the Cooperator Program, contact the Marketing Operations Staff, FAS, USDA at the address above or telephone (202) 720-4327. Comments regarding the conduct of the Cooperator Program may be directed to either address as applicable.

All applications submitted by hand delivery or U.S. Postal Delivery should be submitted in triplicate (an original and two copies). Applicants submitting facsimile applications are requested to promptly submit an original and two copies by hand delivery or U.S. Postal Delivery.

Signed at Washington, DC, on August 12, 1997.

Timothy J. Galvin,

Acting Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Plum Creek Access Requests Within the Green River Drainage, Mt. Baker- Snoqualmie National Forest, King County, Washington

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 Plum Creek Timber Company's (Plum Creek) application to acquire easements which allow the construction and maintenance of roads across portions of the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest in King County in the State of Washington. The easements will access to Plum Creek parcels that are intermingled with National Forest System lands and that are not currently served by roads. The EIS will address Plum Creek proposals to build roads to eight separate parcels of company lands.

Requirements of the access authorized in the Record of Decision will be consistent with the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (LRPM) (as

amended in April 1994), which provides guidance for all land management activities on the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest

The Forest Service invites written comments and suggestions on the issues for the proposed project.

DATES: Comments concerning the scope of this analysis should be received in writing by September 19, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Dennis Bschor, Forest Supervisor, 21905 64th Avenue West, Mountlake Terrace, Washington 98043, Attention: Plum Creek Access Requests.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lloyd Johnson, Realty Specialist, North Bend Ranger District, 42404 Southeast North Bend Way, North Bend, Washington 98045. Phone: 425-888-1421.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Plum Creek owns lands which are intermingled with National Forest System lands in the Green River Watershed, North Bend District, Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest. Some of the parcels that Plum Creek owns and wishes to manage for timber are not served by existing roads. Access to these parcels via roads necessitates crossing National Forest System lands. Because Plum Creek's purpose for requesting access is to harvest timber and to conduct forest management activities, consistent with a 50-year Habitat Conservation Plan for Plum Creek lands, the company has specifically requested permanent easements from the Forest Service to construct and maintain permanent roads for access to Plum Creek lands. Under Section 1323 of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act of 1980 (Pub. L. 96-487, 94 Stat. 2371; 16 U.S.C. 3210), the United States shall provide access to nonfederal lands within national forest boundaries, as deemed adequate to secure to the owner the reasonable use and enjoyment of those lands, subject to the rules and regulations applicable to ingress and egress to or from the National Forest System.

Depending on specific road location alternatives, the road projects are likely to range from about 0.25 to 2.5 miles in length. For this analysis, it is assumed that a 66-foot-wide right-of-way (ROW) would be established for each road corridor and that vegetation clearing would only occur within this ROW.