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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 98-047-1]

#### Secretary's Advisory Committee on Foreign Animal and Poultry Diseases; Meeting

**AGENCY:** Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** We are giving notice of a meeting of the Secretary's Advisory Committee on Foreign Animal and Poultry Diseases.

**PLACE, DATES, AND TIME OF MEETING:** The meeting will be held in Training Rooms 3 and 4 of the USDA Center at Riverside, 4700 River Road, Riverdale, MD 20737. Sessions will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on May 5-6, 1998, and from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. on May 7, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Quita Bowman, Senior Staff Veterinarian, Emergency Programs Staff, VS, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 41, Riverdale, MD 20737-1231, (301) 734-8073; or e-mail: qbowman@aphis.usda.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Secretary's Advisory Committee on Foreign Animal and Poultry Diseases (the Committee) advises the Secretary of Agriculture on actions necessary to prevent the introduction of foreign diseases of livestock and poultry into the United States. In addition, the Committee advises the Secretary on contingency planning and on maintaining a state of preparedness to deal with these diseases, if introduced.

The meeting will focus on the U.S. animal health emergency management system and the foreign animal disease situation worldwide and its relevance to the United States. The meeting will be open to the public. However, due to the time constraints, the public will not be

allowed to participate in the Committee's discussions. Written statements on meeting topics may be filed with the Committee before or after the meeting by sending them to Dr. Quita Bowman at the address listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Written comments may also be filed at the time of the meeting. Please refer to Docket No. 98-047-1 when submitting your comments.

This notice of meeting is given pursuant to section 10 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

Done in Washington, DC, this 15th day of April 1998.

**Charles P. Schwalbe,**

*Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### East Beaver Creek Timber Sale and Prescribed Burning Project, Targhee National Forest, Clark County, ID

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare environmental impact statement.

**SUMMARY:** The Forest Supervisor of the Targhee National Forest gives notice of the agency's intent to prepare an environmental impact statement for the East Beaver Creek Timber Sale and Prescribed Burning Project. The proposed action would harvest 4.0 million feet of timber from 1,231 acres and prescribe burn 2,220 acres with 518 acres of the burning in the timber sale harvest units. The remaining 1,702 acres of burning would be in nonforest types. Two miles of temporary roads would be built and 2.6 miles of existing roads reconstructed. East Beaver Creek is located approximately 15 miles northeast of Dubois, Idaho. Alternatives will include the proposed action, no action, and any alternatives that respond to significant issues generated during the scoping process. A more detailed description is available from the Dubois Ranger District; see **ADDRESSES** below.

**DATES:** Send written comments and suggestions on the issues concerning the proposed action by May 15, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments to Clarence M. Murdock, District Ranger, Dubois Ranger District, P.O. Box 46, Dubois, ID 83423.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John Councilman, Interdisciplinary Team Leader, phone (208) 558-7301.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Targhee National Forest Revised Land Management Plan was approved in 1997. One of the decisions in the Revised Plan was to allow for the production and utilization of wood fiber from certain areas of the Forest. The geographic area where the proposed action would take place has primarily a prescription of timber management with emphasis on big game security (5.1.4b). Prescriptions for other lands in the area are described below.

**Aquatic Influence Zones (2.8.3)—** Management emphasis is directed at the application of ecological knowledge to restore and maintain the health of these areas in ways that also produce desired resource values, products, protection, restoration, enhancement, interpretation, and appreciation of these areas.

**Visual Quality Maintenance (2.1.2)—** This prescription emphasizes maintaining the existing visual quality within major travel corridors with quality natural vistas, while allowing livestock production, and other compatible commodity outputs. There is no scheduled timber harvesting. No scheduled harvests means timber removed from these areas does not contribute toward the Forests annual allowable sale quantity.

Initial public involvement will include mailing maps and a project description to interested parties to solicit comments on the proposal. Preliminary issues include: water quality, fisheries, elk habitat, and motorized access by the public.

Additional opportunity to comment on the project will occur on the draft Environmental Impact Statement (draft EIS). The draft EIS is expected to be filed with the Environmental Protection Agency and available for public review in August 1998.

The comment period on the draft EIS will be 45 days from the date the Environmental Protection Agency's notice of availability appears in the **Federal Register**. At the same time, copies of the draft EIS will be distributed to interested and affected