

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 14,032 hours.

Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments should reference this docket number and the appropriate marketing order, and be mailed to the Docket Clerk, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, AMS, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., STOP 0237, room 2525-S, Washington, DC 20250-0237; Fax: (202) 720-8938; or E-mail: moab.docketclerk@usda.gov. Comments should also reference the date and page number of this issue of the **Federal Register**. All comments received will be available for public inspection in the Office of the Docket Clerk during regular USDA business hours, or can be viewed at: <http://www.ams.usda.gov/fv/moab.html>.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Dated: December 9, 2003.

A.J. Yates,

Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Docket Number FV-04-304]

United States Standards for Grades of Mangos

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), prior to undertaking research and other work associated with creating an official grade standard, is soliciting comments on the petition to create the United States Standards for

Grades of Mangos. At a recent meeting of the Fruit and Vegetable Industry Advisory Committee, AMS was asked to review all the fresh fruit and vegetable grade standards for usefulness in serving the industry and identify commodities that may be better served if a grade standard was developed. As a result, AMS has noted that the industry is interested in the creation of U.S. Standards for Grades of Mangos.

DATES: Comments must be received by February 17, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments to the Standardization Section, Fresh Products Branch, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Room 1661, South Building, Stop 0240, Washington, DC 20250-0240, fax (202) 720-8871, e-mail FPB.DocketClerk@usda.gov. Comments should make reference to the dates and page number of this issue of the **Federal Register** and will be made available for public inspection in the above office during regular business hours.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David L. Priester, at the above address or call (202) 720-2185, e-mail David.Priester@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

At a recent meeting of the Fruit and Vegetable Industry Advisory Committee, AMS was asked to review all the fresh fruit and vegetable grade standards for usefulness in serving the industry and identify commodities that may be better served if a grade standard was developed. During the standards review, AMS noted that several industry members requested AMS develop a grade standard for mangos. In conjunction with industry interest in the development of a grade standard for mangos, AMS has also identified mangos as a possible commodity for the development of a grade standard. This standard could contain sections pertaining to grades, size classifications, color requirements, tolerances, application of tolerances, pack requirements, definitions, and other relevant and necessary provisions. Prior to undertaking detailed work to develop a proposed standard, AMS is soliciting comments on the possible development of U.S. standards for grades of mangos and the probable impact on growers, processors, and distributors.

This notice provides for a 60-day comment period for interested parties to comment on the development of the standards. Should AMS conclude that there is a need for the development of the standards, a proposed standard will

be published in the **Federal Register** with a request for comments in accordance with 7 CFR part 36.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 1621-1627.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

18 Fire Recovery Project, Deschutes National Forest, Deschutes County, OR

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

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

SUMMARY: The USDA, Forest Service, will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) on a proposed action to salvage dead and severely damaged trees, and plant trees and other vegetation to assist in the restoration of the area burned in the 18 Fire on the Bend/Fort Rock Ranger District of the Deschutes National Forest. The 18 Fire, located about 3.5 miles southeast of Bend, Oregon, burned approximately 3,810 acres, outside of the range of the northern spotted owl, entirely on National Forest System lands. The alternatives will include the proposed action, no action, and additional alternatives that respond to issues generated during the scoping process. The agency will give notice of the full environmental analysis and decision making process so interested and affected people may participate and contribute to the final decision.

DATES: Comments concerning the scope of the analysis must be received by January 16, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Walter C. Schloer, Jr., District Ranger, Bend/Fort Rock Ranger District, 1230 NE. Third Street, Suite 262A, Bend, Oregon 97701.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark Macfarlane, Environmental Coordinator, 1230 NE. Third Street, Suite 262A, Bend, Oregon 97701. Phone: 541-383-4769. E-mail: mamacfarlane@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Purpose and Need.* An estimated 76 percent of the fire occurred within the Deer Habitat Management Area of the Deschutes National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan). The remaining portion of the fire burned within the General Forest (23 percent)