DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Tehama County Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Tehama County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will meet in Red Bluff, California. Agenda items to be covered include: (1) Introductions, (2) Approval of Minutes, (3) Public Comment, (4) Chairman’s Perspective, (5) Project Presentations, (6) Next Agenda.

DATES: The meeting will be held on April 22, 2010 from 9 a.m. and end at approximately 12 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Lincoln Street School, Pine Room, 1135 Lincoln Street, Red Bluff, CA. Individuals wishing to speak or propose agenda items must send their names and proposals to Randy Jero, Committee Coordinator, 825 N. Humboldt Ave., Willows, CA 95988.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Randy Jero, Committee Coordinator, USDA, Mendocino National Forest, Grindstone Ranger District, 825 N. Humboldt Ave., Willows, CA 95988; (530) 934-1269; e-mail rjero@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public. Committee discussion is limited to Forest Service staff and Committee members. However, persons who wish to bring matters to the attention of the Committee may file written statements with the Committee staff before or after the meeting. Public input sessions will be provided and individuals who made written requests by April 19, 2010 will have the opportunity to address the Committee at those sessions.


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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Julia Faith Rivera, Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests, (928) 333-4301.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public and opportunity for public input will be provided. Committee discussion is limited to Forest Service staff and Committee members. However, persons who wish to bring PL 110-343 related matters to the attention of the Committee may file written statements with the Committee staff before or after the meeting.


Eduardo Olmedo,
Designated Federal Official.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

South Central Idaho Resource Advisory Council

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The South Central Idaho RAC will meet in Jerome, Idaho. The committee is meeting as authorized under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (Pub. L. 110-343) and in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss with the County Commissioners and Sawtooth National Forest District Rangers operating principles and project proposals.

DATES: The meeting will be held May 17, 2010 from 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at The Idaho Fish and Game Regional Office, 319 S 417 E, Hwy 93 Business Park, Jerome, Idaho 83338. Written comments should be sent to Sawtooth National Forest, Attn: Julie Thomas, 2647 Kimberly Road East, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301. Comments may also be sent via e-mail to jathomas@fs.fed.us, or via facsimile to 208-737-3236.

All comments, including names and addresses when provided, are placed in the record and are available for public inspection and copying. The public may inspect comments received at The Sawtooth National Forest Supervisors Office at 2647 Kimberly Road East, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead to 208-737-3200 to facilitate entry into the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Julie Thomas, Designated Federal Official, Sawtooth National Forest, 208-737-3200.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public. The following business will be conducted: This Resource Advisory Council meeting will specifically deal with Operating principles and project proposals that the RAC will use to implement the business of the RAC. The agenda for the meeting can be found at http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/sawtooth/.

Persons who wish to bring related matters to the attention of the Committee may file written statements with the Committee staff before or after the meeting. Public input sessions will be provided and individuals who made written requests by May 10, 2010 will have the opportunity to address the Committee at those sessions.

Dated: April 1, 2010.

Julie Thomas,
Designated Federal Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Commodity Credit Corporation

Wetlands Reserve Enhancement Program

AGENCY: Commodity Credit Corporation and Natural Resources Conservation Service, Department of Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice of availability of program funds.

SUMMARY: The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), on behalf of the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC), announces that a minimum of $25 million in financial assistance will be made available in fiscal year (FY) 2010 for the Wetlands Reserve Enhancement Program (WREP) throughout the United States to eligible landowners.

Under WREP, NRCS enters into agreements with eligible partners to help enhance conservation outcomes on wetlands and adjacent lands. WREP targets and leverages resources to carry out high priority wetland protection, restoration, and enhancement activities and improve wildlife habitat through agreements with States (including a political subdivision or agency of a State), nongovernmental organizations, and Indian tribes. This notice is to
solicit proposals from potential partners who seek to enter into agreements with NRCS under this authority and to inform landowners of the potential availability of program funds through approved projects.

DATES: Effective Date: The notice of request is effective April 9, 2010. Eligible partners may submit proposals to the NRCS State office by mail or via courier.

- By mail: Proposals must be postmarked by May 24, 2010.
- By courier or hand delivery: Proposals must be delivered by May 24, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Written proposals for projects geographically located within a State should be sent to the appropriate NRCS State Conservationist, whose names and addresses are identified as an attachment to this notice. Written proposals for multi-State projects are to be sent to the NRCS State Conservationist of the State in which the majority of the proposed project area resides. All proposals hand-delivered by courier will be accepted between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., local time, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Note: Proposals submitted via fax, e-mail, through the grants.gov Web site, or after the deadline date listed in this notice will not be considered.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Garry Lee, Acting Director, Easement Programs Division, Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 6819 South Building, Washington, DC 20250, Telephone: (202) 720–0907 or Fax: (202) 720–9689.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Section 2206 of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (2008 Act) establishes the WREP by amending section 1237(a) of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3837a(h)). The Secretary of Agriculture delegated authority for WREP to the Chief of NRCS, who is Vice President of the CCC.

Availability of Funding

Effective upon publication of this notice, NRCS, on behalf of CCC, announces that a minimum of $25 million of financial assistance funds is available to accept high quality proposals under WREP in FY 2010. Under WREP, NRCS enters into agreements with eligible State and local governments, Indian tribes, and nongovernmental organizations. The reserve rights pilot of WREP (7 CFR 1467.9(b)) is implemented separately, and funds for the pilot are made available through the normal Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP) allocation process. NRCS will announce, at the State level, when a pilot area has been selected for the reserved rights pilot and will provide enrollment information to landowners at that time.

Overview

WREP is a voluntary conservation program which is a component of WRP. WREP leverages resources of eligible partners to provide financial and technical assistance to eligible landowners to protect, restore, and enhance high priority wetlands and improve wildlife habitat. WREP partners are required to contribute a financial match of at least 5 percent of the acquisition or restoration costs toward the project. Proposals which include additional partner resources will be given higher priority consideration in the selection process. Contributions provided by the partners to achieve additional points can be in the form of technical or financial assistance for the protection, restoration, and enhancement of the wetland. They can also be used for management and monitoring activities. These contributions can be in-kind services or cash.

WREP financial and technical assistance is delivered to eligible landowners in approved project areas through easement acquisition, conservation program contracts, cooperative agreements, contribution agreements, or Federal contracts.

Restoration may be achieved through payments to other parties who conduct the restoration activities. Only States and local units of government, Indian tribes, and nongovernmental organizations are eligible to submit a proposal and enter into agreements with NRCS. A nongovernmental organization is an organization described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. Individual landowners may not submit WREP proposals through this submission process. However, once a WREP project has been approved and announced, eligible landowners may apply for WREP through their local NRCS office. As part of the agreement, approved partners may also help facilitate the submission of landowner applications, provide additional technical or financial assistance to landowners, and provide other resources as defined in the agreement.

Written proposals are to be submitted by eligible partners, and project evaluation will be based upon a competitive process and the criteria established in this notice. Potential partners may submit WREP proposals for an individual landowner project, watershed, or geographic area to the appropriate State Conservationist. Once NRCS selects a partner’s proposal, landowners within the selected project area may submit an application directly to NRCS for participation in WRP.

Individual landowner applications will be evaluated and ranked among other applicants in the watershed or geographic project area, when applicable, to ensure that the properties selected for funding will achieve project objectives. Wetland restoration and enhancement actions will be designed to maximize wildlife habitat values and water quality according to the WRP regulation, 7 CFR part 1467, and NRCS standards and specifications. Proposals must conform to the WRP guidelines for restoration and management of lands subject to a WRP easement.

Benefits to the partners in WREP agreements include:

- Involvement in wetland restorations in high priority areas;
- Ability to cost-share restoration or enhancement components beyond those required by NRCS;
- Ability to participate in management or monitoring of selected project locations; and
- Opportunity to utilize innovative restoration methods and practices.

Proposal Requirements

For consideration, the proposal must be in the following format and contain the information set forth below:

Proposal Format: The basic format for the WREP proposal is a narrative written response to the information requested in this notice. There are no forms required or associated with the WREP proposal submission process; however, the proposal must include all of the following:

(1) Proposal Cover Sheet and Summary: The first few pages of the proposal must include:

(a) Project Title.
(b) Project Director/Manager name, telephone, and email address.
(c) Name of lead partner submitting proposal and other collaborating partners.
(d) Mailing address and telephone numbers for lead partner.
(e) Short general description/s

summary of project.

(f) Potential acres to be enrolled in the

project area.

(g) The geographic location including

State(s), county(s), and congressional
district(s). Include a general location
map.

(h) Proposed project start and end
dates (not to exceed a period of 5 years).

(i) Total budget for the project

including the amount of WREP financial
assistance being requested for project.

(2) Project Natural Resource

Objectives and Actions: The proposal
must:

(a) Identify and provide detail about

the natural resource concern(s) to be
addressed and how the proposal’s
objectives will address those concerns.
Objectives should be specific,
measurable, achievable, results-
oriented, and include a timeline for
completion.

(b) For each objective, identify the
actions to be completed to achieve that
objective and address the identified
natural resource concern. Specify which
actions are to be addressed through this
project using WREP assistance, and
which are being addressed through
alternate non-Federal funding sources or
other resources provided.

(c) Identify the total acres that require

wetland protection, restoration, and
enhancement.

(3) Detailed Proposal Criteria:

Information provided in the proposal
must include:

(a) A description of the partner(s)

history of working with landowners to
address resource issues.

(b) A description of the watershed

characteristics within the designated
focus area covered by the proposal
including a detailed watershed map
which indicates the project location.

The description should include
information related to land use types,
vegetation, soils, hydrology, potential
sources of water quality impairments,
occurrences of at-risk species, proximity
to other protected areas, and a summary
of resource concerns.

(c) A description of the partner(s) and

the roles, responsibilities, and
capabilities of the partner(s). Proposals
which include resources from partners
other than the lead partner must include
a letter or other documentation
confirming the commitment of
resources.

(d) A description of the project
duration, plan of action, and project
implementation schedule. Project
proposals cannot exceed 5 years.

(e) A description of the financial

assistance resources that are requested
through WREP, and the non-Federal
resources provided by the partner(s) that
will be leveraged by the Federal
contribution. WREP partners are
required to contribute a financial match
of at least 5 percent of the acquisition
or restoration costs toward the project.

(f) A description of non-Federal

resources that will be available for
implementation of the proposal.

Proposals which include additional
non-Federal resources will be given
higher consideration in the selection
process. The partner needs to state
clearly how they intend to leverage
Federal funds along with partner
resources. Landowner contributions in
the implementation of agreed-to
wetland restoration and enhancement
practices may not be considered any
part of a match from the potential
partner for purposes of WREP. Partners
will also be required to submit a plan
for monitoring, evaluating, and
reporting progress made toward
achieving the objectives of the
agreement.

(g) An estimate of the percentage of

potential landowners, or estimate of the
percentage of acres likely to be enrolled
within the project area, compared to the
total number of potential landowners or
acres located in the project area. A
statement on how the partner will
encourage participation to guarantee
success of the project. It is not necessary
for a target area to involve multiple
landowners to be selected. Projects will
be evaluated based on the ecological
merits of the proposal and contributions
by the partners.

(h) A description describing how the

partner will provide outreach,
especially to encourage participation by
Indian tribes, beginning farmers or
ranchers, socially disadvantaged farmers
or ranchers, and limited resource
farmers or ranchers.

(i) A description of the wetland

protection, restoration, and
enhancement activities to be
implemented during the project
timeframe, and the general sequence of
implementation of the project. Activities
may include those efforts undertaken by
the partner and those that the partner
requests NRCS to address through
financial support.

(j) A description of the amount of

funds needed annually for easement
acquisition and wetland restoration and
enhancement activities.

Submitting Proposals

Potential partners must submit a
complete proposal to the appropriate
NRCS State Conservationist by the date
and time listed at the beginning of this
notice addressing all items listed in the
“Proposal Requirements” section of this
notice. More than one proposal may be
submitted. Potential partners should
recognize that the proposal is the only
document NRCS will use in the
evaluation process. The proposal must
include sufficient detail to allow NRCS
to understand the partner’s priority
resource concerns, objectives, and
expected outcomes. If a project is multi-
State in scope, the proposal should be
sent to the State Conservationist of the
State in which the majority of the
project area resides. Incomplete
proposals and those that do not meet the
requirements set forth in this notice will
not be considered, and notification of
elimination will be mailed to the
applicant.

The potential partner must submit
five copies of the proposal, typewritten
or printed on 8 1/2 x 11” white paper.
One additional copy of the proposal
must be in electronic format, such as
Microsoft Word or PDF on one CD–
ROM. If submitting more than one
project proposal, submit a separate
document for each project. The entire
project proposal must not to exceed 15
pages in length including summary,
responses to the information requested
for the Project Natural Resource
Objectives and Actions and Detailed
Project Criteria, maps, reference
materials, and related reports.

State Conservationists may provide
guidance to potential partners regarding
resource concerns that may be
addressed in the proposed project area,
local working group and State Technical
Committee natural resource priorities,
and approved wetland restoration and
enhancement practices and activities
the partner should consider.

Note: All WREP proposals submitted to the
State Conservationist become the property
of NRCS for use in the administration of the
program, may be filed or disposed of by the
agency, and will not be returned to the
potential partner. Once proposals have
been submitted to the agency for review and
ranking, there will be no further opportunity
to change or re-submit the proposal
document.

State Conservationist Review of
Proposal

The State Conservationist(s) will
review the proposals to address:

(a) Potential duplication of efforts

with other projects or existing programs;

(b) Adherence to, and consistency

with, program regulation including
requirements related to land and
landowner eligibility and other program
requirements;

(c) Expected benefits for project

implementation in their State(s);
(d) Other issues or concerns the State Conservationist is aware that should be considered; and
(e) A general recommendation for support or denial of project approval.

National Ranking Considerations

The appropriate State Conservationist will evaluate proposals using a competitive process and forward recommended proposals to the Chief or designee for review and selection. The Chief or designee will give a higher priority to proposals that:

(a) Have a high potential to achieve wetland restoration;
(b) Have a high potential to significantly improve wildlife habitat;
(c) Significantly leverage non-Federal financial and technical resources and coordinate with other local, State, tribal, or Federal efforts;
(d) Demonstrate the partner’s history of working cooperatively with landowners;
(e) Provide innovation in wetland protection, restoration, and enhancement methods and outcome-based performance measures and methods;
(f) Provide evidence that wetland restoration and enhancement activities will be completed within 2 years of easement closing;
(g) Provide for monitoring and evaluation of the effectiveness of the restoration activities;
(h) Provide for matching financial or technical assistance funds to assist landowners with the implementation of the Wetlands Reserve Plan of Operations and associated contracts;
(i) Facilitate the submission of landowner applications; and
(j) Provide for outreach to, and participation of, Indian tribes, beginning farmers or ranchers, socially disadvantaged farmers or ranchers, and limited resource farmers or ranchers within the area covered by the agreement.

Acknowledgement of Submission and Notifications

Partners whose proposals have been selected will receive a letter of official notification. Upon notification of selection, the partner should contact the NRCS State Conservationist listed in the letter to develop the required agreement and other project implementation requirements. Partner submissions of proposals that were not selected will be notified by mail.

Withdrawal of Proposals

Partner proposals may be withdrawn by written notice to the applicable State Conservationist at any time prior to selection.

Partnership Agreements

Upon proposal selection, NRCS will enter an agreement with a partner as the mechanism for partner participation in WREP. At a minimum, the agreement will address:

(a) The role of the partner;
(b) The role of NRCS;
(c) The format and frequency of reports that are required as a condition of the agreement;
(d) Plan of Work and budget to identify other funding sources (if applicable) for financial or technical assistance;
(e) The specified project schedule and timeframe; and
(f) Other requirements deemed necessary by NRCS to achieve purposes of the WRP.

Landowner Application

Landowners must meet the eligibility requirements of WRP, as published in 7 CFR part 1407. Landowners interested in participating may apply for designated WREP funds at their local service center after WREP proposals are selected. In FY 2010, NRCS will make WREP funds available to eligible landowners to enroll land under a permanent easement, a 30-year easement, or a 30-year contract on acreage owned by Indian tribes.

NRCS and the partner may assist landowners in determining whether the application is appropriate for WREP, depending on the wetland protection, restoration, and enhancement activities that the applicant seeks to install or perform.

Land Eligibility

The land eligibility criteria for WREP are the same as for WRP and are listed in 7 CFR § 1467. 4.

Waiver Authority

To assist in the implementation of WREP projects, the Chief may waive the application of the Adjusted Gross Income Limitation, on a case-by-case basis, in accordance with 7 CFR part 1400. Such waiver requests must be submitted in writing from the program applicant, addressed to the Chief, and submitted through the local NRCS designated conservationist.

Signed this April 5, 2010, in Washington, DC.

Dave White,
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Supplementary Information:
Background
On July 12, 2002, the Department issued its final results in the antidumping duty administrative review of certain preserved mushrooms from India covering the period of review of February 1, 2000, through January 31, 2001. See Certain Preserved Mushrooms From India: Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review, 67 FR 46172 (July 12, 2002), and accompanying Issues and Decisions Memorandum (Final Results). Agro Dutch challenged certain aspects of the Department’s Final Results: (1) that the use of partial facts available and adverse inferences for certain of its sales was improper; (2) that the methodology used to determine Agro Dutch’s constructed value was in error; (3) that the calculation of its imputed credit expenses was in error; and (4) that its entries were improperly and prematurely liquidated.

In Agro Dutch Industries Limited v. United States, Slip Op. 07–25 (CIT 2007) (Agro Dutch I), the CIT upheld the Department’s determinations on issues (2) and (3) regarding constructive value and imputed credit expense methodologies. However, with respect to the first issue, that the use of partial facts available and adverse inferences for certain of Agro Dutch’s sales was improper, the CIT instructed the Department on remand to revisit its determination.

On March 3, 2007, the Department filed its remand redetermination and further explained its use and application of facts available in this review. In Agro Dutch II, the CIT did not accept the Department’s explanation

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
International Trade Administration
[A–533–813]

Certain Preserved Mushrooms from India: Notice of Amended Final Results Pursuant to Final Court Decision

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.


EFFECTIVE DATE: April 9, 2010.

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