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HARRY S. TRUMAN SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

Sunshine Act Meeting; Annual Meeting of the Trustees and Officers of the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation

4:00–5:30 p.m., September 24, 1997, Room HC 6, The United States Capitol

1. Call to Order and Welcome, Vice Chairman Skelton
2. Introduction of Trustees attending their first Annual Meeting
3. Approval of the Minutes of the 1996 Annual Meeting
4. Proposal for a partnership with a consortium of institutions to increase participation of Historically Black Colleges and Universities in the Truman Scholarship program
5. Proposal to fund an experimental Truman Scholars Alumni Program for 1997–98
6. Proposal to provide one-week Truman Scholar internships with Foundation Trustees
7. Foundation participation in the commissioning ceremony of the USS Harry S. Truman
8. Introduction of Truman Scholars working in the Washington area
9. Executive Secretary's Report including
 - Leadership at the Foundation
 - Expenditures for FY 1997
 - Status of the Trust Fund
 - Overview of the 1997 Truman Scholars Selection
 - Plans for the 1998 Truman competition
 - Truman Foundation Honor Institution awards
 - Report on the workshop Success with the Truman
10. Proposal to commission an audit of the Fiscal Year 1997 operations of the Foundation
11. New Business

12. Adjournment

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Secretary

Committee of Scientists

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; establishment and request for nominations.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Agriculture is establishing a Committee of Scientists, under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App., to provide scientific and technical advice on improvements to the National Forest System land and resource management planning process. The Committee's report is due to the Secretary of Agriculture and the Chief of the Forest Service 4 months from its initial meeting, unless additional time is needed. Nominations of persons to serve on the Committee of Scientists are invited.

DATES: Nominations for membership on the Committee of Scientists must be received in writing by September 2, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Nominations for membership on the Committee of Scientists may be sent via telefax to the Director, Ecosystem Management Coordination at (202) 205–1012 or via mail to the Director, Ecosystem Management Coordination, MAIL STOP 1104, Forest Service, P.O. Box 96090, Washington, DC 20090–6090.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jonathan Stephens, Ecosystem Management Coordination Staff, Forest Service, telephone: (202) 205–0948.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.), notice is hereby given that the Secretary of Agriculture intends to establish a Committee of Scientists. The purpose of the Committee of Scientists is to provide scientific and technical advice to the Secretary of Agriculture and the Chief of the Forest Service on improvements that can be made to the land and resource management planning process. The Committee will address such topics as how to consider the following in land and resource management plans:

biological diversity, use of ecosystem assessments in planning, spatial and temporal scales for planning, public participation processes, sustainable forestry, interdisciplinary analysis, and any other issues the Committee identifies as relevant to land and resource management planning.

The Committee of Scientists shall prepare a report and make recommendations to the Secretary and the Chief of the Forest Service on how best to accomplish sound resource management planning within the established framework of environmental laws and within the statutory mission of the Forest Service. The Committee's report shall be made available to the public. The Committee of Scientists shall also provide technical advice on the land and resource management planning process and provide material for the Forest Service to consider for incorporation into the revised planning regulations. The Committee shall also recommend improvements in Forest Service coordination with other Federal land management agencies or resource protection agencies, State and local government agencies, and tribal governments, in order to recognize the unique roles and responsibilities of each agency in the planning process.

The Secretary has determined that the work of the Committee is in the public interest and relevant to the duties of the Department of Agriculture.

The Committee of Scientists shall consist of no more than 12 members and a Committee chair appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture. Officers or employees of the Forest Service may not serve as members of the Committee. The Committee of Scientists shall be composed of representatives who can prove insights into the major contemporary issues associated with the National Forest Management Act and its implementation. Members should represent scientific specialties and academic disciplines including, but not limited to, the following fields: forest and range ecology, fish and wildlife biology, silviculture, hydrology, natural resource economics, sociology, public participation and conflict management, ecosystem management, land management planning, and natural resource law. Collectively, the members should represent a diversity of disciplines and perspectives, have a knowledge of the National Forest

System, the National Forest Management Act, and the National Forest planning process. Nominations to the Committee should describe and document the proposed member's qualifications for membership on the Committee of Scientists.

Appointments to the Committee will be made by the Secretary of Agriculture. Equal opportunity practices will be followed in all appointments to the Committee of Scientists. To ensure that the recommendations of the Committee have taken into account the needs of the diverse groups served by the Department, membership will include, to the extent practicable, individuals with demonstrated ability to represent minorities, women, and persons with disabilities.

Dated: July 18, 1997.

Christine Pytel,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. 97-048N]

Technical Meeting to Solicit Input for a Survey on Browning in Hamburger

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is holding a public technical meeting on August 20, 1997. The purpose of the meeting is to solicit scientific information, including data, on a proposed survey to determine the frequency with which hamburger, sold at retail and cooked at home, turns brown before reaching 160 degrees F. The results of this survey will be used to determine the contribution of this factor to a risk assessment for *E. coli* O157:H7. Persons with an interest in the study, particularly in details such as sampling, preparation, cooking, and evaluation procedures to be used in this survey, are especially encouraged to attend.

DATES: The meeting will be held on August 20, 1997, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m., and materials will be available at that time.

ADDRESSES: The half-day meeting will be held at the Washington Plaza Hotel, 10 Thomas Circle, at Massachusetts Avenue and 14th Street, Washington, DC 20008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To register for the meeting, contact Ms. Traci Phebus at (202) 501-7138 or FAX (202) 501-7642. To arrange for presentation of technical materials, contact Mr. David Soderberg at (202) 501-7358 or FAX (202) 501-7639. Presenters are asked to submit one original and two copies of written comments to the FSIS Docket Clerk, Docket #97-048N, Department of Agriculture, FSIS, 102 Cotton Annex, 300 12th Street, Washington, DC 20250-3700. Persons wishing to present technical data are asked to bring 100 copies of their data for distribution to participants in the meeting. Participants who require a sign language or other special accommodations should contact Ms. Phebus at the above numbers by August 13, 1997.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A pilot study to prepare for this survey was undertaken. Preliminary results from the pilot study may be available for this meeting, but the primary purpose of the pilot study was to try out laboratory techniques (for example, cooking and color evaluation) and to test logistics before initiating the main survey. Actual results from the pilot study may require more confirmation before they can be determined to be scientifically accurate. It is expected that discussions in the August 20 meeting will focus on technical details of the proposed survey. Sampling may be a major topic of discussion. The purpose of this meeting is to solicit advice on the survey design from consumers, public health officials and others.

Persons with expert knowledge about consumer behavior in the purchasing, preparing, and cooking of hamburger are especially encouraged to attend. Persons unable to attend the meeting may submit comments to the above addresses.

Transcripts of this meeting will be available in the FSIS Docket Room.

Done at Washington, DC, on: August 7, 1997.

Thomas J. Billy,

Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Supplement to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for ASARCO's Rock Creek Project, Copper/Silver Mine, Kootenai National Forest, Sanders County, MT

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare a supplement to the draft environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: The USDA Forest Service, Kootenai National Forest (KNF) in conjunction with Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) will prepare a Supplement to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS) for ASARCO's proposal to develop the Rock Creek copper/silver mine project approximately 5 miles northeast of Noxon, Montana.

The original notice of intent was published in the **Federal Register**, Volume 53, No. 9, January 14, 1988. A number of items including lead agency, mine water disposal, release date of the SDEIS have changed since 1988. This revised notice describes the current situation.

The KNF and DEQ are joint lead agencies in this effort. Joint lead status will allow both agencies to fulfill their interrelated responsibilities in managing the process for preparation of the draft, supplement and final EIS documents under the guidelines of the National Environmental Policy Act and the Montana Environmental Policy Act, respectively. The DEQ administers the 1971 Montana Metal Mine Reclamation Act. The purposes of the act are, first, to recognize and protect the usefulness, productivity, and scenic values of the lands and waters within the state and second, to reclaim to beneficial use the lands used for metal mines. The Forest Service has the responsibility for managing the uses of the Federal surface land and resources.

This SDEIS is being prepared because there is new information relevant to environmental concerns about the proposed action (40 CFR part 1502.9(c)(1) (i & ii)). The revised notice of intent to prepare the draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) was published in the May 27, 1993, **Federal Register** (Vol. 58, No. 101). The notice of availability for the ASARCO Rock Creek Copper and Silver Mining Project DEIS was published in the October 6, 1995, **Federal Register** (Vol. 60, No. 194).

The public comment received on the DEIS has lead the Agencies to take a look at revising some proposed portions of the operation. A new alternative (Alt. V) has been developed which includes the surface deposition of tailings as a paste, and a water treatment system using a semi-passive bioreactor and a reverse osmosis process. The concentrate from the mill would be pumped to an enclosed rail loadout facility. There are also changes in mitigations for the project which