

A 60-day comment period is provided for interested persons to comment on this change to the Standards.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

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Notice of Program Continuation

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice inviting applications for Fiscal Year 1998 Grant Funds under the Federal-State Marketing Improvement Program.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Federal-State Marketing Improvement Program (FSMIP) was allocated \$1,200,000 in the Federal budget for fiscal year 1998. Funds remain available for this program. States interested in obtaining funds under the program are invited to submit proposals. While only State Departments of Agriculture or other appropriate State Agencies are eligible to apply for funds, State Agencies are encouraged to involve industry organizations in the development of proposals and the conduct of projects.

DATES: Applications will be accepted through June 19, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Proposals may be sent to Dr. Larry V. Summers, FSMIP, Staff Officer, Transportation and Marketing, Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 4006 South Building, P.O. Box 96456, Washington, D.C. 20090-6456.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Larry V. Summers, (202) 720-2704.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: FSMIP is authorized under Section 204(b) of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1621 *et seq.*). The program is a matching fund program designed to assist State Departments of Agriculture or other appropriate State Agencies in conducting studies or developing innovative approaches related to the marketing of agricultural products. Other organizations interested in participating in this program should contact their State Department of Agriculture's Marketing Division to discuss their proposal.

Mutually acceptable proposals are submitted by the State Agency and must be accompanied by a completed Standard Form (SF)-424 with SF-424A and SF-424B attached. FSMIP funds may not be used for advertising or, with limited exceptions, for the purchase of equipment or facilities. Guidelines may be obtained from your State Department of Agriculture or the above AMS contact.

States are encouraged to submit proposals for projects which will:

(1) Assist in identifying and expanding market opportunities for U.S. agricultural products, both domestically and internationally, through the development and market testing of new or improved products and value-adding services;

(2) Address agricultural marketing issues and concerns of particular importance to relatively small, limited-resource farms and rural enterprises; and,

(3) Encourage the development of marketing practices and technologies aimed at improving the quality of agricultural products or the sustainability of natural resources and the environment.

Proposals addressing other marketing objectives or issues also will receive consideration.

FSMIP is listed in the "Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance" under number 10.156 and subject Agencies must adhere to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which bars discrimination in all Federally assisted programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Newspapers Used for Publication of Legal Notice of Appealable Decisions for Intermountain Region, Utah, Idaho, Nevada, and Wyoming

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice lists the newspapers that will be used by all ranger districts, forests, and the Regional Office of the Intermountain Region to publish legal notice of all decisions subject to appeal under 36 CFR parts 215 and 217. The intended

effect of this action is to inform interested members of the public which newspapers will be used to publish legal notices of decisions, thereby allowing them to receive constructive notice of a decision, to provide clear evidence of timely notice, and to achieve consistency in administering the appeals process.

DATES: Publication of legal notices in the listed newspapers will begin with decisions subject to appeal that are made on or after March 1, 1996. The list of newspapers will remain in effect until October 1996 when another notice will be published in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Donald W. Murphy, Regional Appeals Manager, Intermountain Region, 324 25th Street, Ogden, UT 84401, phone (801) 625-5274.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The administrative appeal procedures 36 CFR parts 215 and 217, of the Forest Service require publication of legal notice in a newspaper of general circulation of all decisions subject to appeal. This newspaper publication of notices of decisions is in addition to direct notice to those who have requested notice in writing and to those known to be interested and affected by a specific decision.

The legal notice is to identify: The decision by title and subject matter; the date of the decision; the name and title of the official making the decision; and how to obtain copies of the decision. In addition, the notice is to state the date the appeal period begins which is the day following publication of the notice.

The timeframe for appeal shall be based on the date of publication of the notice in the first (principal) newspaper listed for each unit.

The newspapers to be used are as follows:

Regional Forester, Intermountain Region

For decisions made by the Regional Forester affecting National Forests in Idaho:

The Idaho Statesman, Boise, Idaho

For decisions made by the Regional Forester affecting National Forests in Nevada:

The Reno Gazette-Journal, Reno, Nevada

For decisions made by the Regional Forester affecting National Forests in Wyoming:

Casper Star-Tribune, Casper, Wyoming

For decisions made by the Regional Forester affecting National Forests in Utah:

Standard-Examiner, Ogden, Utah

If the decision made by the Regional Forester affects all National Forests in the Intermountain Region, it will appear in:

Standard-Examiner, Ogden, Utah

Ashley National Forest

Ashley Forest Supervisors decisions:

Vernal Express, Vernal, Utah

Vernal District Ranger decisions:

Vernal Express, Vernal, Utah

Flaming Gorge District Ranger for decisions affecting Wyoming:

Casper Star Tribune, Casper, Wyoming

Flaming Gorge District Ranger for decisions affecting Utah:

Vernal Express, Vernal, Utah

Roosevelt and Duchesne District Ranger decisions:

Uintah Basin Standard, Roosevelt, Utah

Boise National Forest

Boise Forest Supervisor decisions:

The Idaho Statesman, Boise, Idaho

Mountain Home District Ranger decisions:

The Idaho Statesman, Boise, Idaho

Boise District Ranger decisions:

The Idaho Statesman, Boise, Idaho

Idaho City District Ranger decisions:

The Idaho Statesman, Boise, Idaho

Cascade District Ranger decisions:

The Advocate, Cascade, Idaho

Lowman District Ranger decisions:

The Idaho City World, Idaho City, Idaho

Emmett District Ranger decisions:

The Messenger-Index, Emmett, Idaho

Bridger-Teton National Forest

Bridger-Teton Forest Supervisor decisions:

Casper Star-Tribune, Casper, Wyoming

Jackson District Ranger decisions:

Casper Star-Tribune, Casper, Wyoming

Buffalo District Ranger decisions:

Casper Star-Tribune, Jackson, Wyoming

Big Piney District Ranger decisions:

Casper Star-Tribune, Jackson, Wyoming

Pinedale District Ranger decisions:

Casper Star-Tribune, Casper, Wyoming

Greys River District Ranger decisions:

Casper Star-Tribune, Casper, Wyoming

Kemmerer District Ranger decisions:

Casper Star-Tribune, Casper, Wyoming

Caribou National Forest

Caribou Forest Supervisor decisions:

Idaho State Journal, Pocatello, Idaho

Soda Springs District Ranger decisions:

Idaho State Journal, Pocatello, Idaho

Montpelier District The President. Ranger decisions:

Idaho State Journal, Pocatello, Idaho

Malad District Ranger decisions:

Idaho State Journal, Pocatello, Idaho

Pocatello District Ranger decisions:

Idaho State Journal, Pocatello, Idaho

Dixie National Forest

Dixie Forest Supervisor decisions:

The Daily Spectrum, St. George, Utah

Pine Valley District Ranger decisions:

The Daily Spectrum, St. George, Utah

Cedar City District Ranger decisions:

The Daily Spectrum, St. George, Utah

Powell District Ranger decisions:

The Daily Spectrum, St. George, Utah

Escalante District Ranger decisions:

The Daily Spectrum, St. George, Utah

Teasdale District Ranger decisions:

The Daily Spectrum, St. George, Utah

Fishlake National Forest

Fishlake Forest Supervisor decisions:

Richfield Reaper, Richfield, Utah

Loa District Ranger decisions:

Richfield Reaper, Richfield, Utah

Richfield District Ranger decisions:

Richfield Reaper, Richfield, Utah

Beaver District Ranger decisions:

Richfield Reaper, Beaver, Utah

Fillmore District Ranger decisions:

Richfield Reaper, Fillmore, Utah

Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forests

Humboldt Forest Supervisor decisions:

Elko Daily Free Press, Elko, Nevada

Toiyabe Forest Supervisor decisions:

Reno Gazette-Journal, Reno, Nevada

Sierra Ecosystem Coordination Center (SECO):

Carson District Ranger decisions:

Reno Gazette-Journal, Reno, Nevada

Bridgeport District Ranger decisions:

The Review-Herald, Mammoth Lakes, California

Spring Mountains National Recreation Area Ecosystem (SMNRAE):

Spring Mountain National Recreational Area District Ranger decisions:

Las Vegas Review Journal, Las Vegas, Nevada

Central Nevada Ecosystem (CNECO):

Austin District Ranger decisions:

Reno Gazette-Journal, Reno, Nevada

Tonopah District Ranger decisions:

Tonopah Times Bonaanza-Goldfield News, Tonopah, Nevada

Ely District Ranger decisions:

Ely Daily Times, Ely, Nevada

Northeast Nevada Ecosystem (NNECO):

Mountain City District Ranger decisions:

Elko Daily Free Press, Elko, Nevada

Ruby Mountains District Ranger decisions:

Elko Daily Free Press, Elko, Nevada

Jarbridge District Ranger decisions:

Elko Daily Free Press, Elko, Nevada

Santa Rosa District Ranger decisions:

Humboldt Sun, Winnemucca, Nevada

Manti-Lasal National Forest

Manti-Lasal Supervisor decisions:

Sun Advocate, Price, Utah

Sanpete District Ranger decisions:

The Pyramid, Mt. Pleasant, Utah

Ferron District Ranger decisions:

Emery County Progress, Castle Dale, Utah

Price District Ranger decisions:

Sun Advocate, Price, Utah

Moab District Ranger decisions:

The Times Independent, Moab, Utah

Monticello District Ranger decisions:

The San Juan Record, Monticello, Utah

Payette National Forest

Payette Forest Supervisor decisions:

Idaho Statesman, Boise, Idaho

Weiser District Ranger decisions:

Signal American, Weiser, Idaho

Council District Ranger decisions:

Council Record, Council, Idaho

New Meadows, McCall, and Krassel

District Ranger decisions:

Star News, McCall, Idaho

Salmon and Challis National Forests

Salmon Forest Supervisor decisions:

The Recorder-Herald, Salmon, Idaho

Cobalt District Ranger decisions:

The Recorder-Herald, Salmon, Idaho

North Fork District Ranger decisions:

The Recorder-Herald, Salmon, Idaho

Leadore District Ranger decisions:

The Recorder-Herald, Salmon, Idaho

Salmon District Ranger decisions:

The Recorder-Herald, Salmon, Idaho

Challis Forest Supervisor decisions:

The Challis Messenger, Challis, Idaho

Middle Fork District Ranger

decisions:

The Challis Messenger, Challis, Idaho

Challis District Ranger decisions:

The Challis Messenger, Challis, Idaho

Yankee Fork District Ranger

decisions:

The Challis Messenger, Challis, Idaho
Lost River District Ranger decisions:
The Challis Messenger, Challis, Idaho

Sawtooth National Forest

Sawtooth Forest Supervisor decisions:
The Times News, Twin Falls, Idaho
Burley District Ranger decisions:
Ogden Standard Examiner, Ogden, Utah, for those decisions on the Burley District involving the Raft River Unit

South Idaho Press, Burley, Idaho, for decisions issued on the Idaho portions of the Burley District
Twin Falls District Ranger decisions:
The Times News, Twin Falls, Idaho

Ketchum District Ranger decisions:
Wood River Journal, Hailey, Idaho

Sawtooth National Recreation Area:
Challis Messenger, Challis, Idaho
Fairfield District Ranger decisions:
The Times News, Twin Falls, Idaho

Targhee National Forest

Targhee Forest Supervisor decisions:
The Post Register, Idaho Falls, Idaho
Dubois District Ranger decisions:
The Post Register, Idaho Falls, Idaho
Island Park District Ranger decisions:
The Post Register, Idaho Falls, Idaho
Ashton District Ranger decisions:
The Post Register, Idaho Falls, Idaho
Palisades District Ranger decisions:
The Post Register, Idaho Falls, Idaho
Teton Basin District Ranger decisions:
The Post Register, Idaho Falls, Idaho

Uinta National Forest

Uinta Forest Supervisor decisions:
The Daily Herald, Provo, Utah
Pleasant Grove District Ranger decisions:
The Daily Herald, Provo, Utah
Heber District Ranger decisions:
The Daily Herald, Provo, Utah, and
Wasatch Wave, Heber City, Utah
Spanish Fork Ranger decisions:
The Daily Herald, Provo, Utah

Wasatch-Cache National Forest

Wasatch-Cache Forest Supervisor decisions:
Salt Lake Tribune, Salt Lake City, Utah
Salt Lake District Ranger decisions:
Salt Lake Tribune, Salt Lake City, Utah
Kamas District Ranger decisions:
Salt Lake Tribune, Salt Lake City, Utah
Evanston District Ranger decisions:
Uintah County Herald, Evanston, Wyoming

Mountain View District Ranger decisions:
Uintah County Herald, Evanston, Wyoming
Ogden District Ranger decisions:
Ogden Standard Examiner, Ogden, Utah
Logan District Ranger decisions:
Logan Herald Journal, Logan, Utah
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Housing Service

Housing Preservation Grants

AGENCY: Rural Housing Service (RHS), USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Rural Housing Service (RHS) announces that it is soliciting competitive applications under its Housing Preservation Grant (HPG) program. The HPG program is a grant program which provides qualified public agencies, private nonprofit organizations and other eligible entities grant funds to assist very low- and low-income homeowners repair and rehabilitate their homes in rural areas, and to assist rental property owners and cooperative housing complexes to repair and rehabilitate their units if they agree to make such units available to low- and very low-income persons. This action is taken to comply with Agency regulations found in 7 CFR part 1944, subpart N, which requires the Agency to announce the opening and closing dates for receipt of preapplications for HPG funds from eligible applicants. The intended effect of this Notice is to provide eligible organizations notice of these dates.

DATES: RHS hereby announces that it will begin receiving preapplications on December 24, 1997. The closing date for acceptance by RHS of preapplications is March 24, 1998. This period will be the only time during the current fiscal year that RHS accepts preapplications. Preapplications must be received by or postmarked on or before the closing date.

ADDRESSES: Submit preapplications to Rural Development servicing offices for the HPG program; applicants must contact their Rural Development State Office for this information. A listing of Rural Development State Offices, their addresses, and telephone numbers follows:

Rural Development State Offices

Note: Telephone numbers listed are not toll-free.

Alabama State Office, Sterling Center Office Building, 4121 Carmichael Road, Suite 601, Montgomery, AL 36106-3683, (334) 279-3455
Alaska State Office, 800 West Evergreen, Suite 201, Palmer, AK 99645, (907) 745-2176
Arizona State Office, Phoenix Corporate Center, 3003 N. Central Ave., Suite 900, Phoenix, AZ 85012-2906, (602) 280-8755
Arkansas State Office, 700 W. Capitol Ave., Rm. 5411, Little Rock, AR 72201-3225, (501) 324-6701
California State Office, 194 West Main Street, Suite F, Woodland, CA 95695-2915, (916) 668-2090
Colorado State Office, 655 Parfet Street, Room E100, Lakewood, CO 80215, (303) 236-2801 (ext. 122)
Connecticut (Served by Massachusetts State Office)
Delaware/Maryland State Office, 5201 South Dupont Highway, PO Box 400, Camden, DE 19934-9998, (302) 697-4314
Florida State Office, 4440 N.W. 25th Place, PO Box 147010, Gainesville, FL 32614-7010, (352) 338-3465
Georgia State Office, Stephens Federal Building, 355 E. Hancock Avenue, Athens, GA 30601-2768, (706) 546-2164
Guam (Served by Hawaii State Office)
Hawaii State Office, Room 311, Federal Building 154, Waianuenue Avenue, Hilo, HI 96720, (808) 933-3005
Idaho State Office, 3232 Elder Street, Boise, ID 83705, (208) 378-5627
Illinois State Office, Illini Plaza, Suite 103, 1817 South Neil Street, Champaign, IL 61820, (217) 398-5412 (ext. 256)
Indiana State Office, 5975 Lakeside Boulevard, Indianapolis, IN 46278, (317) 290-3115
Iowa State Office, 873 Federal Building, 210 Walnut Street, Des Moines, IA 50309, (515) 284-4493
Kansas State Office, 1200 SW Executive Drive, PO Box 4653, Topeka, KS 66604, (913) 271-2720
Kentucky State Office, 771 Corporate Drive, Suite 200, Lexington, KY 40503, (606) 224-7325
Louisiana State Office, 3727 Government Street, Alexandria, LA 71302, (318) 473-7950
Maine State Office, 444 Stillwater Ave., Suite 2, PO Box 405, Bangor, ME 04402-0405, (207) 990-9110
Maryland (Served by Delaware State Office)
Massachusetts State Office, 451 West Street, Amherst, MA 01002, (413) 253-4327