DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS–2010–0029]

Availability of an Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact for a Biological Control Agent for Hemlock Woolly Adelgid

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: We are advising the public that an environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact have been prepared by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service relative to the control of hemlock woolly adelgid. Based on its finding of no significant impact, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service has determined that an environmental impact statement need not be prepared.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Shirley Wager-Page, Chief, Pest Permitting Branch, PPQ, APHIS, 4700 River Road, Unit 133, Riverdale, MD 20737–1237; (301) 734–8453.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is proposing to issue permits for the release of an insect, Laricobius osakensis, into the continental United States for use as a biological control agent to reduce the severity of hemlock woolly adelgid (Adelges tsugae, HWA) infestations. On January 19, 2011, we published in the Federal Register (75 FR 28232–28233, Docket No. APHIS–2010–0029) a notice 1 in which we announced the availability, for public review and comment, of an environmental assessment (EA) that examined the potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed release of this biological control agent into the continental United States.

We solicited comments on the EA for 30 days ending June 21, 2010. We received no comments by that date. In this document, we are advising the public of our finding of no significant impact (FONSI) regarding the release of L. osakensis into the continental United States for use as a biological control agent to reduce the severity of HWA infestations. The finding, which is based on the EA, reflects our determination that release of this biological control agent will not have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment.

The EA and FONSI may be viewed on the Regulations.gov Web site (see footnote 1). Copies of the EA and FONSI are also available for public inspection at USDA, Room 1141, South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Persons wishing to inspect copies are requested to call ahead on (202) 690–2817 to facilitate entry into the reading room. In addition, copies may be obtained by calling or writing to the individual listed under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.

The EA and FONSI have been prepared in accordance with: (1) The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), (2) regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality for implementing the procedural provisions of NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500–1508), (3) USDA regulations implementing NEPA (7 CFR part 1b), and (4) APHIS’ NEPA Implementing Procedures (7 CFR part 372).

Done in Washington, DC, this 13th day of July 2011.

Kevin Shea,
Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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[Docket No. APHIS–2010–0125]

Secretary’s Advisory Committee on Animal Health; Meeting Agenda

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is a notice to inform the public of the topics on the agenda for an upcoming meeting of the Secretary’s Advisory Committee on Animal Health. The meeting is organized by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service to discuss matters of animal health.

DATES: The meeting will be held July 22, 2011, from noon to 5 p.m. (eastern daylight time).

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be conducted as a multi-site teleconference. Opportunities for public participation are described in the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Michael R. Doerrer, Chief Operating Officer, Veterinary Services, APHIS, USDA, 4700 River Road Unit 37, Riverdale, MD 20737; (301) 734–5665; e-mail: SACAH.Management@aphis.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Secretary’s Advisory Committee on Animal Health (the Committee) advises the Secretary of Agriculture on means to prevent, conduct surveillance on, monitor, control, or eradicate animal diseases of national importance. In doing so, the Committee will consider public health, conservation of natural resources, and the stability of livestock economies.

In a notice published in the Federal Register on May 19, 2011 (76 FR 28910), we announced that the next meeting of the Committee will be held on July 22, 2011, and that we would publish a notice in advance of that meeting to provide information on the meeting’s agenda. This notice provides that information. At the July 2011 public meeting, topics to be discussed will include:

1. Bovine tuberculosis/brucellosis program update and feedback on new framework.
2. Wildlife Services: Its mission and collaboration with other units and agencies.
3. Changes to the Scrapie Flock Certification Program.
5. Update on the National Animal Health Laboratory Network.
7. VS 2015: A New Perspective.

Additional information, including the final agenda, will be posted on the Committee’s Web site at http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health/acah/.

Public Participation

This meeting will be a multi-site teleconference. Public attendees may join the call in “listen-only” mode. Members of the public who wish to listen in on the teleconference may do so by dialing 1–888–790–3291, followed by a public passcode, 1411045.

Questions and written statements for the meetings may be submitted up to 5 working days in advance of the meeting for the Committee’s consideration. Questions and written statements may be sent via e-mail to SACAH.Management@aphis.usda.gov or mailed to the person listed under FOR.

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Forest Service

Information Collection; Federal Excess Personal Property (FEPP) Inventory

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Forest Service is seeking comments from all interested individuals and organizations on the extension, with revision, of a currently approved information collection, Federal Excess Personal Property (FEPP) Inventory.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing on or before September 19, 2011 to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: Comments concerning this notice should be addressed to: USDA, Forest Service, Attn: Melissa Frey, Fire and Aviation Management, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Mailstop Code: 1107, Washington, DC 20250–1107. Comments also may be submitted via facsimile to 202–205–1272 or by e-mail to: mfrey@fs.fed.us.

The public may inspect comments received at USDA Forest Service, F&AM, Room 250, 201 14th St., SW., Washington, DC 20050, during normal business hours. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead to 202–205–1090 to facilitate entry to the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Melissa Frey, Fire and Aviation Management, phone: 202–205–1090. Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1–800–877–8339 twenty-four hours a day, every day of the year, including holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Federal Excess Personal Property (FEPP) Inventory.

OMB Number: 0596–218 Expiration Date of Approval: 12/31/2011.

Type of Request: Extension without Revision.

Abstract: The Forest Service acquires excess federally-owned property to loan to state cooperators for wildland fire fighting. Since the property belongs to the Forest Service, the proposed inventory system will facilitate reporting by state agencies to the Forest Service on the status and location of the property. Program authorities include, the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, as amended (40 U.S.C. 483), and the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2101 (note)). Additional pertinent regulations include the USDA Organic Act of 1944 (16 U.S.C. 508a) and Federal Property Management Regulations 101–43.309–1, 101–43–313, and 101–43–314 (40 U.S.C. 483). State agencies will use the electronic database (Federal Excess Property Management Information System or FEPMIS) to submit information regarding property make, model, serial number, acquisition value, location, and acquisition date when an item is acquired or no longer needed. Forest Service property management technicians will collect the information from FEPMIS and enter it into a National Finance Center database (PROP), as required by Federal Property Management Regulations. Forest Service property management officers will analyze the data collected to ensure that the property accountability is accurate and no misuse of property is occurring. Estimate of Annual Burden: 2 minutes.

Type of Respondents: State Agency FEPP property managers.

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 55.

Estimated Annual Number of Responses per Respondent: 300.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 550 hours.

Comment Is Invited

Comment is invited on: (1) Whether this collection of information is necessary for the stated purposes and the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical or scientific utility; (2) the accuracy of the Agency’s estimate of the burden of the 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 respondents, including the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

All comments received in response to this notice, including names and addresses when provided, will be a matter of public record. Comments will be summarized and included in the submission request toward Office of Management and Budget approval.

Dated: July 12, 2011.

James Hubbard,
Deputy Chief, State and Private Forestry.

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Forest Service

Amador County Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Amador County Resource Advisory Committee will meet in Sutter Creek, California. 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 RAC will review project proposals and recommend projects for funding.

DATES: The meeting will be held on August 2, 2011 beginning at 6 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at 10877 Conductor Blvd., Sutter Creek, CA.

Written comments should be sent to Frank Mosbacher, Forest Supervisor’s Office; 100 Forni Road; Placerville, CA 95667. Comments may also be sent via e-mail to fmosbacher@fs.fed.us, or via facsimile to 530–621–5297.

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 100 Forni Road; Placerville, CA 95667. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead to 530–622–5061 to facilitate entry into the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Frank Mosbacher, Public Affairs Officer, Eldorado National Forest Supervisors Office, (530) 621–5268. Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public. The