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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Foreign Agricultural Service

Trade Adjustment Assistance for Farmers

AGENCY: Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

The Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS), announced the opening of the Trade Adjustment Assistance for Farmers (TAA) petition period for fiscal year 2005. Petitioners can file their form FAS-930 or other acceptable petitions to FAS from August 16, 2004, through January 31, 2005.

Petitioners should file their petition in accordance with 7 CFR 1580.201. The petition must be received by the TAA office by close of business January 31, 2005. The TAA office address is Foreign Agricultural Service, ITP/IPPD, MS-1021, Washington, DC 20250-1021, the facsimile number is (202) 720-0876, and e-mail is trade.adjustment@fas.usda.gov. Use of fax or e-mail is recommended.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Trade Act of 2002 (Pub. L. 107-210) amended the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2551, *et seq.*) to add a new chapter 6, which established a program of trade adjustment assistance for farmers, providing both technical assistance and cash benefits to producers and qualified fishermen. The statute authorizes an appropriation of not more than \$90 million for each fiscal year 2003 through 2007 to carry out the program.

Under this program, a group of agricultural commodity producers and qualified fishermen may petition the Administrator for trade adjustment assistance. Petitions will be reviewed for completeness and timeliness. Once the petition is completed in accordance with 7 CFR 1580.201, the acceptance of the petition will be published in the **Federal Register**. Once a petition has

been accepted, the Administrator will determine whether the most recent marketing year price for the commodity produced by the group is less than 80 percent of the average of the national average prices for the 5 marketing years preceding the most recent marketing year and whether increases in imports of a like or directly competitive product contributed importantly to the decline in price. If these conditions are met, the Administrator will certify the group as eligible for trade adjustment assistance.

Once a petition has been certified, eligible producers and qualified fishermen will have 90 days to contact the Farm Service Agency to apply for assistance.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR ASSISTANCE IN COMPLETING FORM FAS-930, CONTACT:

Jean-Louis Pajot, Coordinator, Trade Adjustment Assistance for Farmers, FAS, USDA, (202) 720-2916, e-mail: trade.adjustment@fas.usda.gov. Additional program information can be obtained at the TAA Web site. The URL is www.fas.usda.gov/itp/taa/taaindex.htm.

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Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Access Designation for the Ocala National Forest, Lake, and Marion Counties, FL

AGENCY: USDA Forest Service.

ACTION: Revised Notice of Intent to prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for access management on the Ocala National Forest.

SUMMARY: The USDA Forest Service intends to prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for designating a system of roads and trails within portions of the Ocala National Forest in Florida.

DATES: Comments were solicited during public meetings held between 1999 and 2002. A draft environmental impact statement is expected to be completed in June 2004. The final environmental impact statement is scheduled to be completed in December 2004.

ADDRESSES: You may request to be placed on the project mailing list and submit comments by contacting: Marsha

Kearney, Forest Supervisor, USDA Forest Service, 325 John Knox Rd., Tallahassee, Florida 32303.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Will Ebaugh, Project Team Leader, (850) 523-8557.

Responsible Officials: Jerri Marr, District Ranger, Lake George Ranger District, 17147 Highway 40, Silver Springs, Florida 34488; Jim Thorsen, District Ranger, Seminole Ranger District, 40929 State Road 19, Umatilla, Florida 32784.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a revised Notice of Intent for the prior notice promulgated on May 8, 2002, in the **Federal Register** (Volume 67, number 89, page 30865). It is being revised due to the following reasons:

(1) The expected publication dates have been delayed by two years. The original schedule included a DEIS release in August 2002 and FEIS in November 2002. The revised dates include a DEIS release in June 2004 and FEIS in December 2004.

(2) The proposed action as described in the 2002 NOI was to include all three National Forests in Florida. The revised project is to be completed only for the Ocala National Forest. The remaining National Forests in Florida will be analyzed under separate EIS's.

(3) The responsible official has changed. Jerri Marr (District Ranger on the Lake George Ranger District and Jim Thorsen (District Ranger on the Seminole Ranger District will be the responsible officials.

Prior to 1999, vehicles could travel off roads (cross-country) on the National Forests in Florida except in areas specifically posted closed. The policy of allowing cross-country access contributed to a proliferation of travelways in portions of the Forests. As a result of this situation, vehicle access was addressed in the revision of Land and Resource Management Plan for the National Forests in Florida (Forest Plan).

Upon approval in 1999, the Forest Plan changed access for motorized vehicles in two ways: "cross-country" travel on land with no existing roads or trails is prohibited anywhere in the forests; and restricted areas were established where travel will be limited to designated roads and trails. The Forest Plan provided that a system of roads and trails would be designated in