SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 15, 2015, USDA announced the establishment of the in-quota quantity of the FY 2016 refined sugar TRQ at 132,000 MTRV for which the sucrose content, by weight in the dry state, must have a polarimeter reading of 99.5 degrees or more (FR 80, No. 114, June 15, 2015, page 34129). This amount includes the minimum level to which the United States is committed under the WTO Uruguay Round Agreements (22,000 MTRV of which 1,656 MTRV is reserved for specialty sugar) and an additional 110,000 MTRV reserved for specialty sugars.

Pursuant to Additional U.S. Note 5 to Chapter 17 of the U.S. Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) and Section 359(k) of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, as amended, the Secretary today increases the overall FY 2016 refined sugar TRQ by 20,000 MTRV to 152,000 MTRV. The increased amount is reserved for specialty sugar. Entry of this sugar will be permitted beginning May 9, 2016. The sugar entered under this tariff-rate quota is reserved for organic sugar and other specialty sugars not currently produced commercially in the United States or reasonably available from domestic sources.

The provisions of paragraph (a)(i) of the Additional U.S. Note 5, Chapter 17 in the U.S. Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) authorize the Secretary to establish the in-quota tariff-rate quota (TRQ) amounts (expressed in terms of raw value) for imports of raw cane sugar and certain sugars, syrups, and molasses that may be entered under the subheadings of the HTS subject to the lower tier of duties during each fiscal year. The Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) is responsible for the allocation of these quantities among supplying countries and areas.

Section 359(k) of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, as amended, requires that at the beginning of the quota year the Secretary of Agriculture establish the TRQs for raw cane sugar and refined sugars at the minimum levels necessary to comply with obligations under international trade agreements, with the exception of specialty sugar.

Notice is hereby given that the Secretary has determined, in accordance with paragraph (a)(i) of the Additional U.S. Note 5, Chapter 17 in the HTS, and section 359(k) of the 1938 Act, that an aggregate quantity of up to 1,117,195 MTRV of raw sugar may be entered or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption during FY 2017. This is the minimum amount to which the United States is committed under the WTO Uruguay Round Agreements. The Secretary has further determined that an aggregate quantity of 162,000 MTRV of sugars, syrups, and molasses may be entered or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption during FY 2017. This quantity includes the minimum amount to which the United States is committed under the WTO Uruguay Round Agreements, 22,000 MTRV, of which 20,344 MTRV is established for any sugars, syrups and molasses, and 1,656 MTRV is reserved for specialty sugar. An additional amount of 140,000 MTRV is added to the specialty sugar TRQ for a total of 141,656 MTRV.

Because the specialty sugar TRQ is first-come, first-served, tranches are needed to allow for orderly marketing throughout the year. The FY 2017 specialty sugar TRQ will be opened in five tranches. The first tranche, totaling 1,656 MTRV, will open October 3, 2016. All specialty sugars are eligible for entry under this tranche. The second tranche will open on October 26, 2016, and be equal to 40,000 MTRV. The third tranche of 38,344 MTRV will open on January 6, 2017. The fourth and fifth tranches of 30,000 MTRV each will open on April 7, 2017, and July 7, 2017, respectively. The second, third, fourth, and fifth tranches will be reserved for organic sugar and other specialty sugars not currently produced commercially in the United States or reasonably available from domestic sources.

* Conversion factor: 1 metric ton = 1.10231125 short tons.


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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Ravalli Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Ravalli Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will meet in Hamilton, Montana. The committee is authorized under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (the Act) and operates in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The purpose of the committee is to improve collaborative relationships and to provide advice and recommendations to the Forest Service concerning projects and funding consistent with title II of the Act. RAC information can be found at the following Web site: http://www.fs.usda.gov/main/bitterroot/workingtogether/advisorycommittees.

DATES: The meeting will be held May 24, 2016, at 6:30 p.m.

All RAC meetings are subject to cancellation. For status of meeting prior to attendance, please contact the person listed under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.

ADRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Bitterroot National Forest (NF) Supervisor’s Office, 1801 North 1st Street, Hamilton, Montana.

Written comments may be submitted as described under SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION. 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 Bitterroot NF Supervisor’s Office. Please call ahead to facilitate entry into the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ryan Domsalla, Designated Federal Officer, by phone at 406–821–3269 or via email at rdomsalla@fs.fed.us; or Joni Lubke, RAC Coordinator, by phone at 406–363–7182 or via email at jmlubke@fs.fed.us.

Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339 between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the meeting is for voting and approving new projects.

The meeting is open to the public. The agenda will include time for people to make oral statements of three minutes or less. Individuals wishing to make an oral statement should request in writing by May 20, 2016, to be scheduled on the agenda. Anyone who would like to bring related matters to the attention of the committee may file written statements with the committee staff before or after the meeting. Written comments and requests for time to make oral comments must be sent to Joni Lubke, RAC Coordinator, 1801 N. 1st Street, Hamilton, Montana 59840; by email to jmlubke@fs.fed.us, or via facsimile to 406–363–7159.

Meeting Accommodations: If you are a person requiring reasonable accommodation, please make requests in advance for sign language interpreting, assistive listening devices or other reasonable accommodation for access to the facility or proceedings by contacting the person listed in the section titled FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.

Dated: May 2, 2016.
Julie K. King,
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Ravalli Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will meet in Hamilton, Montana. The committee is authorized under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (the Act) and operates in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The purpose of the committee is to improve collaborative relationships and to provide advice and recommendations to the Forest Service concerning projects and funding consistent with title II of the Act. RAC information can be found at the following Web site: http://www.fs.usda.gov/main/bitterroot/workingtogether/advisorycommittees.

DATES: The meeting will be held June 14, 2016, at 6:30 p.m.

All RAC meetings are subject to cancellation. For status of meeting prior to attendance, please contact the person listed under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.

ADRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Bitterroot National Forest (NF) Supervisor’s Office, 1801 North 1st Street, Hamilton, Montana.

Written comments may be submitted as described under SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION. 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 Bitterroot NF Supervisor’s Office. Please call ahead to facilitate entry into the building.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the meeting is for voting and approving new projects.

The meeting is open to the public. The agenda will include time for people to make oral statements of three minutes or less. Individuals wishing to make an oral statement should request in writing by June 10, 2016, to be scheduled on the agenda. Anyone who would like to bring related matters to the attention of the committee may file written statements with the committee staff before or after the meeting. Written comments and requests for time to make oral comments must be sent to Joni Lubke, RAC Coordinator, 1801 N. 1st Street, Hamilton, Montana 59840; by email to jmlubke@fs.fed.us, or via facsimile to 406–363–7159.

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Dated: May 2, 2016.
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