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Reopening of the Comment Period for the Proposed Establishment of the "Lewis– Clark Valley" Viticultural Area and Realignment of the Columbia Valley Viticultural Area

Washington, D.C. — The Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau will publish a notice of proposed rulemaking in the Federal Register on Tuesday, October 27, 2015, which will reopen the comment period for the proposed "Lewis–Clark Valley" American viticultural area (AVA) for an additional 30 days. The proposed AVA is located in portions of Nez Perce, Lewis, Clearwater and Latah Counties in Idaho and Asotin, Garfield, and Whitman Counties in Washington. The reopened comment period will close on November 27, 2015.

TTB is reopening the comment period for this proposal to allow for additional public comment on the proposed realignment of the Columbia Valley AVA. The proposed realignment would eliminate a potential partial overlap with the proposed AVA by removing the overlapping region from the Columbia Valley AVA and placing it entirely within the proposed Lewis–Clark Valley AVA.

You may submit comments on this proposal and view copies of the proposed rule, selected supporting materials, and any comments TTB receives about this proposal at the "Regulations.gov" website (<u>http://www.regulations.gov</u>) within Docket No. TTB–2015–0005. A link to that docket is posted on the TTB website at <u>http://www.ttb.gov/wine/wine-rulemaking.shtml</u> under Notice No. 149.

Alternatively, written comments may be submitted to one of these addresses:

- <u>U.S. Mail:</u> Director, Regulations and Rulings Division, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, 1310 G Street NW., Box 12, Washington, DC 20005; or
- <u>Hand delivery/courier in lieu of mail:</u> Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, 1310 G Street, NW., Suite 400, Washington, DC 20005.

Comments on this proposal must be received on or before November 27, 2015.