

and moderated grape-growing region. Other potential grape growing areas, located further from the lakes and outside the proposed area, have a similar mountainous climate, but no moderating lake influence.

The petition indicates the agricultural soils of the proposed viticultural area are on well-drained alluvial fans in narrow valleys on stream terraces. The petitioner states that this contrasts with surrounding Trinity County areas, which have wider valley floors and deeper soils with higher clay content.

Boundary Description

The proposed viticultural area is located in Trinity County in northwest California. The boundary encompasses Trinity Lake and Lewiston Lake, both within the Trinity Lake unit of the Whiskeytown-Shasta-Trinity National Recreation Area, and a portion of the Trinity River basin below Lewiston Dam.

Maps

The petitioner submitted the required United States Geological Survey (USGS)-approved required maps. See the list of maps in the proposed regulation below.

Public Participation

Comments Sought

We request comments from anyone interested. Please support your comments with specific information about the proposed area's name, growing conditions, or boundaries. All comments must include your name and mailing address, reference this notice number, and be legible and written in language acceptable for public disclosure.

Although we do not acknowledge receipt, we will consider your comments if we receive them on or before the closing date. We will consider comments received after the closing date if we can. We regard all comments as originals.

Confidentiality

We do not recognize any submitted material as confidential. All comments are part of the public record and subject to disclosure. Do not enclose in your comments any material you consider confidential or inappropriate for disclosure.

Submitting Comments

You may submit comments in any of four ways:

- *By mail:* You may send written comments to TTB at the address listed in the **ADDRESSES** section.

- *By facsimile:* You may submit comments by facsimile transmission to 202-927-8525. Faxed comments must—

- (1) Be on 8.5-by 11-inch paper;
- (2) Contain a legible, written signature; and
- (3) Be five or less pages long. This limitation assures electronic access to our equipment. We will not accept faxed comments that exceed five pages.

- *By e-mail:* You may e-mail comments to nprm@ttb.gov. Comments transmitted by electronic-mail must—

- (1) Contain your e-mail address;
- (2) Reference this notice number on the subject line; and
- (3) Be legible when printed on 8.5-by 11-inch paper.

- *By online form:* We provide a comment form with the online copy of this notice on our Web site at <http://www.ttb.gov/alcohol/rules/index.htm>. Select "Send comments via e-mail" under this notice number.

You may also write to the Administrator before the comment closing date to ask for a public hearing. The Administrator reserves the right to determine, in light of all circumstances, whether a public hearing will be held.

Disclosure

You may view copies of the petition, the proposed regulation, the appropriate maps, and any comments received by appointment at our library, 1310 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005. You may also obtain copies at 20 cents per 8.5-x 11-inch page. Contact our librarian at the above address or telephone 202-927-8210 to schedule an appointment or to request copies of comments.

For your convenience, we will post this notice and the comments received on the TTB Web site. We may omit voluminous attachments or material that we consider unsuitable for posting. In all cases, the full comment will be available in the TTB Reference Library. To access the online copy of this notice, visit <http://www.ttb.gov/alcohol/rules/index.htm> and select the "View Comments" link under this notice number to view the posted comments.

Regulatory Analyses and Notices

Paperwork Reduction Act

We propose no requirement to collect information. Therefore, the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3507, and its implementing regulations, 5 CFR part 1320, do not apply.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

We certify that this proposed regulation, if adopted, will not have a

significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. This proposed regulation imposes no new reporting, recordkeeping, or other administrative requirement. Any benefit derived from the use of a viticultural area name would be the result of a proprietor's efforts and consumer acceptance of wines from that area. Therefore, no regulatory flexibility analysis is required.

Executive Order 12866

This proposed rule is not a significant regulatory action as defined by Executive Order 12866, 58 FR 51735. Therefore, it requires no regulatory assessment.

Drafting Information

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List of Subjects in 27 CFR Part 9

Wine.

Authority and Issuance

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, we propose to amend Title 27, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 9, American Viticultural Areas, as follows:

PART 9—AMERICAN VITICULTURAL AREAS

1. The authority citation for part 9 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 27 U.S.C. 205.

2. Subpart C is amended by adding § 9. __ to read as follows:

Subpart C—Approved American Viticultural Areas

§ 9. __ Trinity Lakes.

(a) The name of the viticultural area described in this section is "Trinity Lakes".

(b) *Approved Maps.* The appropriate maps for determining the boundaries of the Trinity Lakes viticultural area are eleven 1:24,000 Scale USGS topographic maps. They are titled:

- (1) Carrville, Calif. Provisional Edition 1986;
- (2) Whisky Bill Peak, Calif. Provisional Edition 1986;
- (3) Damnation Peak, Calif. Provisional Edition 1982;
- (4) Trinity Center, Calif. Provisional Edition 1982;
- (5) Papoose Creek, Calif. Provisional Edition 1982;
- (6) Trinity Dam, Calif. Provisional Edition 1982;
- (7) Lewiston, Calif. Provisional Edition 1982;