

Power Corp. v. NRDC, 435 U.S. 519, 553 (1978).

Also, environmental objections that could be raised at the draft environmental impact statement stage but that are not raised until after completion of the final environmental impact statement may be waived or dismissed by the courts. *City of Angoon v. Hodel*, 803 F.2d 1016, 1022 (9th Cir. 1986) and *Wisconsin Heritages, Inc. v. Harris*, 490 F. Supp. 1334, 1338 (E.D. Wis. 1980). Because of these court rulings, it is very important that those interested in this proposed action participate by the close of the 45 day comment period so that comments and objections are made available to the Forest Service at a time when it can meaningfully consider them and respond to them in the final environmental impact statement.

To assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering issues and concerns on the proposed action, comments on the draft environmental impact statement should be as specific as possible. It is also helpful if comments refer to specific pages or chapters of the draft statement. Comments may also address the adequacy of the draft environmental impact statement or the merits of the alternatives formulated and discussed in the statement. Reviewers may wish to refer to the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act at 40 CFR 1503.3 in addressing these points.

(Authority: 40 CFR 1501.7 and 1508.22; Forest Service Handbook 1909.15, Chapter 20, Section 21).

Dated: November 20, 2007.

Misty A. Hays,

Deputy District Ranger.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Black Hills National Forest Advisory Board Public Meeting Dates Announced

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: The Black Hills National Forest Advisory Board (NFAB) has announced its meeting dates for 2008. These meetings are open to the public, and public comment is accepted at any time in writing and at the pleasure of the Board chair at each meeting for verbal comments. Persons wishing to speak may be given three minutes to address the Board.

Meeting dates are the third Wednesday of each month unless otherwise indicated:

January 3.

February 20.

March 19.

April 16.

May 21.

June 18.

July (No Meeting).

August 20 (Summer Field Trip—TBA).

September 17.

October 15.

November 19.

December (No Meeting).

January 6, 2009 (Tentative).

ADDRESSES: Meetings will begin at 1 p.m. and end no later than 5 p.m. at the Forest Service Center, 8221 S. Highway 16, Rapid City, SD 57702.

Agendas: The Board will consider a variety of issues related to national forest management. Agendas will be announced in advance in the news media but principally concern implementing phase two of the forest land and resource management plan. The Board will consider such topics as integrated vegetation management (wild and prescribed fire, fuels reduction, controlling insect epidemics, invasive species), travel management (off highway vehicles, the new OHV rule, and related topics), and forest fragmentation, among others.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Frank Carroll, Committee Management Officer, Black Hills National Forest, 25041 North Highway 16, Custer, SD 57730, (605) 673-9200.

Dated: December 1, 2007.

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Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

Opportunity To Comment on the Applicants for the North Central Texas Region, and the South Central California Region

AGENCY: Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: GIPSA requests comments on the applicants for designation to provide official services in north central Texas, and the applicant for south central California. Enid Grain Inspection Company, Inc. (Enid) and Plainview

Grain Inspection and Weighing Service, Inc. (Plainview) applied for counties in Texas, and California Agri Inspection Company, Ltd. (California Agri) applied for counties in California that were open for designation.

DATES: Comments must be postmarked or electronically dated on or before January 2, 2008.

ADDRESSES: We invite you to submit comments on these applicants. You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *Hand Delivery or Courier:* Deliver to Karen Guagliardo, Review Branch Chief, Compliance Division, GIPSA, USDA, Room 1647-S, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250.

- *Fax:* Send by facsimile transmission to (202) 690-2755, Attention: Karen Guagliardo.

- *E-mail:* Send via electronic mail to Karen.W.Guagliardo@usda.gov.

- *Mail:* Send hardcopy to Karen Guagliardo, Review Branch Chief, Compliance Division, GIPSA, USDA, STOP 3604, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-3604.

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments and reading any comments posted online.

Read Applications and Comments: All applications and comments will be available for public inspection at the office above during regular business hours (7 CFR 1.27(b)).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Karen Guagliardo at 202-720-7312, e-mail Karen.W.Guagliardo@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This Action has been reviewed and determined not to be a rule or regulation as defined in Executive Order 12866 and Departmental Regulation 1512-1; therefore, the Executive Order and Departmental Regulation do not apply to this action.

Amarillo Grain Exchange, Inc., currently designated October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2010, asked GIPSA to remove the north central Texas region from its assigned geographical area. The north central Texas region is comprised of the following nineteen counties: Archer, Baylor, Callahan, Clay, Cottle, Fisher, Foard, Hardeman, Haskell, Jones, King, Knox, Nolan, Shackelford, Stonewall, Taylor, Throckmorton, Wichita, and Wilbarger.

In the September 4, 2007, **Federal Register** (72 FR 50654), GIPSA asked persons interested in providing official services in the north central Texas

region to submit an application for designation. GIPSA also asked persons interested in providing official services for the area currently designated to Farwell Commodity and Grain Services, Inc. (Farwell Southwest) to submit an application for designation.

There were two applicants for the north central Texas area: Plainview and Enid; both currently designated official agencies. Plainview applied for part of the area open for designation: Cottle, Hardeman, King, Knox, Baylor, Archer, Stonewall, Haskell, Throckmorton, Fisher, Jones, Shackelford, Nolan, Taylor, Foard, and Callahan counties in Texas. Enid applied for part of the area open for designation: Clay, Wichita, and Wilbarger counties in Texas.

California Agri, a currently designated official agency, applied for designation in specific counties currently designated to Farwell Southwest. California Agri provides service in these California counties through an agreement with Farwell Southwest: Merced, Madera, Fresno, Kings, Tulare, Inyo, San Luis Obispo, Kern, Orange, Los Angeles, Ventura, Santa Barbara, and San Bernardino. Farwell Southwest applied for the remaining counties that are currently part of their designated area. GIPSA is not soliciting comments on the quality of service provided by Farwell Southwest through this notice as such comments were already requested through a previous notice published in the **Federal Register** on September 4, 2007 (72 FR 50654).

GIPSA is publishing this notice to provide interested persons the opportunity to present comments concerning the applicants. Commenters are encouraged to submit reasons and pertinent data for support or objection to the designation of the applicants. All comments must be submitted to the Compliance Division at the above address or at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Comments and other available information will be considered in making a final decision.

GIPSA will publish notice of the final decision in the **Federal Register**, and GIPSA will send the applicants written notification of the decision.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 71–87k.

James E. Link,

Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

Opportunity for Designation in Georgia, Cedar Rapids (IA), and Montana Areas, and Request for Comments on the Official Agencies Serving These Areas

AGENCY: Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The designations of the official agencies listed below will end on June 30, 2008. We are asking persons interested in providing official services in the areas served by these agencies to submit an application for designation. We are also asking for comments on the quality of services provided by these currently designated agencies: Georgia Department of Agriculture (Georgia); Mid-Iowa Grain Inspection, Inc. (Mid-Iowa); and Montana Department of Agriculture (Montana).

DATES: Applications and comments must be received on or before January 2, 2009.

ADDRESSES: We invite you to submit applications and comments on this notice. You may submit applications and comments by any of the following methods:

- To apply for designation, go to FGIS online, Web page <https://fgis.gipsa.usda.gov/>

default_home_FGIS.aspx. Select *Delegations/Designations and Export Registrations (DDR)*. You need e-authentication and a customer number prior to applying.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 7(f)(1) of the United States Grain Standards Act, as amended (USGSA or Act), authorizes GIPSA’s Administrator to designate a qualified applicant to provide official services in a specified area after determining that the applicant is better able than any other applicant to provide such official services (7 U.S.C. 79(f)(1)).

Section 7(g)(1) of USGSA provides that designations of official agencies will terminate not later than three years and may be renewed according to the criteria and procedures prescribed in Section 7(f) of USGSA.

CURRENT DESIGNATIONS BEING ANNOUNCED FOR RENEWAL

| Official agency | Main office | Designation start | Designation end |
|-----------------|------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Georgia | Tifton, GA | 07/01/2008 | 06/30/2011 |
| Mid-Iowa | Cedar Rapids, IA | 07/01/2008 | 03/31/2011 |
| Montana | Helena, MT | 07/01/2008 | 03/31/2011 |

Georgia

Pursuant to Section 7(f)(2) of the Act, the following geographic area, the entire State of Georgia, except those export port locations within the State which are serviced by GIPSA, is assigned to Georgia.

Mid-Iowa

Pursuant to Section 7(f)(2) of the Act, the following geographic area, in the States of Minnesota, Iowa, and Texas is assigned to Mid-Iowa.

In Minnesota

Wabasha, Olmstead, Winona, Houston, and Fillmore Counties.