

treatment unit and then decommissioned once activities are completed. In response to the final Travel Management Rule, approximately 36 miles of road is proposed for designation as open to motorized use by highway legal vehicles, and 39 miles of trails proposed for non-motorized use.

#### Possible Alternatives

The Forest Service will consider a range of alternatives. One of these will be the "no action" alternative in which none of the proposed activities will be implemented. Additional alternatives may examine varying levels and locations for the proposed activities to achieve the purpose and need, as well as to respond to the issues and other resource values.

#### Responsible Official

The Responsible official for this project is Paul Bradford, Forest Supervisor, Kootenai National Forest, 1101 Highway 2 West, Libby, Montana 59923.

#### Nature of Decision To Be Made

The decision to be made includes whether to implement the proposed actions, alternatives to the proposed actions, and any design criteria or mitigation measures.

#### Scoping Process

A scoping package will be sent to all parties that have expressed an interest in management activities in the area, as well as those that reside within or adjacent to the project area. A legal notice will be published in the newspaper of record to notify other interested parties of the opportunity for comments. Public meetings will be held if interest is expressed by the public.

#### Preliminary Issues

Additional opportunities to meet grizzly bear habitat standards may be identified to meet total managed road densities. The proposed action includes the potential creation of a regeneration opening of approximately 118 acres.

#### Comment Requested

This notice of intent initiates the scoping process that guides the development of the draft environmental impact statement. Comments should be received 30 days following publication of this notice to be considered in preparation of the DEIS.

#### Early Notice of Importance of Public Participation in Subsequent Environmental Review

A draft environmental impact statement will be prepared for comment.

The comment period on the draft environmental impact statement will be 45 days from the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes the notice of availability in the **Federal Register**.

The Forest Service believes, at this early stage, it is important to give reviewers notice of several court rulings related to public participation in the environmental review process. First, reviewers of draft environmental impact statements must structure their participation in the environmental review of the proposal so that it is meaningful and alerts an agency to the reviewer's position and contentions. *Vermont Yankee Nuclear 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 substantive 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.

Comments received, including the names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record on this proposal and will be available for public inspection.

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

Dated: June 7, 2006.

**Thomas Puchlerz,**

*Acting Forest Supervisor, Kootenai National Forest.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

[06-02-A]

#### Opportunity for Designation in the Sacramento (CA), Frankfort (IN), Indianapolis (IN), and Virginia 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 in December 2006. Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) is asking persons interested in providing official services in the areas served by these agencies to submit an application for designation. GIPSA is also asking for comments on the quality of services provided by these currently designated agencies: California Agri Inspection Company, Ltd. (California Agri); Frankfort Grain Inspection, Inc. (Frankfort); Indianapolis Grain Inspection & Weighing Service, Inc. (Indianapolis); and Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (Virginia).

**DATES:** Applications and comments must be received on or before July 14, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** We invite you to submit applications and comments on this notice. You may submit applications and 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](mailto: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.

*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.

Section 7(f)(1) of the United States Grain Standards Act, as amended (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.

Section 7(g)(1) of the Act provides that designations of official agencies shall terminate not later than triennially and may be renewed according to the criteria and procedures prescribed in section 7(f) of the Act.

1. Current Designations Being Announced for Renewal.

Official agency	Main office	Designation start	Designation end
California Agri .....	West Sacramento, CA .....	06/01/2005	12/31/2006
Frankfort .....	Frankfort, IN .....	01/01/2004	12/31/2006
Indianapolis .....	Indianapolis, IN .....	01/01/2004	12/31/2006
Virginia .....	Richmond, VA .....	01/01/2004	12/31/2006

a. Pursuant to section 7(f)(2) of the Act, the following geographic area, in the State of California, is assigned to California Agri.

Bounded on the North by the northern California State line east to the eastern California State line;

Bounded on the East by the eastern California State line south to the southern Mono County line;

Bounded on the South by the southern Mono, Tuolumne, Mariposa, Stanislaus, Santa Clara, San Benito, and Monterey County lines west to the western California State line; and

Bounded on the West by the western California State line north to the northern California State line.

California Agri's assigned geographic area does not include the export port locations inside California Agri's area which are serviced by GIPSA.

b. Pursuant to section 7(f)(2) of the Act, the following geographic area, in the State of Indiana, is assigned to Frankfort.

Bounded on the North by the northern Fulton County line;

Bounded on the East by the eastern Fulton County line south to State Route 19; State Route 19 south to State Route 114; State Route 114 southeast to the eastern Fulton and Miami County lines; the northern Grant County line east to County Highway 900E; County Highway 900E south to State Route 18; State Route 18 east to the Grant County line; the eastern and southern Grant County lines; the eastern Tipton County line; the eastern Hamilton County line south to State Route 32;

Bounded on the South by State Route 32 west to the Boone County line; the eastern and southern Boone County lines; the southern Montgomery County line; and

Bounded on the West by the western and northern Montgomery County lines; the western Clinton County line; the

western Carroll County line north to State Route 25; State Route 25 northeast to Cass County; the western Cass and Fulton County lines.

Frankfort's assigned geographic area does not include the following grain elevators inside Frankfort's area which have been and will continue to be serviced by the following official agency: Titus Grain Inspection, Inc.: The Andersons, Delphi, Carroll County; Frick Services, Inc., Leiters Ford, Fulton County; and Cargill, Inc., Linden, Montgomery County.

c. Pursuant to section 7(f)(2) of the Act, the following geographic area, in the State of Indiana, is assigned to Indianapolis.

Bartholomew; Brown; Hamilton, south of State Route 32; Hancock; Hendricks; Johnson; Madison, west of State Route 13 and south of State Route 132; Marion; Monroe; Morgan; and Shelby Counties.

d. Pursuant to section 7(f)(2) of the Act, the following geographic area, the entire State of Virginia, is assigned to Virginia.

2. Opportunity for designation. Interested persons, including California Agri, Frankfort, Indianapolis, and Virginia, are hereby given the opportunity to apply for designation to provide official services in the geographic areas specified above under the provisions of section 7(f) of the Act and 7 CFR 800.196(d) of the regulations issued thereunder. Designation in the specified geographic areas is for the period beginning January 1, 2007, and ending December 31, 2009. Persons wishing to apply for designation should contact the Compliance Division at the address listed above for forms and information, or obtain applications at the GIPSA Web site, <http://www.gipsa.usda.gov>.

3. Request for Comments. GIPSA also is publishing this notice to provide

interested persons the opportunity to present comments on the quality of services provided by the California Agri, Frankfort, Indianapolis, and Virginia official agencies. Substantive comments citing reasons and pertinent data for support or objection to the designation of the applicants will be considered in the designation process. All comments must be submitted to the Compliance Division at the above address.

Applications, comments, and other available information will be considered in determining which applicant will be designated.

**Authority:** Public Law 94-582, 90 Stat. 2867, as amended (7 U.S.C. 71 et seq.).

**Gary McBryde,**

*Acting Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration.*

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**ARCTIC RESEARCH COMMISSION**

**[USARC 06-076]**

**Notice of Meeting**

June 6, 2006.

Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Arctic Research Commission will hold its 80th meeting in Barrow and Anchorage, AK on June 27-29, 2006. The Business Session, open to the public, will convene at 8 a.m. Tuesday, June 27, 2006 in Barrow and June 29, 2006 in Anchorage. An Executive Session will follow adjournment of the Business Session.

The Agenda items include:

(1) Call to order and approval of the Agenda.

(2) Approval of the Minutes of the 79th Meeting.

(3) Reports from Congressional Liaisons.

(4) Agency Reports.