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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Notice of Southwest Idaho Resource Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the authorities in the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463) and under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-393), the Boise and Payette National Forests' Southwest Idaho Resource Advisory Committee will conduct a business meeting, which is open to the public.

DATES: Wednesday, January 31, 2006, beginning at 10:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: Idaho Counties Risk Management Program Building, 3100 South Vista Avenue, Boise, Idaho.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Agenda topics will include review and approval of project proposals, and is an open public forum.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Doug Gochnour, Designated Federal Officer, at 208-392-6681 or e-mail dgochnour@fs.fed.us.

Dated: January 25, 2006.

Richard A. Smith,

Forest Supervisor, Boise National Forest.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

[06-GL-A]

Voluntary Cancellation of Global's Designation

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The United States Grain Standards Act, as amended (Act), provides that official agency designations will end not later than triennially and may be renewed. Global Grain Inspection Services, Inc. (Global) (as a subsidiary of BSI Inspectorate America Corporation), is designated to provide domestic official inspection services until November 30, 2006, according to the Act. Global advised the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) that they will cease providing official services on April 9, 2006. Accordingly, GIPSA is announcing that Global's designation will be canceled effective April 9, 2006. GIPSA is asking for applicants to provide domestic official inspection services in all or part of the specified geographic area in Texas.

DATES: Applications and comments must be received on or before March 3, 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 Janet M. Hart, Deputy Director, Compliance Division, GIPSA, USDA, Room 1647-S, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250.

- Fax: Send by facsimile transmission to (202) 690-2755, attention: Janet M. Hart.

- E-mail: Send via electronic mail to Janet.M.Hart@usda.gov.

- Mail: Send hardcopy to Janet M. Hart, Deputy Director, 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: Janet M. Hart at 202-720-8525, e-mail Janet.M.Hart@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 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. GIPSA designated Global, headquarters in Fort Worth, Texas, to provide official inspection services under the Act effective May 1, 2005, and terminating November 30, 2006.

Section 7(g)(1) of the Act provides that designations of official agencies will end not later than triennially and may be renewed according to the criteria and procedures prescribed in Section 7(f) of the Act. Global's designation ends November 30, 2006, according to the Act. However, Global asked GIPSA for a voluntary cancellation of their designation effective April 9, 2006. Accordingly, Global's designation will cease effective April 9, 2006, and GIPSA is asking for applicants to provide domestic official inspection services.

Pursuant to Section (7)(2) of the Act, the following geographic area, in the State of Texas, is assigned to Global.

Bounded on the north by the northern Jack, Wise, Denton, Collin, Hunt, Delta, Franklin, Titus, Morris, and Marion County line east to the Texas State line; Bounded on the east by the eastern Texas State line south to the southern Texas State line; Bounded on the south by the southern Texas State line west to the western Val Verde County line; Bounded on the west by the western Val Verde, Edwards, Kimble, Mason, San Saba, Mills, Comanche, Erath, Palo Pinto, and Jack County lines north to the northern Jack County line.

Global's assigned geographic area does not include the export port locations inside Global's area which are serviced by GIPSA. Interested persons are hereby given the opportunity to apply for designation to provide official services in the geographic areas specified above under provisions of Section 7(f) of the Act and section 800.196(d) of the regulations issued thereunder. 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.usda.gov/gipsa/oversight/parovreg.htm>.

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

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Acting Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

Request for Extension and Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection

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

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: This notice announces our intention to request a 3-year extension and revision of a currently approved information collection in support of the reporting and recordkeeping requirements for the Swine Contract Library program. This approval is required under the Paperwork Reduction Act.

DATES: We will consider comments that we receive by April 3, 2006.

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

- E-mail: Send comments via electronic mail to comments.gipsa@usda.gov.
- Mail: Send hardcopy written comments to Tess Butler, GIPSA, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 1647-S, Washington, DC 20250-3604.
- Fax: Send comments by facsimile transmission to: (202) 690-2755.
- Hand Delivery or Courier: Deliver comments to: Tess Butler, GIPSA, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 1647-S, Washington, DC 20250-3604.

Instructions: All comments should make reference to the date and page number of this issue of the **Federal Register**.

Background Documents: Information collection package and other documents relating to this action will be available for public inspection in the above office during regular business hours.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information regarding the information collection activities and the use of the information, contact Bryce Wilke, at

(515) 323-2579 or Bryce.A.Wilke@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) is responsible for maintaining the Swine Contract Library, which is authorized by the Packers and Stockyards Act and requires that certain hog packers submit hog procurement contracts and delivery estimates to GIPSA. Reauthorization of the Swine Contract Library by Congress is pending, and is anticipated this year; in the interim, packers are voluntarily submitting information for the Swine Contract Library. Due to the length of time required to renew information collection approvals, in anticipation of the reauthorization of the Swine Contract Library program, we are publishing this notice to announce our intention to request approval from the Office of Management and Budget to continue collecting the required information. This information collection notice describes the requirements as they exist under the Swine Contract Library legislation even though that legislation is not currently in effect. Therefore, the language will indicate, for example, that packers are "required" to submit certain information. If the Swine Contract Library is not reauthorized we will determine if continuing the program on a voluntary basis would provide a benefit to the agency and market participants. The regulations implementing the Swine Contract Library are contained in 9 CFR part 206.

Title: Swine Contract Library.

OMB Number: 0580-0021.

Expiration Date of Approval: July 31, 2006.

Type of Request: Extension and revision of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: The information collection and recordkeeping requirements for the Swine Contract Library are essential to maintaining the mandatory library of swine marketing contracts and reporting the number of swine contracted for delivery. There are currently 32 packers that are required to file contracts and report certain information on deliveries for a total of 51 plants that they operate or at which they have swine slaughtered. We expect the overall number of plants and packers to remain relatively constant, but the specific packers required to report will vary with consolidation and construction in the industry. Of the initial 32 reporting packers operating 51 plants, 2 packers operating 1 plant each have ceased business, 2 plants operated by different packers have fallen below the reporting threshold, and 2 plants operated by

different packers have ceased slaughtering but continue to operate as processing facilities. Since reporting began in 2003, two packers operating one plant each have increased slaughter levels above the reporting threshold and two packers have built new plants that slaughter or expect to slaughter above the threshold level. One packer utilizing custom slaughter facilities has increased slaughter above the threshold level.

Packers are required to report information for individual plants even in instances when a given company owned or used more than one plant. The information collection burden estimate provided below are based on time and cost requirements at the plant level, so packers that report for more than one plant would bear a cost that would be a multiple of the per-plant estimates.

We understand from discussions with packers complying with current reporting requirements that reporting packers have adapted pre-existing data and information systems to provide the required information.

There are two types of information collections required for the Swine Contract Library.

The first information collection requirement consists of submitting example contracts. Initially, a packer submits example contracts currently in effect or available for each swine processing plant that is subject to the regulations. Subsequently, a packer submits example contracts for any offered, new, or amended contracts that vary from previously submitted contracts in regard to the base price determination, the application of a ledger or accrual account, carcass merit premium and discount schedules (including the determination of the lean percent or other merits of the carcass that are used to determine the amount of the premiums and discounts and how those premiums and discounts are applied), or the use and amount of noncarcass merit premiums or discounts. The initial submission of example contracts requires more time than subsequent filings of new contracts or changes, as packers initially need to review all their contracts to identify the unique types that need to be represented by an example submitted to GIPSA. Thereafter, subsequent filings require a minimal amount of effort on the part of packers, as only example contracts that represent a new or different type need to be filed with GIPSA. An optional contract submission cover sheet is available, but not required, for submitting example contracts. Approximately half the packers currently subject to the regulations use the optional cover sheet for contract