

will be mailed to those requesting a copy.

Scheduled meetings and details of other public involvement opportunities will be posted on the KIPZ Web site: <http://www.fs.fed.us/kipz>.

The opportunity to object to a Final Plan will be during a 30-day objection period before Plan approval (36 CFR 219.13(a)). Only individuals or organizations, other than a federal agency, who participated in the planning process through the submission of written comments, may object to a Plan.

Please note that all comments, names, and addresses become part of the public record and are subject to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), except for proprietary documents and information.

Responsible Officials: Bob Castaneda, Kootenai Forest Supervisor and Ranotta K. McNair, Idaho Panhandle Forest Supervisor.

Dated: May 1, 2006.

Bob Castaneda,

Forest Supervisor, Kootenai National Forest.

Dated: May 1, 2006.

Ranotta K. McNair,

Forest Supervisor, Idaho Panhandle National Forests.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Lake County Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting

SUMMARY: The Lake County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will hold a meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on June 22, 2006, from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Lake County Board of Supervisor's Chambers at 255 North Forbes Street, Lakeport.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Debbie McIntosh, Committee Coordinator, USDA, Mendocino National Forest, Upper Lake Ranger District, 10025 Elk Mountain Road, Upper Lake, CA 95485. (707) 275-2361; e-mail dmcintosh@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Agenda items to be covered include: (1) Roll Call/Establish Quorum; (2) Review Minutes from the October 27, 2006 meeting; (3) Up date on the Middle Creek Weirs project/field trip; (4) Project review and discussion; (5) Recommend

projects/vote; (6) Discuss Project Cost Accounting USFS/County of Lake; (7) Set Next Meeting Date; (8) Public Comment Period; Public input opportunity will be provided and individuals will have the opportunity to address the Committee at that time.

Dated: May 5, 2006.

Blaine P. Baker,

Designated Federal Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

[06-TX-C]

Opportunity To Comment on the Applicants for the Texas Area

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: GIPSA requests comments on the applicants for designation to provide official services in unassigned counties in Texas.

DATES: Comments must be postmarked or electronically dated on or before June 12, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Comments must be submitted in writing to USDA, GIPSA, John R. Sharpe, Division Director, Compliance Division, STOP 3604, Room 1647-S, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-3604. Fax 202-690-2755; e-mail John.R.Sharpe@usda.gov. All comments received will be made available for public inspection at the above address located at 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., during regular business hours.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John R. Sharpe at 202-720-8262, e-mail John.R.Sharpe@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.

In the March 13, 2006, **Federal Register** (71 FR 12675), GIPSA asked persons interested in providing official services in Clay, Montague, Cooke, Grayson, Fannin, Lamar, Red River, Young, Stephen, and Eastland Counties in Texas to submit an application for designation.

There were two applicants for the Texas area: Enid Grain Inspection Co.,

Inc. (Enid) and Intercontinental Grain Inspections Inc. (Intercontinental); both currently designated official agencies. Enid applied for designation to provide official services in Clay, Montague, Cooke, and Grayson Counties. Intercontinental applied for all of the counties announced in the March 13, 2005, **Federal Register**. 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. 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: Pub. L. 94-582, 90 Stat. 2867, as amended (7 U.S.C. 71 *et seq.*).

James E. Link,

Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

United States Standards for Feed Peas

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

ACTION: Notice; request for public comment.

SUMMARY: We plan to establish U.S. standards for feed peas under the authority of the U.S. Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, as amended (AMA). Current U.S. standards for Whole Dry Peas and Split Peas reflect the needs of the edible dry pea market. The quality and standards established for the edible dry pea market greatly differ from the feed pea market. Consequently, the current standards for edible dry peas do not reflect the current needs of the feed pea market. This action will provide uniform standards and will facilitate the marketing of feed peas.

DATES: We will consider comments that we receive by June 12, 2006.

ADDRESSES: We invite you to submit comments on this notice. Please reference the date and page number of this issue of the **Federal Register** in your comments. 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.
- Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to <http://www.regulation.gov>. Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.

To read comments: All comments received will be made available for public review at the above address during regular business hours (7 CFR 1.27(b)).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Vicki A. Lacefield, Policies and Procedures Branch, Field Management Division, USDA, GIPSA, Room 2420-S, Stop 3630, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-3630, telephone (202) 720-0397; or e-mail to: Vicki.A.Lacefield@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The AMA directs and authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to develop and improve standards for agricultural products (7 U.S.C. 1622). These are standards of quality, condition, quantity, grade, and packaging. The intent of such standards is to encourage uniformity and consistency in commercial practices.

GIPSA establishes and maintains a variety of quality and grade standards for agricultural commodities. These standards provide market participants with common terms to describe the quality of agricultural commodities and; thus, reduce transaction costs and facilitate marketing. They also provide a common standard to improve risk management through crop insurance and loan assistance. For example, USDA programs providing farm loan assistance typically rely on the U.S. standards to determine eligibility and payment amount. The AMA standards are voluntary and widely used in private contracts, government procurement, marketing communication, and, for some commodities, consumer information.

Standards developed under the AMA include rice, whole dry peas, split peas, lentils, and beans. The U.S. standards

for Whole Dry Peas, Split Peas, Lentils, and Beans do not appear in the Code of Federal Regulations (although the process by which we develop these standards is specified through the regulations in 7 CFR 868.102, Procedures for establishing and revising grade standards); however the standards are available on the GIPSA Web site, <http://www.gipsa.usda.gov>. If we establish new standards for feed peas, we will publish a final notice in the **Federal Register**. The new U.S. standards will be available on the GIPSA Web site at http://archive.gipsa.usda.gov/reference-library/standards/feed_pea_standards.pdf and by contacting the Field Management Division at the above address.

Need for New Standards

The United States Dry Pea and Lentil Council and other dry pea industry representatives requested that we establish standards for dry peas used as feed for animals (feed peas). Current U.S. standards for Whole Dry Peas and Split Peas reflect the needs of the edible dry pea market. The pea industry indicated the need to establish separate standards for marketing peas as a feed product due to an increasing demand for peas used in animal feed. The quality and standards established for the edible dry pea market differ from the feed pea market. Consequently, the current standards for edible dry peas do not reflect the current needs of the feed pea market.

To begin, we worked with the United States Dry Pea and Lentil Council and others in the pea industry to examine the effectiveness of the U.S. Standards for Whole Dry Peas, Split Peas, and Lentils in today's marketing environment. As a result, GIPSA concluded that the current standards continue to meet consumer and processor needs for the edible pea and lentil markets.

Our work with the United States Dry Pea and Lentil Council and others in the pea industry also identified a market need for standards for feed peas. Based on a review of U.S. market needs and other feed pea standards used in Canada and Australia, we developed proposed standards for feed peas.

Feed Peas and Pea Production

Feed peas are dry peas (yellow and green) intended for animal feed purposes. Pea protein helps balance the nutrient deficiencies of grains such as corn and wheat, which are low in the important amino acids, lysine, and tryptophan. Peas contain a large concentration of lysine, which meets the

needs of mono-gastric animals, such as swine and poultry. As a result, more peas are being used for swine, cattle, and poultry feed; and the trend is expected to continue to increase according to industry analysts.

As more companies around the world turn to peas as part of their ingredient base for animal feed, U.S. pea production has increased. According to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), the production of dry peas has been on a steady incline since 2001. For example, total U.S. planted acreage rose from 184,000 acres in 2000, to 808,000 acres in 2005. NASS projections are based on green, yellow, or winter dry pea production; they do not distinguish between peas destined for human consumers and peas destined for animal feed. Nevertheless, the vast majority of the production increase has been fueled by the increased demand for animal feed.

Standards

The proposed standards include three parts. Part I includes a series of definitions for the various terms used in the standards. Part II covers the basic principles governing application of standards, such as the type of sample used for a particular quality analysis and how analytical results are reported. Part III includes the actual quality grade specifications and how they are recorded for certification purposes.

We propose to specify standards for both U.S. Grade No. 1 Feed Peas and for U.S. Sample Grade Feed Peas. For the standard for U.S. Grade No. 1 Feed Peas, we propose quality factors for the maximum allowable amount of inert material and heat damaged peas. Feed peas that do not meet the requirements for U.S. Grade No. 1 Feed Peas would be classified as U.S. Sample Grade Feed Peas. Within the proposed standard for U.S. Sample Grade Feed Peas, we specified factors for moisture, animal excreta, metal fragments, broken glass, odor, heating, and quality.

To review the proposed standards, you may view or print them from the GIPSA Web site at <http://www.gipsa.usda.gov> or contact us by phone, fax, or e-mail using the information provided above under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Comments

GIPSA will solicit comments for 30 days. This comment period is considered appropriate given that representatives of the pea industry requested the development of feed pea standards and have reviewed the draft standards. In addition, our goal is to

implement the new standards for the next harvest, which will be June–July, 2006. All comments we receive within the comment period will be made part of the public record maintained by GIPSA and will be available to the public for review. We will consider those comments before we take final action on the new standards.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 1621–1627; 7 CFR 868.103.

James E. Link,

Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35, as amended), the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) invites comments on the following information collections for which RUS intends to request approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by July 11, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Richard C. Annan, Director, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, Rural Utilities Service, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., STOP 1522, Room 5818, South Building, Washington, DC 20250–1522. Telephone: (202) 720–0784. Fax: (202) 720–8435.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) regulation (5 CFR 1320) implementing provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–13) requires that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities [see 5 CFR 1320.8(d)]. This notice identifies information collections that RUS is submitting to OMB for extension.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether this collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the

collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to Richard C. Annan, Director, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, Rural Utilities Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, STOP 1522, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250–1522. Fax: (202) 720–0784.

Title: Extensions of Payments of Principal and Interest.

OMB Control Number: 0572–0123.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: This collection of information consists of information on the procedures which borrowers must follow in order to request extensions of principal and interest. Authority for these is contained in section 12 of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 (RE Act), as amended and of section 236 of the “Disaster Relief Act of 1970 (Pub. L. 91–606), as amended by the Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 (Pub. L. 103–354). Eligible purposes include financial hardship, energy resource conservation (ERC) loans, renewable energy project, distributed generation projects, and contributions-in-aid of construction. These procedures are codified at 7 CFR part 1721, subpart B.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 4.34 hours per response.

Respondents: Not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 94.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 2.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 816 hours.

Dated: May 8, 2006.

Curtis M. Anderson,

Acting Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

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DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by July 11, 2006.

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Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to: Richard C. Annan, Director, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, Rural Utilities Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, STOP 1522, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250–1522. FAX: (202) 720–8435.