

The climbing fern is a highly invasive, exotic weed that climbs over plants, including tall trees, to form massive walls of vegetation. It also forms thick mats on the ground that smother native plants. New infestations can arise great distances from existing populations because the weed produces millions of spores that are spread by wind and other physical carriers. A single spore is capable of starting a new infestation. In addition, dense strands of Old World climbing fern present a major fire hazard.

The biocontrol agent that is the subject of this notice, *Floracarus perrepae*, is a gall mite in the insect family Eriophyidae and is native to Australia and tropical Asia. The adult mites feed on young leaflets of the target weed, *L. microphyllum*, inducing the leaf margins to curl into galls. Female mites lay an average 60 eggs inside a gall. The eggs hatch in 5 days and immature mites feed on the specialized tissue within the gall, requiring 4 days to become adults. Galled leaflets are often infected by secondary ambient pathogens and have reduced life spans. Plants infested with the mite have slower rates of growth than uninfested plants.

The mite is also host specific. Host specificity tests conducted in Australia indicate that *F. perrepae* is specific to only two *Lygodium* species (the target weed *L. microphyllum* and the Australian fern *Lygodium reticulatum*).

On May 23, 2006, we published in the **Federal Register** (71 FR 29607–29608, Docket No. APHIS–2006–0076) a notice<sup>1</sup> in which we announced the availability, for public review and comment, of an environmental assessment (EA) that examined the potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed release of this biological control agent into the continental United States.

We solicited comments on the EA for 30 days ending June 22, 2006. We did not receive any comments by that date.

In this document, we are advising the public of our finding of no significant impact (FONSI) regarding the release of the nonindigenous gall mite *F. perrepae* as a biological control agent to reduce the severity and extent of Old World climbing fern infestation in the continental United States. The finding, which is based on the EA, reflects our

determination that release of this biological control agent will not have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment.

The EA and FONSI may be viewed on the Regulations.gov Web site (see footnote 1). Copies of the EA and FONSI are also available for public inspection at USDA, room 1141, South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Persons wishing to inspect copies are requested to call ahead on (202) 690–2817 to facilitate entry into the reading room. In addition, copies may be obtained by writing to the individual listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

The EA and FONSI have been prepared in accordance with: (1) The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), (2) regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality for implementing the procedural provisions of NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500–1508), (3) USDA regulations implementing NEPA (7 CFR part 1b), and (4) APHIS' NEPA Implementing Procedures (7 CFR part 372).

Done in Washington, DC, this 19th day of June 2007.

**Kevin Shea,**

*Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Mendocino Resource Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Mendocino County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will meet July 20, 2007 in Willits, California. Agenda items to be covered include: (1) Approval of minutes, (2) Public Comment, (3) Extension of RAC (4) Discussion—items of interest (5) Discussion/approval of projects, (6) next agenda items and meeting date.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on July 20, 2007, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Mendocino County Museum, located at 400 E. Commercial St., Willits, California.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Roberta Hurt, Committee Coordinator, USDA, Mendocino National Forest, Covelo Ranger District, 78150 Covelo

Road, Covelo, CA 95428. (707) 983–8503; email [rhurt@fs.fed.us](mailto:rhurt@fs.fed.us).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The meeting is open to the public. Persons who wish to bring matters to the attention of the Committee may file written statements with the Committee staff by July 10, 2007. Public will have the opportunity to address the committee at the meeting.

Dated: June 14, 2007.

**Jim Ruhl,**

*Designated Federal Official.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

#### Purchase of Mid-Iowa (IA) and Amendment to Its Area

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) designated Intercontinental Grain Inspection Inc. (Intercontinental), a subsidiary of Societe Generale de Surveillance (SGS) North America Inc., to provide domestic official inspection services under the United States Grain Standards Act, as amended (USGSA). Intercontinental's designation terminates September 30, 2007, therefore; GIPSA asked interested persons to submit an application for designation in the March 7, 2007, **Federal Register** (72 FR 10138). However, SGS North America Inc. purchased Mid-Iowa Grain Inspection, Inc. (Mid-Iowa), a currently designated agency providing official inspection services. Intercontinental will be merged into Mid-Iowa. Accordingly, GIPSA is not proceeding further with the request for applications for designation in the Corpus Christi, Texas, area, which is currently designated to Intercontinental. The designation of Mid-Iowa has been amended to include this geographic area.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* July 1, 2007.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Karen Guagliardo at 202–720–7312, e-mail [Karen.W.Guagliardo@usda.gov](mailto:Karen.W.Guagliardo@usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 7(f)(1) of the United States Grain Standards Act, as amended (USGSA), authorizes GIPSA's Administrator to designate a qualified applicant to provide official services in a specified

<sup>1</sup> To view the notice, environmental assessment, and finding of no significant impact, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>, click on the "Advanced Search" tab, and select "Docket Search." In the Docket ID field, enter APHIS–2006–0076, then click "Submit." Clicking on the Docket ID link in the search results page will produce a list of all documents in the docket.