

storage and staging areas. Ruby is proposing to use a 115 foot wide construction right-of-way with a 50 foot wide permanent ROW over the top of the pipeline. All work sites would be restored. The following Forest Plan amendments are proposed:

1. General Forest Plan Standard and Guideline for Soils Management, Forest Plan pages 80 to 81. Add item (5) under the Operational Considerations for Surface Soil Condition which says: During and immediately after construction of the Ruby Pipeline the soil conditions within the activity area (construction right-of-way) will be permitted to exceed the 20 percent standard and guideline for detrimental soil condition. The implementation of Ruby's Upland Erosion, Revegetation and Mitigation Plan would reduce erosion impacts and minimize impacts to soil productivity.

2. General Forest Standard and Guideline for Soils Management, Forest Plan pages 83 and 84. Add a statement under item 4, operational considerations "During installation of the Ruby pipeline exposed mineral soil standards displayed in Table 21 will be exceeded; however with the extra mitigation proposed in Ruby's Upland Erosion, Revegetation and Mitigation Plan, these standards would be achieved."

3. Management Area 6—Scenic Viewsheds: The pipeline crosses through a portion of Management Area 6 when it crosses FR 3915; the area has a VQO of foreground retention and middleground partial retention. Item B will be added to Land Uses on Forest Plan page 154: B. The cleared corridor needed to install the Ruby pipeline will not immediately meet VQO objectives of retention and partial retention. Mitigation measures, including vegetation management and restoration actions, will occur to move the construction corridor toward current visual quality objectives over an extended timeframe.

4. Management Area 14—Old Growth habitat: The pipeline crosses through a stand of dedicated old growth. The best stands either meeting or soon to meet old growth standards will be designated as replacement.

5. Management Area 15—Fish and Wildlife Habitat and Water Quality: The crossing of seeps and springs is expected to be uncommon. The pipeline is known to cross one seasonal seep. The following statement will be added under Seeps and Springs, management treatments on Forest plan page 204. (d) Construction equipment necessary to install the Ruby pipeline will be permitted in the area of seeps and springs. Implementation of Ruby's

Upland Erosion, Revegetation and Mitigation Plan and special construction measures would minimize impacts.

Responsible Official

The responsible official of the Forest Plan amendments will be the Forest Supervisor of the Fremont Winema National Forests.

Nature of Decision To Be Made

Determine what forest plan standards and guideline would need to be amended to allow the construction of the Ruby pipeline if FERC approves the project. These amendments would apply only to Ruby pipeline and are expected to be limited in scope.

Scoping Process

This notice of intent initiates the scoping process for the forest plan amendment. The decision will be tiered to the analysis contained in the FERC EIS for the Ruby Pipeline Project. FERC has already performed the scoping process for the EIS. This NOI is to inform about the Fremont Winema National Forest's need to amend the Fremont Forest Plan, which did not get included in the original FERC NOI scoping period for the Ruby Project. A scoping letter will be mailed to those currently on the Forests' mailing list. No other methods of scoping will be used. The Fremont Forest Plan can be found on the Forests' Web page at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/frewin/projects/forestplan/index.shtml>. Comments should be focused on the forest plan amendments and not about the decision whether to construct the pipeline or not. There will be another opportunity to comment on the construction aspect when the DEIS is available in June 2008.

It is important that reviewers provide their comments at such times and in such manner that they are useful to the agency's preparation of the environmental impact statement. Therefore, comments should be provided prior to the close of the comment period and should clearly articulate the reviewer's concerns and contentions. The submission of timely and specific comments can affect a reviewer's ability to participate in subsequent administrative appeal or judicial review.

March 11, 2009.

Karen Shimamoto,
Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Notice of Central 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 Salmon-Challis National Forest's Central Idaho Resource Advisory Committee will conduct a business meeting which is open to the public.

DATES: Friday, March 20, 2009, beginning at 10 a.m.

ADDRESSES: Salmon-Challis N.F. South Zone Office, Highway 93, Challis, Idaho.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William A. Wood, Forest Supervisor and Designated Federal Officer, at 208-756-5111.

Dated: March 11, 2009.

Larry Svalberg,

Acting Forest Supervisor, Salmon-Challis National Forest.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Hood/Willamette Resource Advisory Committee (RAC)

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Hood/Willamette Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will meet on Friday, April 24, 2009. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. and will conclude at approximately 12 p.m. The meeting will be held at Salem Office of the Bureau of Land Management Office; 1717 Fabry Road SE; Salem, Oregon; (503) 375-5646. The tentative agenda includes: (1) Orientation; (2) Election of chairperson; (3) Decision on overhead rate for 2009 and 2010 projects; (4) Presentation of 2009 and 2010 Projects; and (5) Public Forum.

The Public Forum is tentatively scheduled to begin at 10:30 a.m. Time allotted for individual presentations will be limited to 4-5 minutes. Written

comments are encouraged, particularly if the material cannot be presented within the time limits for the Public Forum. Written comments may be submitted prior to the April 24th meeting by sending them to Donna Short at the address given below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For more information regarding this meeting, contact Donna Short; Sweet Home Ranger District; 4431 Highway 20; Sweet Home, Oregon 97386; (541) 367-3540.

Dated: March 11, 2009.

Dallas J. Emch,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

Designation for the Jamestown, ND; Lincoln, NE; Memphis, TN; and Sioux City, IA Areas

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: GIPSA is announcing designation of the following organizations to provide official services under the United States Grain Standards Act, as amended (USGSA): Grain Inspection, Inc. (Jamestown); Lincoln Inspection Service, Inc. (Lincoln); Midsouth Grain Inspection Service (Midsouth); and Sioux City Inspection and Weighing Service Company (Sioux City).

DATES: Effective April 1, 2009.

ADDRESSES: USDA, GIPSA, Karen Guagliardo, Chief, Review Branch, Compliance Division, STOP 3604, Room 1647-S, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-3604.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karen Guagliardo at 202-720-7312, e-mail Karen.W.Guagliardo@usda.gov.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the September 2, 2008, **Federal Register** (73 FR 51269), GIPSA requested

applications for designations to provide official services in the geographic areas assigned to the official agencies named above. Applications were due by October 1, 2008.

Jamestown, Lincoln, Midsouth, and Sioux City were the sole applicants for designation to provide official services in the areas currently assigned to them, so GIPSA did not ask for additional comments on them.

GIPSA evaluated all available information regarding the designation criteria in section 7(f)(1) of the USGSA (7 U.S.C. 79(f)) and determined that Jamestown, Lincoln, Midsouth, and Sioux City are able to provide official services in the geographic areas specified in the September 2, 2008, **Federal Register**, for which they applied. These designation actions to provide official services are effective April 1, 2009, and terminate March 31, 2012.

Interested persons may obtain official services by calling the telephone numbers listed below.

Official agency	Headquarters location and telephone	Designation start	Designation end
Jamestown	Jamestown, ND (701-252-1290); <i>Additional Location:</i> Appleton, MN	4/1/2009	3/31/2012
Lincoln	Lincoln, NE (402-435-4386); <i>Additional Location:</i> Farwell, TX	4/1/2009	3/31/2012
Midsouth	Memphis, TN (901-942-3216); <i>Additional Locations:</i> North Little Rock, AR and Stoneville, MS.	4/1/2009	3/31/2012
Sioux City	Sioux City, IA (712-255-8073); <i>Additional Locations:</i> Fort Dodge, IA; Windom, MN.	4/1/2009	3/31/2012

Section 7(f)(1) of the USGSA 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)).

Under section 7(g)(1) of the USGSA, designations of official agencies are effective for 3 years unless terminated by the Secretary but may be renewed according to the criteria and procedures prescribed in section 7(f) of the USGSA.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 71-87k.

Alan R. Christian,

Acting Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

Opportunity for Designation in the Pocatello, ID; Lewiston, ID; Evansville, IN; and Utah 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 September 30, 2009. We are asking persons or governmental agencies 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: Idaho Grain Inspection Service, Inc. (Idaho);

Lewiston Grain Inspection Service, Inc. (Lewiston); Ohio Valley Grain Inspection, Inc. (Ohio Valley); and Utah Department of Agriculture and Food (Utah).

DATES: Applications and comments must be received on or before April 1, 2009.

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

- To apply for designation, go to "FGISonline" at https://fgis.gipsa.usda.gov/default_home_FGIS.aspx then select *Delegations/Designations and Export Registrations (DDR)*. You will need a USDA e-authentication, username, password, and a customer number prior to applying.

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