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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.*).

David R. Shipman,

*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