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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Eastern Washington Cascades Provincial Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of upcoming meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Eastern Washington Cascades Provincial Advisory Committee will meet on January 29, 1998, in the River Room at Campbell's Conference Center, 104 W. Woodin, Chelan, Washington. The meeting will begin at 9:00 and end at 3:00 p.m. This meeting will focus on Forest Plan monitoring, management of Late Successful Reserves, and management of noxious weeds. All Eastern Washington Cascades Province Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public. Interested citizens are welcome to attend.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Direct questions regarding this meeting to Paul Hart, Designated Federal Official, USDA, Wenatchee National Forest, 215 Melody Lane, Wenatchee, Washington 98801, 509-662-4335.

Dated: December 3, 1997.

**Sonny J. O'Neal,**

*Forest Supervisor, Wenatchee National Forest.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Yakima Provincial Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of upcoming meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Yakima Provincial Advisory Committee will meet on January 28, 1998, at the Cle Elum Ranger District office, 803 W. 2nd Street, Cle Elum, Washington. The

meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 3:00 p.m. The meeting will focus on watershed restoration, Snoqualmie Pass Adaptive Management Area, and an update on Naches Ranger District projects. All Yakima Province Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public. Interested citizens are welcome to attend.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Direct questions regarding this meeting to Paul Hart, Designated Federal Official, USDA, Wenatchee National Forest, 215 Melody Lane, Wenatchee, Washington 98801, 509-662-4335.

Dated: December 3, 1997.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

#### Designation for the Northeast Indiana Area

AGENCY: Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA).

ACTION: Notice.

**SUMMARY:** GIPSA announces the designation of Northeast Indiana Grain Inspection (Northeast Indiana) to provide official services under the United States Grain Standards Act, as amended (Act).

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 1, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** USDA, GIPSA, Janet M. Hart, Chief, Review Branch, Compliance Division, STOP 3604, Room 1647-S, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20250-3604.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Janet M. Hart, at 202-720-8525.

**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 August 21, 1997, **Federal Register** (62 FR 44439), GIPSA asked persons interested in providing official services in the Northeast Indiana area,

currently assigned to East Indiana Grain Inspection, Inc., to submit an application for designation. There was one applicant: Northeast Indiana Grain Inspection, a proposed organization to be established by Steve Walker to be located at Hoagland, Indiana, applied for designation to provide official services in the Northeast Indiana region.

In the November 3, 1997, **Federal Register** (62 FR 59340), GIPSA asked for comments on the applicant for the Northeast Indiana region. Comments were due by December 2, 1997. GIPSA received no comments by the deadline.

GIPSA evaluated all available information regarding the designation criteria in Section 7(f)(1)(A) of the Act and, according to Section 7(f)(1)(B), determined that Northeast Indiana is able to provide official services in the Northeast Indiana area.

Effective January 1, 1998, and ending December 31, 2000, Northeast Indiana is designated to provide official services in the geographic area specified in the August 21, 1997, **Federal Register**.

Interested persons may obtain official services by contacting Northeast Indiana at 219-639-6390.

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

Dated: December 10, 1997.

**Neil E. Porter,**

*Director, Compliance Division.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

#### Opportunity for Designation in the Eastern Iowa (IA) Area

AGENCY: Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA).

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. The designation of Eastern Iowa Grain Inspection and Weighing Service, Inc. (Eastern Iowa), will end July 31, 1998, according to the Act. GIPSA is asking persons interested in providing official services in the Eastern Iowa area to submit an application for designation.