

by the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (the 1996 Act).

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received on or before June 8, 1998 to be assured consideration.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS:** Contact Ilka Gray, Agricultural Program Specialist, USDA, FSA, CEPD, STOP 0513, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-0513; telephone (202) 690-0794; e-mail Ilka Gray @ wdc.fsa.usda.gov; or facsimile (202) 720-4619.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* CCC Conservation Contract.

*OMB Control Number:* 0560-0174.

*Type of Request:* Reinstatement of a previously approved information collection.

*Abstract:* The 1996 Act authorized the Environmental Quality Incentives Program, the Farmland Protection Program, and the Conservation Farm Option Program to assist farmers and ranchers in solving natural resource related problems on agricultural land. The information is necessary to ensure the integrity of the programs and to ensure that only eligible producers are authorized contracts.

Producers requesting cost-share or incentive payments from the Commodity Credit Corporation must provide specific data related to the conservation payment request. Forms included in this information collection package require farm and tract numbers, conservation practice or benefits requested, major resource concerns, and similar information, in order to determine eligibility. Producers must also agree to the terms and conditions contained in the conservation contract. Without the collection of this information, CCC cannot ensure the integrity of CCC conservation programs.

*Estimate of Respondent Burden:*

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .25 hours per response.

*Respondents:* Individuals producers, partnerships, corporations, tribal members, or other eligible agricultural producers.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 88,500.

*Estimated Number of Annual Responses per Respondent:* 7.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 5.88.

Proposed topics for comment include: (a) whether the 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 burden including the validity of the methodology and

assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collected; or (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of the 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 must be sent to the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, D.C., 20503, and to Ilka K. Gray, Agricultural Program Specialist, USDA-FSA-CEPD, STOP 0513, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-0513; telephone (202) 690-0794; e-mail Ilka.Gray@wdc.fsa.usda.gov; or facsimile (202)720-4619. Copies of the information collection may be obtained from Ilka Gray at the above address.

OMB is required to make a decision concerning the collection of information contained in these proposed regulations between 30 and 60 days after publication of this document in the **Federal Register**. Therefore, a comment to OMB is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Signed at Washington, D.C., on March 27, 1998.

**Keith Kelly,**

*Executive Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

**Forest Service**

**Southwest Oregon Provincial Interagency Executive Committee (PIEC), Advisory Committee**

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Southwest Oregon PIEC Advisory Committee will meet on April 21 at the Coos Bay Bureau of Land Management Office at 1300 Airport Way in North Bend, Oregon.

The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. and continue until 5:00 p.m. Agenda items to be covered include: (1) Coordinated watershed restoration between federal and non-federal land managers; (2) Province monitoring priorities; (3) Forest health issues; (4)

Report from local BLM and Forest Service on local issues; (5) Identification of new issues for Committee work; (6) Review of Committee operating guides and (7) Public comment. All Province Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Direct questions regarding this meeting to Chuck Anderson, Province Advisory Committee staff, USDA, Forest Service, Rogue River National Forest, 333 W. 8th Street, Medford, Oregon 97501, phone 541-858-2322.

Dated: March 30, 1998.

**James T. Gladen,**

*Forest Supervisor, Designated Federal Official.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

**Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration**

**Designation of Schaal (IA) to provide Class X or Class Y Weighing Services**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** GIPSA announces the designation of D. R. Schaal Agency, Inc. (Schaal), to provide Class X or Class Y weighing services under the United States Grain Standards Act, as amended (Act), in the Schaal geographic area.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** April 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, telephone 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 November 2, 1995, **Federal Register** (60 FR 55697), GIPSA announced the designation of Schaal to provide official inspection services under the Act, effective January 1, 1995, and ending November 30, 1998. Subsequently, Schaal asked GIPSA to amend their designation to include official weighing services. Section 7A(c)(2) of the Act authorizes GIPSA's Administrator to designate authority to