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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Committee of Scientists Meeting

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Committee of Scientists will hold a public teleconference call on Tuesday, December 15, 1998. The teleconference call will begin at 1:00 p.m. and end at 4:00 p.m. (eastern standard time). The purpose of the telephone conference call is for the Committee of Scientists to continue discussion of its report and recommendation to the Secretary of Agriculture and the Chief of the Forest Service. The public is invited to attend this teleconference call and may be provided an opportunity to comment on the Committee of Scientists' deliberations during the teleconference, only at the request of the Committee.

**DATES:** The teleconference call will be held on Tuesday, December 15, 1998, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (eastern standard time).

**ADDRESSES:** The teleconference will be held at the USDA Forest Service headquarters, Auditor's Building, 201 14th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C., in the Roosevelt Conference Room and at all Regional Offices of the Forest Service, which are listed in the table under Supplementary Information.

Written comments on improving land and resource management planning may be sent to the Committee of Scientists, P.O. Box 2140, Corvallis, OR 97339. Also, the Committee may be accessed via the Internet at [www.cof.orst.edu/org/scicomm/](http://www.cof.orst.edu/org/scicomm/).

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

For additional information concerning the teleconferences, contact Bob Cunningham, Designated Federal Office to the Committee of Scientists, by telephone (202) 205-1523.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The public may attend the teleconference at the following field locations:

### USDA Forest Service Regional Office Locations

Region 1, Northern Region, Federal Building, 200 E Broadway, Missoula, MT

Region 2, Rocky Mountain Region, 740 Simms St., Golden, CO

Region 3, Southwestern Region, Federal Building, 517 Gold Ave., SW., Albuquerque, NM

Region 4, Intermountain Region, Federal Building, 324 25th St., Ogden, UT

Region 5, Pacific Southwest Region, 630 Sansome St., San Francisco, CA

Region 6, Pacific Northwest Region, 333 SW 1st Ave., Portland, OR

Region 8, Southern Region, 1720 Peachtree Rd. NW, Atlanta, GA

Region 9, Eastern Region, 310 W. Wisconsin Ave, Room 500, Milwaukee, WI

Region 10, Alaska Region (office will open early), Federal Office Building, 709 W. 9th St., Juneau, AK

The Committee of Scientists was chartered to provide scientific and technical advice to the Secretary of Agriculture and the Chief of the Forest Service on improvements that can be made to the National Forest System land and resource management planning process (62 FR 43691; August 15, 1997). Notice of the names of the appointed Committee members was published December 16, 1997 (62 FR 65795).

Dated: November 25, 1998.

**Paul Brouha,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

#### Opportunity to Comment on the Applicants for the Central Illinois (IL) Area

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

ACTION: Notice.

**SUMMARY:** GIPSA requests comments on the applicants for designation to provide official services in the geographic area assigned to Central Illinois Grain Inspection, Inc. (Central Illinois).

**DATES:** Comments must be postmarked, or sent by telecopier (FAX) by December 30, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments must be submitted in writing to USDA, GIPSA,

Janet M. Hart, Chief, Review Branch, Compliance Division, STOP 3604, Room 1647-S, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20250-3604. Telecopier (FAX) users may send comments to the automatic telecopier machine at 202-690-2755, attention: Janet M. Hart. All comments received will be made available for public inspection at the above address located at 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., during regular business hours.

**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 October 1, 1998, **Federal Register** (63 FR 52678), GIPSA asked persons interested in providing official services in the Central Illinois area to submit an application for designation by October 30, 1998. There were two applicants: Central Illinois and Turner Grain Services, Inc. (Turner). Central Illinois applied for designation to provide official services in the entire area currently assigned to them. Turner applied for designation to provide official services in the western portion of the Central Illinois area: bounded on the North by Interstate 74; bounded on the East by Interstate 155; bounded on the South by Illinois Route 136 and the southern Tazewell County Line; and bounded on the West by the western Peoria County line north to Interstate 74.

GIPSA is publishing this notice to provide interested persons the opportunity to present comments concerning the applicants. Commenters are encouraged to submit reasons and pertinent data for support or objection to the designation of the applicants. All comments must be submitted to the Compliance Division at the above address. Comments and other available information will be considered in making a final decision. GIPSA will publish notice of the final decision in the **Federal Register**, and GIPSA will send the applicants written notification of the decision.

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

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*Director, Compliance Division.*

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