

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE****Forest Service****Siuslaw Resource Advisory Committee****AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.**ACTION:** Notice of Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Siuslaw Resource Advisory Committee will meet in Corvallis, OR. The purpose of the meeting is to determine how to spend Title II Payments to Counties Funds. The agenda includes: how to distribute the balance of Title II funds; kinds of projects the RAC would like to see from the Forest Service; how much Title II money should be used on private lands versus public lands; the cost of NEPA implementation for public projects; and a public forum.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held December 13, 2002, beginning at 9 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held in the Siuslaw river Room, at the Siuslaw National Forest Headquarters, at 4077 SW Research Way, Corvallis, OR.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Linda Stanley, Community Development Specialist, Siuslaw National Forest, 541/750-7210 or write to Forest Supervisor, Siuslaw National Forest, PO Box 1148, Corvallis, OR 97339.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** A public input period will begin at 11:45 a.m. The meeting is expected to adjourn a few minutes after 12 noon.

Dated: November 18, 2002.

**Gloria Brown,***Forest Supervisor.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE****Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration****[02-b]****Cancellation of Oregon's Designation, Request for Comments on the Need for Official Service in Oregon, and the Opportunity for Designation in the Oregon Area****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. The Oregon Department of Agriculture

(Oregon), is designated to provide official inspection services until June 30, 2005, according to the Act. Oregon informed Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) that they will cease providing official inspection effective November 27, 2002. Accordingly, GIPSA is announcing that Oregon's designation terminates effective November 27, 2002. GIPSA is also asking for comments on the need for service in the area, and asking for applicants for service in the area.

**DATES:** Applications and comments must be postmarked or electronically dated on or before December 23, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit applications and comments to USDA, GIPSA, Janet M. Hart, Chief, Review Branch, Compliance Division, STOP 3604, room 1647-S, 1400 Independence Ave. SW., Washington, DC 20250-3604; FAX 202-690-2755; e-mail [Janet.M.Hart@usda.gov](mailto:Janet.M.Hart@usda.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Janet M. Hart at 202-720-8525, e-mail [Janet.M.Hart@usda.gov](mailto: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 Oregon, main office in Salem, Oregon, to provide official inspection services under the Act on July 1, 2002.

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. The designation of Oregon ends on June 30, 2005, according to the Act. However, Oregon advised GIPSA that they will close their sole specified service point in Pendleton, Oregon, on November 27, 2002. Accordingly, GIPSA is canceling Oregon's designation effective November 27, 2002, asking for comments on the need for official service in Oregon, and asking for applicants to provide service. GIPSA will select an applicant for service only if there is a demonstrated need.

Pursuant to Section 7(f)(2) of the Act, the following geographic area is open for designation; the entire State of

Oregon, except those export port locations within the State 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>.

Any firms in Oregon that require official service after November 27, 2002 should contact GIPSA's Portland Field Office at 503-326-7887.

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

Dated: November 6, 2002.

**Donna Reifschneider,***Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE****Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration****[02-04-A]****Opportunity for Designation in the Kansas, Minot (ND), and Tri-State (OH) 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 in June 2003. Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) is asking persons interested in providing official services in the areas served by these agencies to submit an application for designation. GIPSA is also asking for comments on the services provided by these currently designated agencies: Kansas Grain Inspection Service, Inc., (Kansas); Minot Grain Inspection, Inc., (Minot); and Tri-State Grain Inspection Service, Inc., (Tri-State).

**DATES:** Applications and comments must be postmarked or electronically dated on or before January 2, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit applications and comments to USDA, GIPSA, Janet M. Hart, Chief, Review Branch, Compliance Division, STOP 3604, Room 1647-S, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW.,