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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Centennial Salvage Timber Sale, Caribou-Targhee National Forest, Fremont and Clark Counties, ID

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Revision of the Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for Centennial Salvage Timber Sale, as published in the **Federal Register** pages 54627 to 54629 on September 9, 2004 (Volume 69, Number 174). This revision includes a change in the purpose and need for action and the proposed action.

SUMMARY: The USDA, Forest Service is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement to document the analysis and disclose the environmental impacts of the proposed Centennial Salvage Timber Sale project. This revised Notice of Intent is to document the changes in the process.

Based on initial internal and external scoping this project has been identified to qualify under Title I of the HFRA (Healthy Forest Restoration Act) Section 102(a)4 due to the existence of a insect epidemic that poses a significant threat to ecosystem components and forest resource values. The purpose of this project has been updated to: Reduce the susceptibility and risk of forested vegetation to Douglas-fir beetle and western spruce budworm, reduce hazardous fuels, and capture economic value from dead and dying trees.

In the original NOI the proposed action proposed to use prescribed fire on 718 acres to remove encroaching shade tolerant conifers and stimulate natural regeneration of whitebark pine

and aspen. This has been removed from the proposed action. All other aspects of the original proposed action have remained the same.

DATES: If you have provided comments to this project then you do not need to resubmit your comments. Your comments have been included in the project record. If you have further comments described in this revised NOI or any additional comments please submit your comments by December 13, 2004. An open house informational meeting for this project will be held on December 8, 2004, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Ashton Ranger District, 46 Highway 20, Ashton, Idaho. A slide presentation will be given from 7:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. describing the project area and proposal.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Centennial Salvage Timber Sale, c/o Tom Silvey, Ashton/Island Park Ranger District, P.O. Box 858, Ashton, Idaho 83420. Comments can also be electronically mailed (in Microsoft Word or .rtf format) to: *comments-intermtn-caribou-targhee-ashton-islandpark@fs.fed.us*.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tom Silvey, Interdisciplinary Team Leader, Ashton/Island Park Ranger District, P.O. Box 858, Ashton, Idaho 83420. Telephone: (208) 652-7442.

Dated: November 18, 2004.

Wes Stumbo,

Acting Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

Designation for the Columbus (OH), Farwell (TX), and Northeast Indiana (IN) Areas

AGENCY: Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, USDA. (04-02-S)

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) announces designation of the following organizations to provide official services under the United States Grain Standards Act, as amended (Act): Columbus Grain Inspection, Inc. (Columbus); Farwell Grain Inspection, Inc. (Farwell); and Northeast Indiana Grain Inspection, Inc. (Northeast Indiana).

DATES: *Effective Date:* January 1, 2005.

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

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.

In the June 1, 2004, **Federal Register** (69 FR 30869), GIPSA asked persons interested in providing official services in the geographic areas assigned to the official agencies named above to submit an application for designation. Applications were due by July 1, 2004.

Columbus, Farwell, and Northeast Indiana were the sole applicants for designation to provide official services in the entire area currently assigned to them, so GIPSA did not ask for additional comments on them.

GIPSA evaluated all available information regarding the designation criteria in Section 7(f)(l)(A) of the Act and, according to Section 7(f)(l)(B), determined that Columbus, Farwell, and Northeast Indiana are able to provide official services in the geographic areas specified in the June 1, 2004, **Federal Register**, for which they applied. These designation actions to provide official inspection services are effective January 1, 2005, and terminate December 31, 2007. Interested persons may obtain official services by calling the telephone numbers listed below.

| Official agency | Headquarters location and telephone |
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| Columbus | Circleville, OH—740-474-3519; Additional location: Bucyrus, OH |
| Farwell | Farwell, TX—806-481-9052; Additional location: Casa Grande, AZ |

| Official agency | Headquarters location and telephone |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Northeast Indiana | Hoagland, IN—260-639-6390 |

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

Donna Reifschneider,

Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

Opportunity To Comment on the Applicants for the Minnesota Area

AGENCY: Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, USDA. (04-03-C)

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: GIPSA requests comments on the applicants for designation to provide official services in the geographic area currently assigned to the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (Minnesota).

DATES: Comments must be postmarked or electronically dated on or before January 3, 2005.

ADDRESSES: We invite you to submit comments on this notice by any of the following methods:

- Hand Delivery or Courier: Deliver to Janet M. Hart, Chief, Review Branch, 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, Chief, Review Branch, Compliance Division, GIPSA, USDA, STOP 3604, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-3604.

Read Comments: All 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.

In the September 1, 2004, **Federal Register** (69 FR 53404), GIPSA asked persons interested in providing official services in the Minnesota areas to submit an application for designation.

There were three applicants for the Minnesota area: Minnesota, Sioux City Inspection and Weighing Service Company (Sioux City), both currently designated official agencies; and Kathleen Duea proposing to do business as Southern Minnesota Grain Inspection. Minnesota applied for designation to provide official services in the entire area currently assigned to them. Sioux City applied for all or part of the following Minnesota Counties: Brown, Cottonwood, Jackson, Lincoln, Lyon, Martin, Murray, Nobles, Pipestone, Redwood, Renville, Rock, Watonwan, and Yellow Medicine. Southern Minnesota Grain Inspection applied for all or part of the area currently assigned to Minnesota, and specified all or part of the following Minnesota Counties: Blue Earth, Cottonwood, Faribault, Jackson, Martin, Murray, Nobles, and Watonwan. 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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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

Opportunity for Designation in the Georgia, Cedar Rapids (IA), Montana, and Lake Village (IN) Areas, and Request for Comments on the Official Agencies Serving These Areas

AGENCY: Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, USDA. (04-04-A).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The designations of the official agencies listed below will end in June 2005. 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 quality of services provided by these currently designated agencies: Georgia Department of Agriculture (Georgia); Mid-Iowa Grain Inspection, Inc. (Mid-Iowa); Montana Department of Agriculture (Montana); and Schneider Inspection Service, Inc. (Schneider).

DATES: Applications and comments must be postmarked or electronically dated on or before January 3, 2005.

ADDRESSES: We invite you to submit applications and comments on this notice. You may submit applications and comments by any of the following methods:

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