

planning directives to set forth the legal authorities, objectives, policy, responsibilities, direction, and overall guidance needed by Forest Service line officers, agency employees, and others to use the 2004 planning rule.

Normally, when the agency determines that public notice and opportunity to comment are necessary on a Forest Service Manual or Handbook revision, the agency publishes a notice of a proposed revision with a minimum 60-day comment period. The agency then considers the comments, makes any changes, drafts, and publishes a final Federal Register notice explaining the final directive and the rationale for any changes. At a minimum, this process takes 6 months and usually takes 9–12 months. Such a delay in issuing planning directives would perpetuate uncertainty and confusion and delay units from beginning or adjusting plan amendments or revisions with interested and affected publics.

Consequently, the agency has elected to issue interim directives and to make them immediately effective. An interim directive expires 18 months from issuance and may be reissued only once for a total duration of 36 months. Thereafter, the direction must be incorporated into an amendment or allowed to expire.

The Forest Service is committed to providing adequate opportunities for the public to comment on administrative directives that are of substantial public interest or controversy, as provided in the regulations at 36 CFR part 216. Because it is important to provide Forest Service units with interim direction to ensure consistent interpretation of the 2004 planning rule, the agency is issuing these ID's and making them effective immediately. However, pursuant to 36 CFR 216.7, the Forest Service is now also requesting public comment on these ID's.

All comments will be considered in the development of final directives. The full text of these Manuals and Handbook references are available on the World Wide Web at <http://www.fs.fed.us/directives>. Single paper copies are available upon request from the address and phone numbers listed earlier in this notice as well as from the nearest Regional Office, the location of which are also available on the Washington Office headquarters homepage on the World Wide Web at <http://www.fs.fed.us>.

Dated: March 8, 2005.

Peter J. Roussopoulos,

Acting Chief.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

[05-AZ-S]

Designation for the Southwest Arizona Area

AGENCY: Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) announces designation of Farwell Commodity and Grain Services, Inc. (Farwell Southwest) to provide official services under the United States Grain Standards Act, as amended (Act).

DATES: *Effective Date:* April 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 December 8, 2004, **Federal Register** (69 FR 70993) GIPSA asked persons interested in providing official services in Maricopa, Pinal, Santa Cruz, and Yuma Counties, Arizona, to submit an application for designation. Applications were due by January 7, 2005.

There was one applicant for the Southwest Arizona area. Richard Dan Prince, proposing to do business as Farwell Commodity and Grain Services, Inc., applied for designation in the entire area named in the December 8, 2004, **Federal Register**.

GIPSA asked for comments on Farwell Southwest in the February 8, 2005, **Federal Register** (70 FR 6612). Comments were due by March 10, 2005. GIPSA received no comments by the closing date.

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 Farwell Southwest is able to provide official services in the geographic areas specified in the December 8, 2004, **Federal Register**, for which they applied, effective April 1, 2005, and terminating March 31, 2008. Interested persons may obtain official services by calling Farwell Southwest headquarters in Casa Grande, Arizona at (520) 421-1027.

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

David R. Shipman,

Acting Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Sandia Mountain Tributaries Site 1 (Piedra Liza Dam), Sandoval County, NM

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service.

ACTION: Notice of a finding of no significant impact.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969; the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR part 1500); and the Natural Resources Conservation Service Rules (7 CFR part 650); the Natural Resources Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, gives notice that an environmental impact statement is not being prepared for the rehabilitation of Sandia Mountain Tributaries Site 1 (Piedra Liza Dam) in Sandoval County, New Mexico.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rosendo Treviño III; State Conservationist; Natural Resources Conservation Service; 6200 Jefferson, NE; Albuquerque, NM 87109-3734; telephone 505-761-4400.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The environmental assessment (EA) of this federally assisted action indicates that the project will not cause significant local, regional, or national effects on the human environment. As a result of these findings, Rosendo Treviño III, State Conservationist, has determined that the preparation and review of an environmental impact statement are not needed for this project.

The project purpose is flood damage reduction. The action includes the rehabilitation of a floodwater retarding