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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Notice of Southwest Idaho Resource Advisory Committee Meeting

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the authorities in the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463) and under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-393), the Boise and Payette National Forests' Southwest Idaho Resource Advisory Committee will conduct a business meeting, which is open to the public.

**DATES:** Wednesday, January 31, 2006, beginning at 10:30 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Idaho Counties Risk Management Program Building, 3100 South Vista Avenue, Boise, Idaho.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Agenda topics will include review and approval of project proposals, and is an open public forum.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Doug Gochnour, Designated Federal Officer, at 208-392-6681 or e-mail [dgochnour@fs.fed.us](mailto:dgochnour@fs.fed.us).

Dated: January 25, 2006.

**Richard A. Smith,**

*Forest Supervisor, Boise National Forest.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

[06-GL-A]

#### Voluntary Cancellation of Global's Designation

**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. Global Grain Inspection Services, Inc. (Global) (as a subsidiary of BSI Inspectorate America Corporation), is designated to provide domestic official inspection services until November 30, 2006, according to the Act. Global advised the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) that they will cease providing official services on April 9, 2006. Accordingly, GIPSA is announcing that Global's designation will be canceled effective April 9, 2006. GIPSA is asking for applicants to provide domestic official inspection services in all or part of the specified geographic area in Texas.

**DATES:** Applications and comments must be received on or before March 3, 2006.

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

- Hand Delivery or Courier: Deliver to Janet M. Hart, Deputy Director, 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](mailto:Janet.M.Hart@usda.gov).

- Mail: Send hardcopy to Janet M. Hart, Deputy Director, Compliance Division, GIPSA, USDA, STOP 3604, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-3604.

Read Applications and Comments: All applications and 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](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 Global, headquarters in Fort Worth, Texas, to provide official inspection services under the Act effective May 1, 2005, and terminating November 30, 2006.

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. Global's designation ends November 30, 2006, according to the Act. However, Global asked GIPSA for a voluntary cancellation of their designation effective April 9, 2006. Accordingly, Global's designation will cease effective April 9, 2006, and GIPSA is asking for applicants to provide domestic official inspection services.

Pursuant to Section (7)(2) of the Act, the following geographic area, in the State of Texas, is assigned to Global.

Bounded on the north by the northern Jack, Wise, Denton, Collin, Hunt, Delta, Franklin, Titus, Morris, and Marion County line east to the Texas State line; Bounded on the east by the eastern Texas State line south to the southern Texas State line; Bounded on the south by the southern Texas State line west to the western Val Verde County line; Bounded on the west by the western Val Verde, Edwards, Kimble, Mason, San Saba, Mills, Comanche, Erath, Palo Pinto, and Jack County lines north to the northern Jack County line.

Global's assigned geographic area does not include the export port locations inside Global's area 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>.

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

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*Acting Administrator, Grain Inspection,  
Packers and Stockyards Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

#### Request for Extension and Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection

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

**ACTION:** Notice and request for  
comments.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces our  
intention to request a 3-year extension  
and revision of a currently approved  
information collection in support of the  
reporting and recordkeeping  
requirements for the Swine Contract  
Library program. This approval is  
required under the Paperwork  
Reduction Act.

**DATES:** We will consider comments that  
we receive by April 3, 2006.

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

- E-mail: Send comments via  
electronic mail to  
[comments.gipsa@usda.gov](mailto:comments.gipsa@usda.gov).
- Mail: Send hardcopy written  
comments to Tess Butler, GIPSA, USDA,  
1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room  
1647-S, Washington, DC 20250-3604.
- Fax: Send comments by facsimile  
transmission to: (202) 690-2755.
- Hand Delivery or Courier: Deliver  
comments to: Tess Butler, GIPSA,  
USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue,  
SW., Room 1647-S, Washington, DC  
20250-3604.

Instructions: All comments should  
make reference to the date and page  
number of this issue of the **Federal  
Register**.

Background Documents: Information  
collection package and other documents  
relating to this action will be available  
for public inspection in the above office  
during regular business hours.

Read Comments: All comments will  
be available for public inspection in the  
above office during regular business  
hours (7 CFR 1.27(b)).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For  
information regarding the information  
collection activities and the use of the  
information, contact Bryce Wilke, at

(515) 323-2579 or [Bryce.A.Wilke@usda.gov](mailto:Bryce.A.Wilke@usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Grain  
Inspection, Packers and Stockyards  
Administration (GIPSA) is responsible  
for maintaining the Swine Contract  
Library, which is authorized by the  
Packers and Stockyards Act and  
requires that certain hog packers submit  
hog procurement contracts and delivery  
estimates to GIPSA. Reauthorization of  
the Swine Contract Library by Congress  
is pending, and is anticipated this year;  
in the interim, packers are voluntarily  
submitting information for the Swine  
Contract Library. Due to the length of  
time required to renew information  
collection approvals, in anticipation of  
the reauthorization of the Swine  
Contract Library program, we are  
publishing this notice to announce our  
intention to request approval from the  
Office of Management and Budget to  
continue collecting the required  
information. This information collection  
notice describes the requirements as they  
exist under the Swine Contract Library  
legislation even though that legislation  
is not currently in effect. Therefore, the  
language will indicate, for example, that  
packers are "required" to submit certain  
information. If the Swine Contract  
Library is not reauthorized we will  
determine if continuing the program on a  
voluntary basis would provide a  
benefit to the agency and market  
participants. The regulations  
implementing the Swine Contract  
Library are contained in 9 CFR part 206.

*Title:* Swine Contract Library.

*OMB Number:* 0580-0021.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* July 31,  
2006.

*Type of Request:* Extension and  
revision of a currently approved  
information collection.

*Abstract:* The information collection  
and recordkeeping requirements for the  
Swine Contract Library are essential to  
maintaining the mandatory library of  
swine marketing contracts and reporting  
the number of swine contracted for  
delivery. There are currently 32 packers  
that are required to file contracts and  
report certain information on deliveries  
for a total of 51 plants that they operate  
or at which they have swine  
slaughtered. We expect the overall  
number of plants and packers to remain  
relatively constant, but the specific  
packers required to report will vary with  
consolidation and construction in the  
industry. Of the initial 32 reporting  
packers operating 51 plants, 2 packers  
operating 1 plant each have ceased  
business, 2 plants operated by different  
packers have fallen below the reporting  
threshold, and 2 plants operated by

different packers have ceased  
slaughtering but continue to operate as  
processing facilities. Since reporting  
began in 2003, two packers operating  
one plant each have increased slaughter  
levels above the reporting threshold and  
two packers have built new plants that  
slaughter or expect to slaughter above  
the threshold level. One packer utilizing  
custom slaughter facilities has increased  
slaughter above the threshold level.

Packers are required to report  
information for individual plants even  
in instances when a given company  
owned or used more than one plant. The  
information collection burden estimate  
provided below are based on time and  
cost requirements at the plant level, so  
packers that report for more than one  
plant would bear a cost that would be  
a multiple of the per-plant estimates.

We understand from discussions with  
packers complying with current  
reporting requirements that reporting  
packers have adapted pre-existing data  
and information systems to provide the  
required information.

There are two types of information  
collections required for the Swine  
Contract Library.

The first information collection  
requirement consists of submitting  
example contracts. Initially, a packer  
submits example contracts currently in  
effect or available for each swine  
processing plant that is subject to the  
regulations. Subsequently, a packer  
submits example contracts for any  
offered, new, or amended contracts that  
vary from previously submitted  
contracts in regard to the base price  
determination, the application of a  
ledger or accrual account, carcass merit  
premium and discount schedules  
(including the determination of the lean  
percent or other merits of the carcass  
that are used to determine the amount  
of the premiums and discounts and how  
those premiums and discounts are  
applied), or the use and amount of  
noncarcass merit premiums or  
discounts. The initial submission of  
example contracts requires more time  
than subsequent filings of new contracts  
or changes, as packers initially need to  
review all their contracts to identify the  
unique types that need to be represented  
by an example submitted to GIPSA.  
Thereafter, subsequent filings require a  
minimal amount of effort on the part of  
packers, as only example contracts that  
represent a new or different type need  
to be filed with GIPSA. An optional  
contract submission cover sheet is  
available, but not required, for  
submitting example contracts.  
Approximately half the packers  
currently subject to the regulations use  
the optional cover sheet for contract