

- 42 U.S.C. 1474; and
 - 7 CFR Part 3550, Direct Single Family Housing Loans and Grants.
- iv. *Vouchers*:
- 42 U.S.C. 1490(a) and 42 U.S.C. 1490(r); and
 - 7 CFR Part 3560, Direct Multi-Family Housing Loans and Grants.

D. Non-Profit Institutions

1. Description of the Assistance

Section 105 enables USDA Rural Development to make Rural Cooperative Development Grants in designated disaster areas without a matching fund requirement. However, because the authority is restricted to a six-month period following the enactment of the law and because USDA Rural Development does not anticipate announcing grant awards until September 2006, the matching funds requirement is not being waived at this time. Should the authority to waive the matching funds requirement be extended, USDA Rural Development will contemplate reducing the matching funds requirement for successful applicants located in the designated disaster areas, as long as the proposed projects would still be viable with the reduced matching funds requirement.

2. Eligibility Criteria

Non-profit corporations and institutions of higher learning proposing cooperative development projects in rural areas are eligible to apply.

3. Statutory or Regulatory Authority

- 7 U.S.C. 1932(e);
- 7 CFR Part 4284, Subpart A, General Requirements for Cooperative Services Grant Programs; and
- 7 CFR Part 4284, Subpart F, Rural Cooperative Development Grants.

E. Electric and Telecommunications

1. Description of Assistance

i. *Electric*—The Act provides \$8 million in funding to respond to damage caused by hurricanes by covering the cost of loan modifications such as deferring principal and interest payments on existing loans issued to rural electric cooperatives serving designated disaster areas.

ii. *Telecommunications*—The Act provides \$50,000,000 in loan guarantees to be issued to the Federal Financing Bank to respond to damage of telecommunications service in designated disaster areas.

2. Eligibility Criteria

i. *Electric*—Existing borrowers located in designated disaster areas who are experiencing difficulty in meeting debt service obligations are eligible to apply.

ii. *Telecommunications*—Organizations providing or proposing to provide telephone service in designated disaster areas including cooperative, nonprofit, limited dividend, mutual, and commercial companies are eligible to apply.

3. Applicable Statutory or Regulatory Authority

- i. *Electric*:
- Rural Electrification Act of 1936 (7 U.S.C. 1926 *et seq.*); and
 - 7 CFR 1721, Subpart B, Extensions of Payments of Principal and Interest.
- ii. *Telecommunications*:
- Rural Electrification Act of 1936 (7 U.S.C. 1926 *et seq.*);
 - 7 CFR Part 1735, General Policies, Types of Loans, Loan Requirements—Telecommunications Program; and
 - 7 CFR Part 1737, Pre-Loan Policies and Procedures Common to Insured and Guaranteed Telecommunications Loans.

III. Emergency Declaration

Consistent with Proclamation 7925 issued by President Bush, the USDA Rural Development Mission Area has determined that it would be impracticable, unnecessary, and contrary to public interest to delay the effective date of this Notice for any reason. The USDA Rural Development Agencies need to act promptly on hurricane related needs in the designated disaster areas. Delay is contrary to the public interest because the regulations of USDA Rural Development agencies prescribe policies and procedures for obtaining loans, grants, guarantees for rebuilding critical community facilities, buildings, housing and infrastructure such as electricity, telecommunications and water and waste disposal systems.

IV. Non-Discrimination Statement

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Washington, DC 20250-9410, or call (800) 795-3272 (voice), or (202) 720-6382 (TDD). "USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender".

Dated: March 7, 2006.

Thomas C. Dorr,

Under Secretary, Rural Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Revised Notice of Intent To Prepare a Supplement to the Final Environmental Impact Statement for Gypsy Moth Management in the United States: A Cooperative Approach

AGENCIES: Forest Service and Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Revision; request for comment.

SUMMARY: On April 29, 2004 (69 FR 23492), the Forest Service published in the **Federal Register** a Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare a Supplement to the Final Environmental Impact Statement for Gypsy Moth Management in the United States: a Cooperative Approach. The Forest Service and the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service are revising the expected dates for filing the Draft and Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement.

DATES: Comments concerning this revision should be received by May 26, 2006.

Individuals, groups, or other agencies who responded to previous scoping efforts for this Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement are not required to respond to this revised NOI. Those comments have already been incorporated into the analysis for the revised NOI. The draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement is expected to be filed in September of 2006; the final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement is expected to be filed in August of 2007. Another formal opportunity to comment will be provided following completion of the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments concerning this revision to Joseph L. Cook, Gypsy Moth Supplemental EIS Project Leader, Forest Service, Northeastern Area, State and Private Forestry, 180 Canfield Street, Morgantown, WV 26505. Fax number: (304) 285-1508.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Joseph L. Cook, Gypsy Moth Supplemental EIS Project Leader, at (304) 285-1523, or e-mail jlcook@fs.fed.us. Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339 twenty-four hours a day, every day of the year, including holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Further information about the proposal can be found in the original NOI published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 69, No. 83, pp. 23492-23493, on April 29, 2004.

Nature of Decision To Be Made

The responsible officials will decide whether or not to add the insecticide, tebufenozide (trade name Mimic), to their list of treatments for control of gypsy moth and whether or not to provide for the addition of other insecticides to their list of treatments for control of gypsy moth, if the other insecticides are within the range of effects and acceptable risks for the existing list of treatments.

Responsible Officials

The responsible official for the Forest Service is the Deputy Chief for State and Private Forestry. The responsible official for the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service is the Deputy Administrator for Plant Protection and Quarantine.

Use of Comments

All comments received in response to this revised NOI, including the names and addresses when provided, will become a matter of public record and will be available for public inspection and copying. Comments will be summarized and included in the final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement.

Dated: March 3, 2006.

Robin L. Thompson,

Associate Deputy Chief, S&PF.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Forest Service****Siskiyou County Resource Advisory Committee**

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Siskiyou County Resource Advisory Committee will meet in Yreka, California, March 20, 2006. The meeting will include routine

business, presentation on a completed project, and discussion and recommendation of previously submitted project proposals.

DATES: The meeting will be held March 20, 2006, from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Yreka High School Library, Preece Way, Yreka, California.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bob Talley, RAC Coordinator, Klamath National Forest, (530) 841-4423 or electronically at rtalley@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public. Public comment opportunity will be provided and individuals will have the opportunity to address the Committee at that time.

Dated: March 6, 2006.

Margaret J. Boland,

Designated Federal Official.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration**

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Opportunity for Designation to Provide Official Services in Texas

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) has identified a need for domestic official inspection service in Clay, Montague, Cooke, Grayson, Fannin, Lamar, Red River, Young, Stephen, and Eastland Counties. GIPSA is asking persons interested in providing official services in these unassigned counties in Texas to submit an application for designation.

DATES: Applications must be received on or before April 12, 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.

- 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 202-720-8262, 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.

GIPSA has determined that there is a need for domestic official inspection service in Clay, Montague, Cooke, Grayson, Fannin, Lamar, Red River, Young, Stephen, and Eastland counties. These counties are open for designation.

Section 7(f)(1) of the United States Grain Standards Act, as amended (USGSA), authorizes GIPSA's Administrator, after determining that there is sufficient need for official services, to designate a qualified applicant to provide official services in a specified area after determining that the applicant is qualified and is better able than any other applicant to provide such official services. GIPSA is asking persons interested in providing official services in Texas to submit an application for designation. The applicant selected for designation in Texas will be assigned by GIPSA's Administrator according to Section 7(f)(1) of the Act.

Interested persons are hereby given an opportunity to apply for designation to provide official services in the Texas area under the provisions of Section 7(f) of the Act and section 800.196(d) of the regulations issued thereunder. Applications and other available information will be considered in determining which applicant will be designated.

Designation in the Texas area will be for a period not to exceed 3 years as prescribed in section 7(g)(1) of the Act. Persons wishing to apply for designation should contact the Compliance Division at the address listed above for forms and information.