

Scenery Management Systems
Urban Interface
Wilderness Management
Recreation Management
Fire Management
Response to Legal Mandates
Access Management
Range Management

The Cibola National Forest intends to examine the primary decisions made in the Forest Plan by addressing the preliminary issues and focusing on revision topics. The following five significant preliminary issues have been identified through public comments:

Biological Consequences of Forest Management
Livestock Grazing
Recreation/Wilderness/Travel Management
Watershed Conditions
Balancing Land Capability with Resources Demands

The primary decisions to be made in the Forest Plan are:

- (a) Establishment of Forest-wide multiple-use goals and objectives, including a description of the desired condition of the National Forest and Grasslands and identification of the quantities that are expected to be produced or provided during the RPA planning period (36 CFR 219.11(b)).
 - (b) Establishment of multiple-use prescriptions and associated standards and guidelines for each management area including proposed and probable management practices such as planned timber sale programs (36 CFR 219.11(c)).
 - (c) Establishment of monitoring and evaluation requirements (36 CFR 219.11(d)).
 - (d) Establishment of Forest-wide standards and guidelines to fulfill the requirements of 16 U.S.C. 1604 (The National Forest Management Act) applying to the future activities (resource integration requirements (36 CFR 219.13 through 219.27)).
 - (e) Establishment of land administratively available for oil and gas leasing and the stipulations that must be applied to specific lease areas in order that the Bureau of Land Management can authorize leases for oil and gas production, subject to review (36 CFR 228.102(d) and 228.102(e)).
 - (f) Establishment of land suitable for timber production, grazing capability and suitability and other resource activities (16 USC 1604(k) 36 CFR 29.14, 219.15, 219.20 and 219.21).
 - (g) Recommendations for the establishment of wilderness and other special designations such as research natural areas (36 CFR 219.17(a) and 219.25).
- Alternatives required by implementing regulations of the

National Forest Management Act will be considered during the planning process. An alternative addressing the Resource Planning Act program tentative resource objectives, a "no-action" alternative that reflects the current level of goods and services, and a wide range of alternatives will be developed to respond to issues, management concerns or resource opportunities identified during the planning process (40 CFR 1501.7, 1502.14(c)).

The Forest Service continues to invite comments and suggestions from Federal, State, and local agencies, Native American tribes, individuals and organizations on the scope of the analysis to be included in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). In addition, the Forest Service gives notice that it is beginning a full environmental analysis and decision making process for this proposal so that interested or affected people may know how they can participate in the environmental analysis and contribute to the final decision. Public meetings will be conducted throughout the planning process and newsletters will be sent out periodically.

Forest Service personnel will describe and explain the preliminary alternatives the agency has identified and the process of environmental analysis and disclosure to be followed. Written comments are encouraged. Additional meetings with individuals or groups may be arranged by contacting Karen Carter, Public Affairs Officer, (505) 761-4650.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement and proposed Revised Forest Plan should be available for public review in May 1999. After a minimum comment period of 90 days, the Final Environmental Impact Statement and Revised Forest Plan should be completed by March 2000.

The 90 day public comment period on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will commence on the day the Environmental Protection Agency publishes a "Notice of Availability" in the Federal Register.

It is very important that those interested in this proposed action participate at that time. To be the most helpful, written comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement should be as specific as possible and may also address the adequacy of the statement or the merits of the alternatives formulated and discussed in the statements (see The Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of the national Environmental Policy Act at 40 CFR 1503.3). Please note that comments you make on the Draft Environmental

Impact Statement will be regarded as public information.

In addition, Federal court decisions have established that reviewers of Draft Environmental Impact Statements must structure their participation in the environmental review of the proposal so that it is meaningful and alerts an agency to the reviewers' position and contentions (*Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corp. v. NRDC*, 435 U.S. 519, 553 (1978)). Environmental objections that could have been raised at the draft stage may be waived or dismissed by the courts if not raised until after completion of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (*City of Angoon v. Hodel*, 9th Circuit, 803 F.2d 1018, 1022 (1986) and *Wisconsin Heritages, Inc. v. Harris*, 490F. Supp. 1334, 1338 (E.D. Wis. 1980)). Because of these court rulings, it is very important that those interested in this proposed action participate by the close of the 90 day comment period so that substantive comments and objections are made available to the Forest Service at a time when it can meaningfully consider them and respond to them in the Final Environmental Impact Statement.

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Robert V. Clayton,
Acting Regional Forester.
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Oregon Coast Provincial Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Oregon Coast Provincial Advisory Committee (PAC) will meet on January 16, 1997, in Newport, Oregon, at the Hatfield Marine Science Center (Meeting Room 9/Fireside Room), 2030 S. Marine Science Drive, Newport, OR. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. and continue until 3:45 p.m. Agenda items to be covered include: (1) evaluation of the PAC (where we are and future direction), (2) Adaptive Management Area Subcommittee recommendations, and (3) open public forum. All Oregon Coast Provincial Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public. An "open forum" is scheduled at 9:15 a.m. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend. The committee welcomes the public's written comments on committee business at any time.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Direct questions regarding this meeting to Trish Hogervorst, Public Affairs Officer, Bureau of Land Management, at (503) 375-5657, or write to Forest

Supervisor, Siuslaw National Forest,
P.O. Box 1148, Corvallis, Oregon 97339.

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Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

Designations for the Kankakee (IL) Area and the States of California and Washington

AGENCY: Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: GIPSA announces the designation of Kankakee Grain Inspection, Inc. (Kankakee), the California Department of Food and Agriculture (California), and the Washington Department of Agriculture (Washington) to provide official services under the United States Grain Standards Act, as amended (Act).

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 1, 1997.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janet M. Hart, telephone 202-720-8525.

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 August 1, 1996, Federal Register (61 FR 40191), GIPSA asked persons interested in providing official services in the geographic areas assigned to Kankakee, California, and Washington to submit an application for designation. Applications were due by September 2, 1996. Kankakee, California, and Washington, the only applicants, each applied for designation to provide official services in the entire area currently assigned to them.

Since Kankakee, California, and Washington were the only applicants for the respective areas, GIPSA did not ask for comments on the applicants.

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 Kankakee, California, and Washington are able to provide official services in the geographic areas

for which they applied. Effective February 1, 1997, and ending January 31, 2000, Kankakee, California, and Washington are designated to provide official services in the geographic areas specified in the August 1, 1996, Federal Register.

Interested persons may obtain official services by contacting Kankakee at 815-932-2851, California at 916-654-0743, and Washington at 360-902-1827.

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

Dated: December 23, 1996

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Director, Compliance Division

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Opportunity for Designation in the Jamestown (ND), Sioux City (IA), and Tischer (IA) Areas

AGENCY: Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA).

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 designation of Grain Inspection, Inc. (Jamestown), will end July 31, 1997, according to the Act, and the designations of Sioux City Inspection and Weighing Service Company (Sioux City), and A.V. Tischer and Son, Inc. (Tischer), will end June 30, 1997, according to the Act. GIPSA is asking persons interested in providing official services in the Jamestown, Sioux City, and Tischer areas to submit an application for designation.

DATES: Applications must be postmarked or sent by telecopier (FAX) on or before January 31, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Applications must be submitted to USDA, GIPSA, Janet M. Hart, Chief, Review Branch, Compliance Division, STOP 3604, 1400 Independence Avenue S.W., Washington, DC 20250-3604.

Applications may be submitted by FAX on 202-690-2755. If an application is submitted by FAX, GIPSA reserves the right to request an original application. All applications will be made available for public inspection at this address located at 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., during regular business hours.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janet M. Hart, telephone 202-720-8525.

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 Jamestown, main office located in Jamestown, North Dakota, to provide official inspection services under the act on August 1, 1994. GIPSA designated Sioux City, main office located in Sioux City, Iowa, and Tischer, main office located in Fort Dodge, Iowa, to provide official inspection services under the act on July 1, 1994.

Section 7(g)(1) of the Act provides that designations of official agencies shall 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 Jamestown ends on July 31, 1997, according to the act, and the designations of Sioux City and Tischer end on June 30, 1997.

Pursuant to Section 7(f)(2) of the USGSA, the following geographic area, in the State of North Dakota, is assigned to Jamestown.

Bounded on the North by Interstate 94 east to U.S. Route 85; U.S. Route 85 north to State Route 200; State Route 200 east to U.S. Route 83; U.S. Route 83 southeast to State Route 41; State Route 41 north to State Route 200; State Route 200 east to State Route 3; State Route 3 north to U.S. Route 52; U.S. Route 52 southeast to State Route 15; State Route 15 east to U.S. Route 281; U.S. Route 281 south to Foster County; the northern Foster County line; the northern Griggs County line east to State Route 32;

Bounded on the East by State Route 32 south to State Route 45; State Route 45 south to State Route 200; State Route 200 west to State Route 1; State Route 1 south to the Soo Railroad line; the Soo Railroad line southeast to Interstate 94; Interstate 94 west to State Route 1; State Route 1 south to the Dickey County line;

Bounded on the South by the southern Dickey County line west to U.S. Route 281; U.S. Route 281 north to the Lamoure County line; the southern Lamoure County line; the southern Logan County line west to State Route 13; State Route 13 west to U.S. Route 83; U.S. Route 83 south to the Emmons County line; the southern Emmons County line; the southern Sioux County line west to State Route 49; State Route 49 north to State Route 21; State Route 21 west to the Burlington-Northern (BN) line; the Burlington-Northern (BN) line