

Pulp Company under the conditions of its long-term timber sale contract.

Gary A. Morrison, Forest Supervisor, Chatham Area, will decide whether or not to authorize timber harvest within the Eight Fathom project area and, if so, the design of any timber sale offerings consistent with meeting resource protection standards and guidelines in the TLMP. He will decide: (a) how much volume to make available; (b) the location and design of the arterial and collector road system needed to develop the Eight Fathom area; (c) the location of timber harvest units; (d) mitigation and monitoring measures for sound resource management, and (e) whether there may be a significant restriction on subsistence uses, and if so, other determinations required by section 810 of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act.

Analysis of Public Scoping

A number of public comments were received in response to the April 1993 timber sale proposal. Based on comments from the public and other agencies during the scoping effort, the following significant issues have been identified:

1. Project effects on recreation and tourism
2. Subsistence Impacts
3. Potential Economic Impacts
4. Protection of Fish and Wildlife Resources
5. Cultural and Historical Resource Protection
6. Protection of Caves and Karst Features
7. Concerns about Impacts and Alternatives to Clearcutting.

These issues are being used to design alternatives to the proposed action and to identify the potential environmental effects of the proposed action and alternatives.

Continued Public Participation Encouraged

Public participation is an important part of the environmental analysis process. The Forest Service will be seeking comments from Federal, State, and local agencies as well as individuals and organizations who may be interested in, or affected by, the proposed timber sale(s) when the Draft EIS is released. The Draft EIS is expected to be filed with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) during July 1995. The comment period on the Draft EIS will be 45 days from the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes the notice of availability in the **Federal Register**. Agencies and other interested persons

or groups are invited to visit with Forest Service officials at any time during the process.

The Forest Service believes, at this early stage, it is important to alert reviewers about several court rulings related to public participation in the environmental review process. First, 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 reviewer's position and contentions. *Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corp. v. NRDC*, 435 U.S. 519, 553 (1978). Also, environmental objections that could be raised at the Draft Environmental Impact Statement stage but that are not raised until after completion of the Final Environmental Impact Statement may be waived or dismissed by the courts. *City of Angoon v. Hodel*, 803 F.2d 1016, 1022 (9th Cir. 1986) and *Wisconsin Heritages, Inc. v. Harris*, 490 F. Supp. 1334, 1338 (E.D. Wis. 1980). Because of these court rulings, it is important that those interested in this proposed action participate by the close of the Draft EIS 45-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 EIS.

To assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering issues and concerns on the proposed action, comments on the Draft EIS should be as specific as possible. It is also helpful if comments refer to specific pages or chapters of the draft statement. Comments may also address the adequacy of the Draft EIS or the merits of the alternatives formulated and discussed in the statement. Reviewers may wish to refer to the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act, 40 CFR 1503.3, in addressing these points.

The Final EIS is expected to be released in January 1996. The Forest Supervisor for the Chatham Area of the Tongass National Forest will, as the responsible official for the EIS, make a decision regarding this proposal considering the comments, responses, and environmental consequences discussed in the Final EIS, and applicable laws, regulations, and policies. The decision and supporting reasons will be documented in a Record of Decision.

Dated: April 7, 1995.

John C. Sherrod,

Planning Staff Officer.

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Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

Opportunity for Designation in the Cairo (IL) Area

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 shall end not later than triennially and may be renewed. The designation of Cairo Grain Inspection Agency, Inc. (Cairo), will end October 31, 1995, according to the Act, and GIPSA is asking persons interested in providing official services in the specified geographic area to submit an application for designation.

DATES: Applications must be postmarked or sent by telecopier (FAX) on or before May 30, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Applications must be submitted to Janet M. Hart, Chief, Review Branch, Compliance Division, GIPSA, USDA, Room 1647 South Building, P.O. Box 96454, Washington, DC 20090-6454. Telecopier (FAX) users may send applications to the automatic telecopier machine at 202-720-1015, attention: Janet M. Hart. If an application is submitted by telecopier, 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 Cairo, main office located in Cairo, Illinois, to provide inspection and Class X and Class Y

weighing services under the Act on November 1, 1992.

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 Cairo ends on October 31, 1995.

The geographic area presently assigned to Cairo, pursuant to Section 7(f)(2) of the Act, which may be assigned to the applicant selected for designation is as follows: Randolph County (southwest of State Route 150 from the Mississippi River north to State Route 3); Jackson County (southwest of State Route 3 southeast to State Route 149; State Route 149 east to State Route 13; State Route 13 southeast to U.S. Route 51; U.S. Route 51 south to Union County); and Alexander, Johnson, Hardin, Massac, Pope, Pulaski, and Union Counties, Illinois. Ballard, Calloway, Carlisle, Fulton, Graves, Hickman, Livingston, Lyon, Marshall, McCracken, and Trigg Counties, Kentucky.

Benton, Dickson, Henry, Houston, Humphreys, Lake, Montgomery, Obion, Stewart, and Weakley Counties, Tennessee.

Cairo's assigned geographic area does not include the following grain elevator inside Cairo's area which has been and will continue to be serviced by the following official agency: Memphis Grain and Hay Association: Continental Grain Co., Tiptonville, Lake County, Tennessee.

Interested persons, including Cairo, are hereby given the opportunity to apply for designation to provide official services in the geographic area specified above under the provisions of Section 7(f) of the Act and section 800.196(d) of the regulations issued thereunder. Designation in the specified geographic area is for the period beginning November 1, 1995, and ending October 31, 1998. Persons wishing to apply for designation should contact the Compliance Division at the address listed above for forms and information.

Applications and other available information will be considered in determining which applicant will be designated.

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

Dated: April 13, 1995.

Neil E. Porter,

Director, Compliance Division.

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Designation for the Champaign (IL) Area

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: GIPSA announces the designation of Champaign-Danville Grain Inspection Departments, Inc. (Champaign), to provide official services under the United States Grain Standards Act, as amended (Act).

EFFECTIVE DATES: June 1, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Janet M. Hart, Chief, Review Branch, Compliance Division, GIPSA, USDA, Room 1647 South Building, P.O. Box 96454, Washington, DC 20090-6454.

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 December 2, 1994, **Federal Register** (59 FR 61868), GIPSA asked persons interested in providing official services in the geographic area assigned to Champaign to submit an application for designation. Applications were due by December 30, 1994. Champaign, the only applicant, applied for designation in the entire area they are currently assigned.

GIPSA requested comments on the applicant in the January 31, 1995,

Federal Register (60 FR 5896).

Comments were due by February 28, 1995. GIPSA received one comment by the deadline. The comment supported designation of Champaign.

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 Champaign is able to provide official services in the geographic area for which they applied. Effective June 1, 1995, and ending May 31, 1998, Champaign is designated to provide official services in the geographic area specified in the December 2, 1994, **Federal Register**.

Interested persons may obtain official services by contacting Champaign at 217-398-0723.

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

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Director, Compliance Division.

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Opportunity to Comment on the Applicants for the Fremont (NB) and Titus (IN) Areas

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: GIPSA requests comments on the applicants for designation to provide official services in the geographic areas currently assigned to Fremont Grain Inspection Department, Inc. (Fremont), and Titus Grain Inspection, Inc. (Titus).

DATES: Comments must be postmarked, or sent by telecopier (FAX) or electronic mail by May 30, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Comments must be submitted in writing to Janet M. Hart, Chief, Review Branch, Compliance Division, GIPSA, USDA, Room 1647 South Building, P.O. Box 96454, Washington, DC 20090-6454.

SprintMail users may respond to [A:ATTMAIL,O:USDA,ID:A36JHART]. ATTMAIL and FTS2000MAIL users may respond to !A36JHART. Telecopier (FAX) users may send comments to the automatic telecopier machine at 202-720-1015, attention: Janet M. Hart. All comments received will be made available for public inspection at the above 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.

In the March 1, 1995, **Federal Register** (60 FR 11069), GIPSA asked persons interested in providing official services in the geographic areas assigned to Fremont, and Titus to submit an application for designation. Fremont and Titus, the only applicants, each applied for designation to provide official inspection services in the entire area currently assigned to them.

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 these 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