

could have been raised at the draft stage may be waived if not raised until after completion of the final environmental impact statement. *City of Angoon v. Hodel*, 803 F.2d 1016, 1022 (9th Circuit, 1986) and *Wisconsin Heritages, Inc. v. Harris*, 490 F. Supp. 1334, 1338 (E.D. Wis. 1980). The reason for this is to ensure 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.

Following the comment period on the draft environmental impact statement, comments will be analyzed, considered, and responded to by the Forest Service in preparing the final environmental impact statement. The final environmental impact statement is scheduled to be completed by July 1997.

The responsible official will consider the comments and responses; environmental consequences discussed in the environmental impact statement; and applicable laws, regulations and policies in making a decision regarding this proposal. The decision and reasons for the decision will be documented in the Record of Decision.

Daniel K. Chisholm, Forest Supervisor, Mendocino National Forest, is the responsible official.

Dated May 22, 1996.

Daniel K. Chisholm,  
Forest Supervisor.

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## Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

### Designation for the Barton (KY) and North Dakota (ND) Areas

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** GIPSA announces the designation of J. W. Barton Grain Inspection Service, Inc. (Barton), and North Dakota Grain Inspection Service, Inc. (North Dakota), to provide official services under the United States Grain Standards Act, as amended (Act).

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** July 1, 1996.

**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 27, 1995, Federal Register (60 FR 66958), GIPSA asked persons interested in providing official services in the geographic areas assigned to Barton and North Dakota to submit an application for designation. Applications were due by January 30, 1996. Barton and North Dakota, the only applicants, each applied for designation to provide official inspection services in the entire areas currently assigned to them.

Since Barton and North Dakota were the only applicants, 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 Barton and North Dakota are able to provide official services in the geographic areas for which they applied. Effective July 1, 1996, and ending June 30, 1999, Barton and North Dakota are designated to provide official services in the geographic areas specified in the December 27, 1995, Federal Register.

Interested persons may obtain official services by contacting Barton at 502-683-0616 and North Dakota 701-293-7420.

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

Dated: May 10, 1996

Neil E. Porter

Director, Compliance Division

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### Opportunity for Designation in the Aberdeen (SD) Area and the State of Missouri

**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 designations of Aberdeen Grain Inspection, Inc. (Aberdeen), and the Missouri Department of Agriculture (Missouri) will end November 30, 1996, according to the Act, and GIPSA is asking persons interested in providing official services in the Aberdeen and Missouri areas to submit an application for designation.

**DATES:** Applications must be postmarked or sent by telecopier (FAX) on or before June 29, 1996.

**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 202-690-2755, 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 Aberdeen, main office located in Aberdeen, South Dakota, and Missouri, main office located in Jefferson City, Missouri, to provide official inspection services under the Act on December 1, 1993.

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 designations of Aberdeen and Missouri end on November 30, 1996.

Pursuant to Section 7(f)(2) of the USGSA, the following geographic area, in the States of North Dakota and South Dakota, is assigned to Aberdeen.

Bounded on the North by U.S. Route 12 east to State Route 22; State Route 22 north to the Burlington-Northern (BN) line; the Burlington-Northern (BN) line east to State Route 21; State Route 21 east to State Route 49; State Route 49 south to the North Dakota-South Dakota State line; the North Dakota-South Dakota State line east to U.S. Route 83; U.S. Route 83 north to State Route 13; State Route 13 east and north to McIntosh County; the northern

McIntosh County line east to Dickey County; the northern Dickey County line east to U.S. Route 281; U.S. Route 281 south to the North Dakota-South Dakota State line; the North Dakota-South Dakota State line east;

Bounded on the East by the eastern South Dakota State line (the Big Sioux River) to A54B;

Bounded on the South by A54B west to State Route 11; State Route 11 north to State Route 44 (U.S. 18); State Route 44 west to the Missouri River; the Missouri River south-southeast to the South Dakota State line; the southern South Dakota State line west; and

Bounded on the West by the western South Dakota State line north; the western North Dakota State line north to U.S. Route 12.

Pursuant to Section 7(f)(2) of the USGSA, the following geographic area, the entire State of Missouri, except those export port locations within the State which are serviced by GIPSA, is assigned to this official agency.

Interested persons, including Aberdeen and Missouri, are hereby given the opportunity to apply for designation to provide official services in the geographic areas 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 areas is for the period beginning December 1, 1996, and ending November 30, 1999. 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: May 10, 1996

Neil E. Porter

*Director, Compliance Division*

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## **Natural Resources Conservation Service**

### **White Tank Mountains Watershed, Maricopa County, AZ; 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 Guidelines (40 CFR Part 1500); and the Natural Resources Conservation Service Guidelines (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 White Tank Mountains Watershed, Maricopa County, Arizona.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Michael Somerville, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, 3003 North Central Avenue, Suite 800, Phoenix, AZ 85012, telephone (602) 280-8801.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The environmental assessment of this federally assisted action indicates that the project will not cause significant local, regional, or national impacts on the environment. Based on evidence presented, Michael Somerville, State Conservationist, has determined that the preparation and review of an environmental impact statement are not needed for this project.

The project proposes to rehabilitate an existing flood retarding structure to reduce the threat of loss of life and damage to property.

The Notice of a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) has been forwarded to the Environmental Protection Agency and to various Federal, State, and local agencies and interested parties. Copies of the FONSI are available to fill single copy requests at the above address. Basic data developed during the environmental assessment are on file and may be reviewed by contacting Donald Paulus, Water Resources Planning Staff Leader, at the above address.

No administrative action on implementation of the proposal will be taken until 30 days after the date of this publication in the Federal Register.

(This activity is listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance under No. 10.904, Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention, and is subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372, which requires intergovernmental consultation with State and local officials.)

Michael Somerville,

*State Conservationist.*

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## **Rural Housing Service**

### **Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection**

**AGENCY:** Rural Housing Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Proposed collection; comments request.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Rural Housing

Service's (RHS) intention to request an extension for a currently approved information collection in support of the Section 502 Direct and the Section 504 Rural Housing Loans and Grants Programs.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by July 29, 1996, to be assured of consideration.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Gloria L. Denson, Loan Specialist, Single Family Housing Processing Division, RHS, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Ag Box 0783, Washington, DC 20250, Telephone 720-1487.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

*Title:* Applicant Reference Letter.

*OMB Number:* 0575-0091.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* October 31, 1996.

*Type of Request:* Extension of a currently approved information collection:

*Abstract:* The rural housing loan program under Section 502 of title V of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended, provides eligible persons who will live in rural areas with an opportunity to own adequate but modest, decent, safe, and sanitary dwellings and related facilities. Also, the Section 504 loan/grant program is to assist eligible very low-income, owner/occupants to repair single family homes in rural areas. In both programs, the Form FmHA 410-8, "Applicant Reference Letter," provides credit information to County Offices serving the area in which the applicant or borrower will live. Applicants are required to furnish information concerning their credit history to RHS when applying for assistance. Form FmHA 410-8, is used by the Agency to supplement or verify other debts when a credit report is limited and unavailable to determine the applicant's eligibility and creditworthiness for RHS loans and grants. In some cases, credit reports cannot be used because the applicant/borrower lives in a remote area; therefore, the form is widely used by the Agency to obtain credit information. Form FmHA 410-8 asks only for specific relevant information to determine applicant's creditworthiness and to provide clarification on the promptness of the applicant's payments on debts which enables RHS to make better creditworthiness decisions.

RHS must, by law, make available to the applicant, upon request, the source of information used to make an adverse decision. Individual references may be solicited with the clear understanding that if the information is used to deny credit, the information will be made available to the applicant upon request.