

for the Indian River Timber Sale(s) Project, located on the Sitka and Hoonah Ranger Districts, Tongass National Forest. This Notice of Intent revises the schedule for decision and designates a responsible official different from the one described in the Notice of Intent published November 1, 1995 (**Federal Register**: Volume 60, Number 211, Pages 55538-55540).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Linn Shipley, Team Leader, Assistant Forest Supervisors' Office, 204 Siginaka Way, Sitka, AK 99835, phone (907) 747-6671, FAX (907) 747-4331, email: lshipley/r10\_chatham@fs.fed.us.

#### Decisions To Be Made

Fred S. Salinas, Assistant Forest Supervisor of the Tongass National Forest, is now the responsible official and will decide whether or not to authorize timber harvest within the Indian River Project Area. In addition, if timber harvest will occur, he will determine the following: (1) Whether the design of the timber sale(s) is consistent with meeting resource protection standards and guidelines in the modified 1997 Tongass Land and Resource Management Plan and the 1999 Record of Decision; (2) how much timber volume will be made available and what are the effects of the planned activities; (3) the location and design of the timber harvest units, log transfer facilities, and road system; (4) mitigation and monitoring required for sound resource management; (5) whether there is a significant possibility of a significant restriction on subsistence uses; and (6) road management objectives, including closures for resource protection and economics.

The Final Environmental Impact Statement and Record of Decision is expected to be released by August 1999. The Responsible Official will make a decision regarding this project after considering public comments, the environmental consequences displayed in the Final Environmental Impact Statement, and applicable laws, regulations, and policies. The decision and supporting reasons will be documented in the Record of Decision.

Dated: June 21, 1999.

**Fred S. Salinas,**

*Assistant Forest Supervisor.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Southwest Oregon Province Interagency Executive Committee (PIEC) Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Southwest Oregon PIEC Advisory Committee will meet on July 14, 1999 at Diamond Lake Resort (east of Roseburg, Oregon).

The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. and continue until 4:30 p.m. Agenda items to be covered include: (1) Umpqua River Basin Land Exchange Project; (2) Aquatic Conservation Strategy; (3) Basin watershed restoration technical team development; (4) Diamond Lake rehabilitation; (5) Public comment; and (6) Current issues as perceived by Advisory Committee members.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Direct questions regarding this meeting to Chuck Anderson, Province Advisory Committee Coordinator, USDA, Forest Service, Rogue River National Forest, 333 W. 8th Street, Medford, Oregon 97501, phone (541) 858-2322.

Dated: June 23, 1999.

**Charles J. Anderson,**

*Acting Designated Federal Official.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

#### Opportunity for Designation in the California, Kankakee (IL), Washington, Alabama, and Springfield (IL) Areas and Request for Comments on the California, Kankakee (IL), Washington, Alabama, and Springfield (IL) Agencies

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The designations of the official agencies listed below will end in January and February 2000. GIPSA is asking persons interested in providing official services in the areas served by these agencies to submit an application for designation. GIPSA is also asking for

comments on the services provided by these currently designated agencies:

California Department of Food and Agriculture (California);

Kankakee Grain Inspection, Inc. (Kankakee);

Washington Department of Agriculture (Washington);

Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries (Alabama); and

Springfield Grain Inspection, Inc. (Springfield).

**DATES:** Applications and comments must be postmarked or sent by telecopier (FAX) on or before July 30, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Applications and comments must be submitted to USDA, GIPSA, Janet M. Hart, Chief, Review Branch, Compliance Division, STOP 3604, Room 1647-S, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-3604. Applications and comments 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 and comments will be made available for public inspection at this address located at 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, during regular business hours.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Janet M. Hart, at 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 United States Grain Standards Act, as amended (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.

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.