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Barbara J. Masters,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Wrangell-Petersburg Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Wrangell-Petersburg Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) has announced its next two meetings. The first meeting will take place at 1 p.m. until 5:15 p.m. (or until the conclusion of public testimony) on Friday, April 21, and from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m., Saturday, April 22, 2006, in Petersburg, Alaska. The second meeting will be a teleconference that will be

from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. (or until the conclusion of business) on Tuesday, May 23, 2006. The purpose of these meetings is to review, discuss and potentially recommend for funding proposals received pursuant to Title II, Public Law 106-393, H.R. 2389, the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, also called the "Payments to States" Act. Public testimony regarding the proposals will also be taken.

DATES: The first meeting will be held commencing at 1 p.m. on Friday, April 21, through 2 p.m., Saturday, April 22, 2006. The second meeting will begin at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, May 23, 2006 and is expected to last until approximately 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The April meeting will be held at the Petersburg Lutheran Church Holy Cross House, 407 Fram Street, Petersburg, Alaska. The May teleconference will be hosted at the two local Forest Service offices—in Wrangell, at the Wrangell Ranger District, 525 Bennett Street, and in Petersburg, at the Petersburg Ranger District, 12 N. Nordic Drive. Participants may join the teleconference from any telephone. Please contact either of the designated federal officials below to receive the teleconference number. The April meeting will also have teleconference capability.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark Hummel, Wrangell District Ranger, P.O. Box 51, Wrangell, AK 99929, phone (907) 874-2323, e-mail mhummel@fs.fed.us, or Patty Grantham, Petersburg District Ranger, P.O. Box 1328, Petersburg, AK 99833, phone (907) 772-3871, e-mail pagrantham@fs.fed.us. For further information on RAC history, operations, and the application process, a Web site is available at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r10/ro/payments>. Once in the Web site, follow the links to the Wrangell-Petersburg Resource Advisory Committee.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: These meetings will focus on the review and discussion of proposals received by the RAC for funding under Title II of the Payments to States legislation (Pub. L. 106-393). New information may be introduced concerning these proposals. New proposals (initial reading) may be discussed at these meetings. The committee may make recommendations for project funding at these meetings. A field trip to review proposals proximate to the Petersburg, Alaska, area may take place. The meetings are open to the public. Public input opportunity will be provided and individuals will have the

opportunity to address the committee at that time.

Dated: March 6, 2006.

Forrest Cole,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

[06-GL-C]

Opportunity To Comment on the Applicants for the Texas Area

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: GIPSA requests comments on the applicants for designation to provide official services in the Texas geographic area previously assigned to Global Grain Inspection Services, Inc. (Global).

DATES: Comments must be received on or before March 29, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Comments must be submitted in writing to USDA, GIPSA, Janet M. Hart, Deputy Director, Compliance Division, STOP 3604, Room 1647-S, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-3604. FAX 202-690-2755; e-mail

Janet.M.Hart@usda.gov. All comments received will be made available for public inspection at the above address located at 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., during regular business hours.

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

Global advised the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) that they will cease providing official services on April 9, 2006. GIPSA announced that Global's designation will be canceled effective April 9, 2006, in the February 1, 2006, **Federal Register** (71 FR 5233). GIPSA also asked persons interested in providing official services in the south Texas area to submit an application for designation.

There were three applicants for the south Texas area: a company proposing to do business as Gulf Country Inspection Service, Inc. (Gulf); a

company proposing to do business as InterContinental Grain Inspections, Inc. (InterContinental), a subsidiary of Socit Générale de Surveillance (SGS) North America, Inc.; and South Texas Grain Inspection LLC (South Texas), a proposed organization being formed by the Corpus Christi Grain Exchange, Inc., to function under a trust. Gulf and InterContinental applied for all or part of the area previously assigned to Global. South Texas applied for only the following Counties in Texas: Aransas, Atascosa, Bee, Bexar, Brooks, Calhoun, Cameron, Comal, Dewitt, Duval, Frio, Goliad, Gonzales, Guadalupe, Hidalgo, Jackson, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, Karnes, Kenedy, Kleberg, LaSalle, Lavaca, Live Oak, Maverick, McMullen, Medina, Nueces, Refugio, San Patricio, Starr, Uvalde, Victoria, Webb, Willacy, Wilson, Zapata, and Zavala. 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 the 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 the **Federal Register**, and GIPSA will send the applicants written notification of the decision.

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

James E. Link,

Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Southern Washington County Watershed Protection Project; Washington County, ID

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA.

ACTION: 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 Southern Washington County Watershed Protection Project, Washington County, Idaho.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Richard Sims, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, 9173 W. Barnes Dr., Suite C, Boise, Idaho 83709–1574, telephone (208) 378–5700.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Plan/Environmental Assessment of this federally assisted action indicates that the project will not cause significant local, regional, or national adverse impacts affecting the quality of the human environment. As a result of these findings, Richard Sims, State Conservationist, has determined that the preparation and review of an environmental impact statement are not needed for this project.

The Southern Washington County Watershed Protection Project consists of a system of land treatment measures designed to address the problems associated with degradation of ground water quality and surface water quality in the Weiser and Snake Rivers. Benefits will be realized from reduced groundwater contamination by reducing deep leaching of nutrients and pesticides to the Western Snake River Plain Aquifer (Southern Washington County), protection of long-term soil productivity, reduced irrigation-induced erosion and reduced sediment, nutrient, pesticide and pathogen delivery to the Weiser and Snake Rivers and area tributaries. Planned treatment practices include: irrigation system-gated pipe (with surge), micro (drip) irrigation, tail water recovery systems, sprinkler re-nozzle, sprinkler systems, irrigation water management (moisture sensors and meters) and sediment basins. Management practices include: conservation crop rotation, irrigation water management, nutrient management, anionic polyacrylamide PAM erosion control, pest management, prescribed grazing, residue management (mulch till and seasonal), and straw mulch.

The Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) has been forwarded to the Environmental Protection Agency. The basic data developed during the plan/environmental assessment is on file and may be reviewed by contacting Mr. Richard Sims. The FONSI has been sent to various Federal, State, and local agencies, and interested parties. A limited number of copies of the FONSI are available to fill single copy requests at the address stated above. No

administrative action on the proposal will be initiated 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.)

Dated: March 7, 2006.

Mark Weatherstone,

Acting State Conservationist.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Announcement of Grant Application Deadlines and Funding Levels

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of solicitation of applications.

SUMMARY: USDA Rural Development administers rural utilities programs through the Rural Utilities Service. USDA Rural Development announces its Community Connect Grant Program application window for funding during fiscal year (FY) 2006. In addition, USDA Rural Development announces the minimum and maximum amounts for Community Connect grants applicable for the fiscal year. The Community Connect Grant Program regulations can be found at 7 CFR part 1739, subpart A.

DATES: You may submit completed applications for grants on paper or electronically according to the following deadlines:

- Paper copies must carry proof of shipping *no later than* May 15, 2006 to be eligible for FY 2006 grant funding. Late applications are not eligible for FY 2006 grant funding.
- Electronic copies must be received by May 15, 2006 to be eligible for FY 2006 grant funding. Late applications are not eligible for FY 2006 grant funding.

ADDRESSES: You may obtain application guides and materials for the Community Connect Grant Program via the Internet at the following Web site: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/telecom/commconnect.htm>. You may also request application guides and materials from USDA Rural Development by contacting the appropriate individual listed in section VII of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.