

Dated: August 28, 1998.

**Enrique E. Figueroa,**

*Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.*

[FR Doc. 98-23903 Filed 9-3-98; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 3410-02-P

## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Southwest Washington Provincial Advisory Committee Meeting Notice

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Southwest Washington Provincial Advisory Committee will meet on Thursday, September 17, 1998, in Stevenson, Washington, at the Rock Creek Center (Rock Creek Drive) in the auditorium. The meeting will begin in 10 a.m. and continue until 5 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to provide information on (1) the Status of Watersheds on the Gifford Pinchot National Forest, (2) Social and Economic Factors, and (3) Public Open Forum. All Southwest Washington Provincial Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend. The "open forum" provides opportunity for the public to bring issues, concerns, and discussion topics to the Advisory Committee. The "open forum" is scheduled as part of agenda item (3) for this meeting. Interested speakers will need to register prior to the open forum period. The committee welcomes the public's written comments or committee business at any time.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Direct questions regarding this meeting to Linda Turner, Public Affairs Specialist, at (360) 891-5195, or write Forest Headquarters Office, Gifford Pinchot National Forest, 10600 NE 51st Circle, Vancouver, WA 98682.

Dated: August 27, 1998.

**Thomas Mulder,**

*Administrative Officer.*

[FR Doc. 98-23847 Filed 9-3-98; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 3410-11-M

## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Northern Goshawk Habitat Management

**ACTION:** Proposal to prepare interim direction for Northern Goshawk habitat

management in the Intermountain Region, (R4) U.S. Forest Service.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the Regional Forester (R4), in cooperation with Bureau of Land Management and the USDI-Fish and Wildlife Service, is reviewing Utah state-wide information (Habitat Assessment and Management Recommendations for the Northern Goshawk in the State of Utah (in press) and USDI-FWS 12-month finding on a petition to list the northern goshawk (FR, June 29, 1998, Volume 63, Number 124, pages 35183 to 35184)) relating to the sustainability of habitat for the northern goshawk. A Conservation Strategy and Agreement for the Management of Northern Goshawk Habitat in Utah is being developed based on the Assessment. The Forest Service is proposing to amend regional direction, Regional Guides, and Forest Plans to incorporate interim direction in the form of goals and objectives, desired habitat conditions, standards and guidelines, and monitoring requirements based on the information in the Assessment and the Strategy. The interim direction will apply to National Forest System Lands throughout Utah.

The purpose and need for the proposed action is to provide state-wide consistency in future project design, implementation and monitoring that will insure long-term goshawk habitat sustainability throughout the state of Utah. The proposed amendment to the Regional Guide and six national forests in Utah would be prospective only, and would not apply to projects that have been approved prior to the effective date of the amendments. This action will provide interim direction to protect habitat and populations of northern goshawks until existing forest plans are revised or suitably amended. Specifically, the proposed action will include National Forest System Lands on the Wasatch-Cache, Uinta, Ashley, Manti-LaSal, Fishlake and Dixie National Forests in the Intermountain Region.

The Forest Service serves notice that the agency is seeking information and comments from federal, state, and local agencies, and other individuals or organizations who may be interested or affected by the proposed action for the sustainability of northern goshawk habitat in Utah. This input will be used in preparing regional direction, Forest Plan amendments and/or Guides, and accompanying environmental analyses.

Written comment should be sent to the agency within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Forest Service, in accordance with 16 U.S.C. 1604 and 36 CFR parts 219 et seq., develops Land and Resource Management Plans to provide for multiple use and sustained yield of products and services including outdoor recreation, range, timber, watershed, wildlife and fish, and wilderness. At its discretion, the Forest Service may amend Regional Guides (36 CFR 219.8) and/or Forest Plans based on the results of monitoring and evaluation (36 CFR 219.10(f), 219.12(k)). Review of research reports, published professional papers and agency assessments indicates that additional long term programmatic habitat management direction may be warranted for the northern goshawk in Utah. This long-term approach is being developed through the Conservation Strategy and Agreement for the Management of Northern Goshawk Habitat in Utah (to be released in the fall of 1998). This interim direction is being proposed to preserve options for long term management that will be developed during Forest Plan revision. Once the conservation strategy is released that information plus the current policy direction to use the 1992 Reynolds et al., report will be used during project level design and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis and disclosure of effects.

A range of alternatives will be considered. One of these will be the "no action" alternative in which current management would continue. Other alternatives could examine the effect of varying approaches to the interim direction.

The Forest Service is seeking information and comments from federal, state and local agencies, and other individuals and organizations who may be interested or affected by the proposed action. This information will be used in determining the scope of the amendments to the Regional Guide, direction, and Forest Plans. Prior to completing these amendments, the Forest Service will publish a Notice of Intent (NOI) in the **Federal Register** to describe the specific proposal and type of NEPA documentation. At the time such a Notice is published, there will be additional opportunities for public comment.

The responsible official will be the Regional Forester for the Intermountain Region; Intermountain Region, Federal Building, 324 25th Street, Ogden, Utah 84401.

The determination of proposed amendments is expected to be completed and available for public review by November 30, 1998. At that time an improved estimate of time for

amendments and/or revisions will be available although we expect most of the amendment work to take less than a year.

Dated: August 31, 1998.

**Jack A. Blackwell,**

*Regional Forester, Intermountain Region.*

[FR Doc. 98-23858 Filed 9-3-98; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 3410-11-M

## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

#### Solicitation of Nominations for Members of the Grain Inspection Advisory Committee

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

**ACTION:** Notice to solicit nominees.

**SUMMARY:** The Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) is announcing that nominations are being sought for persons to serve on GIPSA's Grain Inspection Advisory Committee.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under authority of section 20 of the United States Grain Standards Act (Act) Pub. L. 97-35, the Secretary of Agriculture established the Grain Inspection Advisory Committee (Advisory Committee) on September 29, 1981, to provide advice to the Administrator on implementation of the Act. Section 14 of the United States Grain Standards Act Amendments of 1993, Pub. L. 103-156, extended the authority for the Advisory Committee through September 30, 2000.

The Advisory Committee presently consists of 15 members, appointed by the Secretary, who represent the interests of grain producers, processors, handlers, merchandisers, consumers, and exporters, including scientists with expertise in research related to the policies in section 2 of the Act. Members of the Committee serve without compensation. They are reimbursed for travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, for travel away from their homes or regular places of business in performance of Committee service, as authorized under section 5703 of title 5, United States Code. Alternatively, travel expenses may be paid by Committee members.

Nominations are being sought for persons to serve on the Advisory Committee to replace the five members and six alternate members whose terms expire in December 1998.

Persons interested in serving on the Advisory Committee, or in nominating

individuals to serve, should contact: GIPSA, by telephone (tel: 202-720-0219), fax (fax: 202-205-9237), or electronic mail (e-mail: mplauss@fgisdc.usda.gov) and request Form AD-755, which must be completed and submitted to GIPSA by fax or at the following address: GIPSA, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Stop 3601, Washington, DC 20250-3601. Form AD-755 must be received not later than November 3, 1998.

Nominations are open to all individuals without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, mental or physical handicap, marital status, or sexual orientation. To ensure that recommendations of the Committee take into account the needs of the diverse groups served by the Department, membership shall include, to the extent practicable, individuals with demonstrated ability to represent minorities, women, and persons with disabilities.

The final selection of Advisory Committee members and alternates will be made by the Secretary.

Dated: August 28, 1998.

**David R. Shipman,**

*Acting Administrator.*

[FR Doc. 98-23790 Filed 9-3-98; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 3410-EN-P

### COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

#### Procurement List; Additions and Deletions

**AGENCY:** Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

**ACTION:** Additions to and deletions from the Procurement List.

**SUMMARY:** This action adds to the Procurement List services to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities, and deletes from the Procurement List commodities previously furnished by such agencies.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** October 5, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Crystal Gateway 3, Suite 310, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202-4302.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Beverly Milkman (703) 603-7740.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On July 2, 17 and 24, 1998, the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notices

(63 FR 36212, 38555, 39812 and 39813) of proposed additions to and deletions from the Procurement List:

#### Additions

After consideration of the material presented to it concerning capability of qualified nonprofit agencies to provide the services and impact of the additions on the current or most recent contractors, the Committee has determined that the services listed below are suitable for procurement by the Federal Government under 41 U.S.C. 46-48c and 41 CFR 51-2.4.

I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were:

1. The action will not result in any additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities other than the small organizations that will furnish the services to the Government.

2. The action will not have a severe economic impact on current contractors for the services.

3. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the services to the Government.

4. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 46-48c) in connection with the services proposed for addition to the Procurement List.

Accordingly, the following services are hereby added to the Procurement List:

Base Supply Center, Fort Bliss, Texas. Janitorial/Custodial, MacDill Air Force Base, Florida.

Janitorial/Custodial, Naval Hospital and Dental Clinic, Naval Education and Training Center, Buildings 1, 23, 44, 46, 1121 and 1173, Newport, Rhode Island.

Mailing Service, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Office of Finance, Arlington, Virginia.

Laundry Service, Naval Air Station, Galley Building 794, San Diego, California.

Laundry Service, Naval Station, Everett, Washington.

Warehouse Operation, USDA, U.S. Army Charles Melvin Price Support Center, Rural Development Facility, Warehouse #2, Building 309, Granite City, Illinois.

Warehouse Operation, Department of Veterans Affairs, Service and Distribution Center, Building 37, Hines, Illinois.

This action does not affect current contracts awarded prior to the effective