

# Notices

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS)

#### Designation for the Essex, Illinois; Savage, Minnesota; Alabama; and Washington Areas

**AGENCY:** Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of designation.

**SUMMARY:** AMS is announcing the designations of Kankakee Grain Inspection, Inc. (Kankakee); State Grain Inspection, Inc. (State Grain); Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries (Alabama); and the Washington Department of Agriculture (Washington) to provide official services

under the United States Grain Standards Act (USGSA), as amended. The realignment of offices within the U.S. Department of Agriculture authorized by the Secretary's Memorandum dated November 14, 2017, eliminates the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) as a standalone agency. The grain inspection activities formerly part of GIPSA are now organized under the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS).

**DATES:** *Applicable Date:* January 1, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** Jacob Thein, Compliance Officer, USDA, AMS, FGIS, QACD, 10383 North Ambassador Drive, Kansas City, MO 64153

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*Read Applications:* All applications and comments are available for public inspection at the office above during regular business hours (7 CFR 1.27(c)).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In the July 3, 2017, **Federal Register** (82 FR 30817-30820), GIPSA requested applications

for designation to provide official services in the geographic areas presently serviced by Kankakee, State Grain, Alabama, and Washington. Applications were due by August 2, 2017.

Because the current official agencies, Kankakee, State Grain, Alabama, and Washington, were the only applicants for designation to provide official services in these areas, GIPSA did not ask for additional comments.

GIPSA evaluated the designation criteria in section 7(f) of the USGSA (7 U.S.C. 79(f)) and determined that Kankakee, State Grain, Alabama, and Washington are qualified to provide official services in the geographic areas specified in the **Federal Register** on July 3, 2017. These designations to provide official services in the specified areas of Kankakee, Alabama, and Washington are effective January 1, 2018, to December 31, 2022. The designation to provide official services in the specified area of State Grain is effective January 1, 2018, to December 31, 2018.

Interested persons may obtain official services by contacting this agency at the following telephone number:

Official agency	Headquarters location and telephone	Designation start	Designation end
Kankakee .....	Essex, IL, 815-365-2268 .....	1/1/2018	12/31/2022
State Grain .....	Savage, MN, 952-808-8566 .....	1/1/2018	12/31/2018
Alabama .....	Montgomery, AL, 251-438-2549 .....	1/1/2018	12/31/2022
Washington .....	Olympia, WA, 253-820-3756 .....	1/1/2018	12/31/2022

Section 7(f) of the USGSA authorizes the Secretary 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 (7 U.S.C. 79 (f)).

Dated: December 21, 2017.

**Bruce Summers,**  
*Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.*

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**ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare a supplemental environmental impact statement.

**SUMMARY:** The Kootenai National Forest (KNF) will prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) on a proposed federal action, which is approval of a Plan of Operations for the Evaluation Phase of the Montanore Project (Project) The Project is a proposed underground copper and silver mine located about 18 miles south of Libby, near the Cabinet Mountains within the Libby Ranger District, Kootenai National Forest, Lincoln County, Montana. The Montanore Project is proposed by Montanore Minerals Corp. (MMC), a subsidiary of Hecla Mining Co.

**DATES:** Scoping is not required for an SEIS (40 CFR 1502.9(c)(4)). The Forest

Service is not inviting comments at this time. The draft SEIS is expected to be available for public review and comment in the first quarter of 2018 and the final SEIS is expected to be issued in the second quarter of 2018. The comment period for the draft SEIS will be for 45 days from the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes the notice of availability in the **Federal Register**.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Kootenai National Forest, Lincoln County, Montana Montanore Project

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.