



## Alaska Meat Packers' Pig in a Poke

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# Elsworth/Borden lose USDA Certification Palmer Meat Plant Due to *Animal Cruelty*



**Alaska Meat Packers, Inc.** lost their authority to slaughter animals at the largest meat packing facility in Alaska at Palmer—after a documented incident of animal cruelty on

October 20, 2024—observed and reported by inspectors for the **United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)**.

Annual lease payment for the plant was made in November by **Bill Borden**, who originally had the listing to sell the plant formerly known as **Mt McKinley Meats and Sausages** from owner **Greg Giannulis**. Instead of selling it for an honest commission, Borden sold 85% ownership in a paper company to **Todd Elsberry** from North Pole, AK to entangle him in a Lease Scheme and guaranteed purchase price in 5 years.

**This created Alaska Meat Packers' Pig in a Poke.**

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## **This Has Not Been a Good Deal for Elsberry**

**From the USDA Notice of Suspension issued October 30, 2024:**

*The decision to institute this enforcement action is in accordance with Title 9 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Rules of Practice 500.3(b), based on the determination that your establishment did not handle or slaughter animals humanely. The evidence demonstrates failure to comply with the Federal Meat Inspection Act (FMIA) (21 U.S.C. 603), the Humane Methods of Slaughter Act (HMSA) (7 U.S.C. 1901 et seq.), and the regulatory requirements (9 CFR Part 313).*

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What is known as the *Stun Box* IS where a certain specific cow was witnessed to be improperly dispatched causing it great distress due to utter incompetence by operators of this plant. This writer once enjoyed a cook's tour of the facility, then known as **Mt. McKinley Meats and Sausages** by manager **Rayne Reynolds**, before it was leased to **Alaska Meat Packers Inc.** in November, 2021.

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## **AK Farmers: Was this YOUR Animal Tortured Before Merciful Dispatch?**

### **Basis for the suspension:**

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[1] Read the full report in References.

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*How many animals has this operation tortured under its USDA authority in three years and how can it be possible after all this time that the operators were not able to do a routine dispatch of this animal before a USDA Inspector?*

## Recent Notice the Plant Might Close

September 27, 2024:

# Lone USDA-certified meat processing plant in Southcentral Alaska to close in coming months

Owner says plant is no longer accepting more animals for processing



[2] Alaska News Farce did a superficial story on this with the spokesman for the Ag Bureau telling the lie that it was closing because of cost of feed. Link to that story in References

The public notice that this plant might be closing occurred as the owner company faced annual lease payment TO THE EXCLUSIVE OWNER Greg Giannulis, due November 9, 2024. General concern was generated on social media among AK agriculture interests at the prospect of losing this slaughterhouse, when a person named **Ben Adams** announced he had purchased the plant and would be running it!

**Adams** has no ownership interest in the plant but Todd Elsberry has been making lease payments under the deal and is behind \$23,978.31 on a state ag loan.

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Current Open Loans - Delinquency Status

DELINQUENCY STATUS	BORROWER	LOAN NUMBER	PAY FREQUENCY	Regular Payment Amt	
61-90 DAYS	RULE,PAMELA	C-5282	Q	1,590.00	Total amount Due 7/30/24
OVER 90 DAYS	AGRICULTURAL INVE	F-5190	M	955.00	Total amount Due 1/1/24: Due 2/1/24: Due 3/1/24: Due 4/1/24: Due 5/1/24: Due 6/1/24: Due 7/1/24:\$ Due 8/1/24:\$ Due 9/1/24:
OVER 90 DAYS	ELSBERRY,TODD	C-5275	A	21,433.31	Total amount Due 9/15/23 4/29/24: \$2, 7/8/24: \$6,0 9/3/24: \$5,0 9/15/2024: \$ Final Default
Grand Total				23,978.31	

Ben Adams has two State Loans:



CURRENT LOAN DISTRIBUTION						
BORROWER	LOAN NUMBER	LOAN REGION	AMOUNT AUTHORIZED	LOAN AMOUNT DISBURSED	LOAN AMOUNT UNDISBURSED	PRINCIPAL BALANCE
ADAMS,BEN	S-5523	AN	\$ 260,000.00	\$ 260,000.00		\$ 260,000.00
ADAMS,BEN	C-5280	AN	\$ 550,000.00	\$ 550,000.00		\$ 550,000.00
AGRICULTURAL INVE	F-5190	TV	\$ 186,500.00	\$ 186,500.00		\$ 138,803.75
AMBERG,WILLIAM	F-5215	MA	\$ 166,327.81	\$ 166,327.81		\$ 60,861.90
BATES,MATTHEW	F-5225	DE	\$ 132,000.00	\$ 132,000.00		\$ 114,606.60
BLANKENSHIP,MARSH	S-5527	MA	\$ 120,000.00	\$ 120,000.00		\$ 120,000.00
BLANKENSHIP,MARSH	C-5284	MA	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 200,000.00		\$ 200,000.00
BLUE STARR FISHER	C-5279	CO	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00		\$ 85,258.40
BURRIS,NATHAN	C-5281	MA	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 11,500.00	\$ 88,500.00	\$ 11,500.00
BURRIS,NATHAN	F-5241	MA	\$ 400,000.00	\$ 160,287.00	\$ 239,713.00	\$ 154,242.70
BURRIS,NATHAN	P-1016	MA	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 250,000.00		\$ 225,632.10
CARLSON,DALE	F-5185	TV	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 300,000.00		\$ 190,933.20
CHURCH OF THE LIV	F-5202	DE	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 75,000.00		\$ 11,713.40
COE,JASON	F-5237	MA	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 249,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 227,248.70
CULLY CORPORATION	F-5211	AN	\$ 350,000.00	\$ 350,000.00		\$ 96,555.70
DEBENHAM,RAY	F-5181	MA	\$ 630,000.00	\$ 630,000.00		\$ 359,936.60
ELKINS,BRANDON	P-1019	DE	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 250,000.00		\$ 250,000.00
ELSBERRY,TODD	C-5275	DE	\$ 133,000.00	\$ 133,000.00		\$ 129,725.80
EMERS,MICHAEL	P-1014	DE	\$ 218,705.25	\$ 218,705.25		\$ 204,672.30

# Not to Worry Alaskan Rubes—

Governor Dunleavy has an Ag Task Force!





## Dunleavy Administration

[3] Legislative Task Force to Assure Alaska Food Security DONN LISTON February 27, 2024

*Live Links are in References*

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**Mr. Adams is a rare attorney who lies.** Perhaps four years of raising cattle in Alaska has damaged his moral compass. Mr. Adams has not purchased the Palmer plant. Mr. Adams might qualify as a Mark for Borden as a result of all his statements of desperation online. This writer has first-hand knowledge of how that works. Maybe Adams should consider how much worse his situation COULD be.

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# Benjaman Tabiess Adams – Santa Rosa, California

## Adams Fietz

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Bio

Benjaman Tabiess Adams is an attorney at Adams Fietz in Santa Rosa, California. Benjaman Tabiess Adams has 17 years of experience as a lawyer since graduating from Univ of Victoria with a undergraduate in 1998. This attorney also has a law from Univ of Victoria.

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What people are saying

The comments congratulate the buyer of the USDA plant in Palmer, expressing ex support for local meat production. One offers cautionary advice, sharing histori more

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John McCowan

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A commendable business m


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Geoff Lytwyn

Will you be able to sell out o Just curious since I live in wa

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Adams made a number of posts professing to buy the plant.

**The Palmer Plant is back in operation but remains in full ownership of Giannulis. From reading Adams' voluminous posting about the travails of farming in Alaska, any rational person would conclude Mr. Adams has all he can manage there. Still, Mr. Adams insists he bought and took possession of the plant until he recently went radio silent in view of the facts.**

From a previous story:

*Who hasn't heard of a real estate huckster finding a way to sell a property, knowing the purchaser cannot afford it, hoping to pick up that property on the bounce for pennies on the dollar?*

*It happens...*



Background to the Dirty Deal:

**[4] Food Security Scam Hurts Alaskans, DONN LISTON, October 16, 2024**

Live Links in References





*A confidence game, also known as a con, scam, grift, or flim-flam, is an attempt to win the trust and confidence of a victim, known as the “mark,” to defraud them. Although general expectation is that con artists are untrustworthy, their particular ability is to be able to gain the trust of their victims.*

[5] *Food Security Scam Hurts Alaskans* DONN LISTON October 16, 2024

*Live Links in References* How Scammers Prey on the Elderly DONN LISTON June 26, 2024

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I'm uncertain how to find the strength or will to continue. I spent 13 hours yesterday driving to Point Mackenzie to put cows away. While I was away, my very best cow went into labor and there were complications. Her calf died- and I am to blame because I wasn't here. Today, I was looking forward to spending some time with my best friend from high school, who I haven't seen much in the last 35 years. Instead, we are loading up to drive another 5 hours back to Point Mac tonight because the cows are out. It is 13-15 hours each time. It was suggested today that I truck my cows home, but I need to fix fence first. Yesterday, we discovered a dead cow and calf. I am utterly exhausted and this constant death and work has me wondering how quickly I can sell my cattle, pay my debts and be done. 3 losses in a week and thousands of dollars in fuel and time- for a profession that was already without profit. This might be the last straw. Let me see if I can make it one more day.

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24 comments



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I feel a millimeter from quitting. Just being done. Most of my cows are on pasture in Point Mackenzie. It's a great spot. But the cows keep getti... See more



Oh the pathos: All Adams' posts are gone. The numbers of animals lost under his care has been a grave concern to some posters responding to 4T%.

*FACT: The physical plant was purchased from the **State of Alaska** by **Greg Giannulis** in 2017. AK Entertainment News cannot figure that out. Giannulis invested heavily in upgrades and made a profit producing beef and pork for Alaskans with that facility over four years without any government subsidy through an earthquake and the Covid-19 Pandemic. Giannulis had a vision for promoting Alaska Food Security for Alaskans beginning with supplying enough animals to continue making this plant profitable at 350-700 animals processed per week in a quality facility.*



## **True AK Food Security would require 2,000-4,000 Animals/Mo**

*Upon notifying legislators and top members of the Dunleavy Administration of this vision to move Alaska toward TRUE FOOD SECURITY, Giannulis learned—because some \$3-\$4 Billion is sent from Alaska to Seattle for beef, pork and chicken annually—it ain't going to happen! Alaska public officials blow smoke about AK Food Security during campaigns but once elected in districts around the state none are EVER going to do anything in Backwater Juneau to reduce that \$gravy train\$ to Seattle.*

[5]





When Giannulis leased the plant to Elsberry/Borden dba **Alaska Meat Packers, Inc.** he likely never imagined they would torture animals through incompetence in the slaughter process. According to the USDA report the Plant Manager **Lacy Sanders** sought instruction on how to finish off the injured bleating animal pinned in the Stun Box with a .38 pistol.

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Elsberry/Borden returned to being subsidized by the **State of Alaska Department of Corrections** as it had been before it was sold to Giannulis. The State sold it because it was a money pit. This writer personally witnessed Borden making cold calls of persons likely to consider purchasing the Palmer slaughterhouse when he first gained listings for this and other properties from Giannulis,.

Today Elsberrys have reportedly sold out of their hog farm. They are partners with a guy who did a dirty deal to get into an ownership position with an Alaska Corporation having nothing of true value. This writer also has experience with Borden setting me up using the same scam. Had Borden sold the facility to a worthy buyer and took an honest commission Alaska would be in a better position for food security. Instead, **Alaska Meat Packers, Inc.** is a marginal operation that has brought public shame to the MatSu Ag Community.

## How COULD that have Happened?





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of ALASKA

Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development  
Division of Corporations, Business, and Professional Licensing  
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**Due Date:** This report along with its fees are due by January 2, 2025

**Fees:** If postmarked before February 2, 2025, the fee is \$100.00.  
If postmarked on or after February 2, 2025 then this report is delinquent and the fee is \$137.50.

**Entity Name:** ALASKA MEAT PACKERS  
INCORPORATED

**Entity Number:** 10177462

**Home Country:** UNITED STATES

**Home State/Prov.:** ALASKA

**Physical Address:** 385 E OUTER SPRINGER LOOP,  
PALMER, AK 99645

**Mailing Address:** 1050 Shiloh Rd NW S102, Kennesaw, GA  
30144

**Registered Agent** information cannot be changed on this form.  
Alaska Statutes, to update or change the Registered Agent  
information this entity must submit the Statement of Change for  
for this entity type along with its filing fee.

**Name:** Todd Elsberry

**Physical Address:** 5400 EIELSON FARM RD, NORTH POLE,  
AK 99705

**Mailing Address:** POB 55772, NORTH POLE, AK 99705-  
0772

**Officials:** The following is a complete list of officials who will be on record as a result of this filing.

- **Provide all officials and required information. Use only the titles provided.**
- **Mandatory Officers (3) and Directors (1), who must be individuals:** this entity must have a President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The President and Secretary cannot be the same person unless the President is 100% Shareholder. This entity must have at least one (1) Director. Provide all the individuals who are directors.
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Full Legal Name	Complete Mailing Address	% Owned	Alien Affiliate	Assistant Secretary	Assistant Treasurer	Director	President	Secretary	Shareholder	Treasurer
HIGH CALIBER REALTY INC	HCR ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE:, 1050 SHILOH RD NW, STE 102, KENNESAW, GA 30144-0445	13.00							X	
Todd Elsberry	POB 55772, NORTH POLE, AK 99705-0772	86.00				X			X	
Wm. R. Borden	643 W NELSON AV, WASILLA, AK 99654-3747	1.00				X		X	X	
Sherrie Elsberry	POB 55772, NORTH POLE, AK 99705-0772					X				X
Benjamin T. Adams	35250 Reager Road, Soldotna, AK 99669						X			

If necessary, attach a list of additional officers on a separate 8.5 X 11 sheet of paper.

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Entity #: 10177462

Meanwhile, Attorney/Farmer Adams with 18 acres in Soldotna under the name 4T%, appears to have just thrown in with Elsberry/Borden in time to make the lease on the plant that no longer has a USDA stamp.

### **Adams is Named President– but has ZERO Ownership Interest in the Company**

Too bad the **State of Alaska** doesn't have an **Attorney General** who does anything but the Governor's vanity work. Borden violated this writer as a 60-year Alaskan to the point that I feared for my life in my own Eagle River home alone after he burglarized it and stole a number of items including my RING Security System to make sure I knew I was never again safe there. He should have been investigated a long time ago but Alaska Courts Coddle Criminals.

Borden and his mother are long time contributors to Mike Dunleavy's political career.

Moral: When an Alaskan politician or bureaucrat says the two words "food security" in your presence be careful not to bend over until they are gone.



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Professional  
Resume here:

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References:

[1] Read the Full USDA Report:





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Food Safety and  
Inspection Service

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Center, Bldg. 45  
P.O. Box 25387  
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Voice (303)236-9800  
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October 30, 2023

**SENT VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL**

Todd Elsberry, Owner  
Lacy Sanders, Plant Manager  
Alaska Meat Packers Inc.,  
Establishment 20891 M/P/V  
385 E. Outer Springer Loop  
Palmer, AK 99645  
(b) (6) @gmail.com  
[lacy@alaskameatpackers.com](mailto:lacy@alaskameatpackers.com)

Attention: Mr. Elsberry, Owner

#### **Notice of Suspension**

This letter serves as official notification by the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) of our decision to withhold the federal marks of inspection and suspend the assignment of Inspection Program Personnel (IPP) at Alaska Meat Packers Inc., M20891, located at 385 E. Outer Springer Loop, Palmer, Alaska. This letter follows verbal notification of the suspension action, provided by Dr. Rober Reeder, District Manager, to Ms. Lacy Sanders, Plant Manager, at approximately 1300 MST on October 30, 2023. This action includes your Slaughter Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP) processes employed at your establishment.

The decision to institute this enforcement action is in accordance with Title 9 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Rules of Practice 500.3(b), based on the determination that your establishment did not handle or slaughter animals humanely. The evidence demonstrates failure to comply with the Federal Meat Inspection Act (FMIA) (21 U.S.C. 603), the Humane Methods of Slaughter Act (HMSA) (7 U.S.C. 1901 *et seq.*), and the regulatory requirements (9 CFR Part 313).

#### **Background/Authority**

The FMIA (21 USC 601 *et seq.*) provides it is essential to the public interest that the health and welfare of consumers be protected, by assuring meat products distributed to them are wholesome, not adulterated, and properly marked, and labeled. The Act gives FSIS the authority, as designated by the Secretary of Agriculture, to prescribe rules and regulations describing sanitation requirements for inspected establishments and provide FSIS program personnel the authority to refuse to allow meat/meat food products to be marked, labeled, stamped, or tagged as *inspected and passed*, to prevent the entry of adulterated products into commerce. Furthermore, the FMIA provides FSIS the authority to appoint inspectors to examine and inspect the method by which livestock are slaughtered and handled at slaughtering establishments.

The HMSA provides that Congress finds that the use of humane methods in the slaughter of livestock prevents needless suffering; results in safer and better working conditions for persons engaged in the slaughtering industry; brings about improvement of products and

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economies in slaughtering operations; and produces other benefits for producers, processors, and consumers which tend to expedite an orderly flow of livestock and livestock products in interstate and foreign commerce. It is therefore declared to be the policy of the United States that the slaughtering of livestock and the handling of livestock in connection with slaughter shall be carried out only by humane methods.

Under the authority of the Acts, FSIS has prescribed rules and regulations required for establishments slaughtering and handling livestock, as required by 9 CFR Part 313. FSIS has also developed the Rules of Practice regarding administrative enforcement, 9 CFR Part 500. The Rules of Practice describe the types of enforcement actions that FSIS may take and include procedures for taking a withholding action and/or suspension, with or without prior notification, and for filing a complaint to withdraw a grant of inspection. Specifically, 9 CFR 500.3(b) states that FSIS may impose a suspension without providing prior notification due to handling or slaughtering of animals inhumanely.

#### **Findings/Basis for Action**

On Monday, October 30, 2023, FSIS Inspection Program Personnel (IPP) documented in a Noncompliance Report (NR) the following event at Est. M20891:

#### **HATS Category VIII: Ineffective Stun**

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Upon inspection of the dressed head, three penetrating holes were observed, which were angled into the sinuses.

The Denver District Management Team was notified through supervisory channels. This noncompliance will be associated with NR#EUM5713092526N/1 issued on 9/25/2023. The establishment is currently operating within a deferral period for a humane handling Notice of Intended Enforcement.



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*Mr. Todd Elsberry, Owner  
Alaska Meat Packers Inc., Est. M20891*

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### **Summary and Conclusion**

Provisions of the FMIA outline FSIS' ability to refuse to render inspection and indefinitely withdraw inspection from an establishment, provided the establishment is afforded the right to an administrative hearing, when conditions exist where the slaughter and/or handling of livestock was not by a method in accordance with the Act(s). Evidence demonstrates your failure to meet regulatory requirements addressed in 9 CFR 313.15(a)(1), 313.15(b)(1)(iii), and 313.16(a)(1), constituting a violation of the humane slaughter requirements, and supporting the conclusion that your handling of livestock violated the provisions of the FMIA and HMSA.

Please provide a written response, inclusive of written corrective action and preventative measures, by addressing the following:

- Evaluate and identify the nature and cause of the incident.
- Describe the specific actions taken to eliminate the cause of the incident and prevent future recurrences.
- Describe specific monitoring activities planned to ensure future compliance.
- Provide any supporting documentation and records maintained and/or associated with the proposed corrective actions and preventative measures.

A determination of further administrative action will be made upon receipt and review of your submitted corrective actions and preventative measures. You are reminded that, as an operator of a federally inspected establishment, you are expected to comply with FSIS regulations and to take appropriate corrective actions to prevent the production of or adulterated products at your establishment. Please be advised that your failure to respond adequately to these issues may result in our initiating action to withdraw inspection from your establishment.

### **Appeal and Hearing Rights**

You have the right to appeal this matter and can do so by contacting:

William Griffin  
Executive Associate for Regulatory Operations  
Office of Field Operations  
Food Safety and Inspection Service  
United States Department of Agriculture  
SB, Room 3164  
1400 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20250  
Email: [William.Griffin1@usda.gov](mailto:William.Griffin1@usda.gov)  
Phone: (202) 961-7156

Pursuant to 9 CFR 500.5(d), you may also request a hearing regarding this determination. Should you request a hearing, FSIS will file a complaint that will include a request for an expedited hearing. If you wish to request a hearing regarding this determination, please contact:

Scott C. Safian, Director  
Enforcement Operations Staff (EOS)  
Office of Investigation, Enforcement and Audit (OIEA)

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Food Safety and Inspection Service  
United States Department of Agriculture  
Stop Code 3753, SB - Room 2148  
1400 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20250  
Telephone: (202) 418-8872  
Facsimile: (202) 245-5097  
E-mail: [AEBCorrespondence@usda.gov](mailto:AEBCorrespondence@usda.gov)

If you have any questions, you can contact the Denver District Office at (303) 236-9800, via electronic mail at [Denver.Districtmanagement@usda.gov](mailto:Denver.Districtmanagement@usda.gov), or by fax at (303) 236-9794.

Sincerely,

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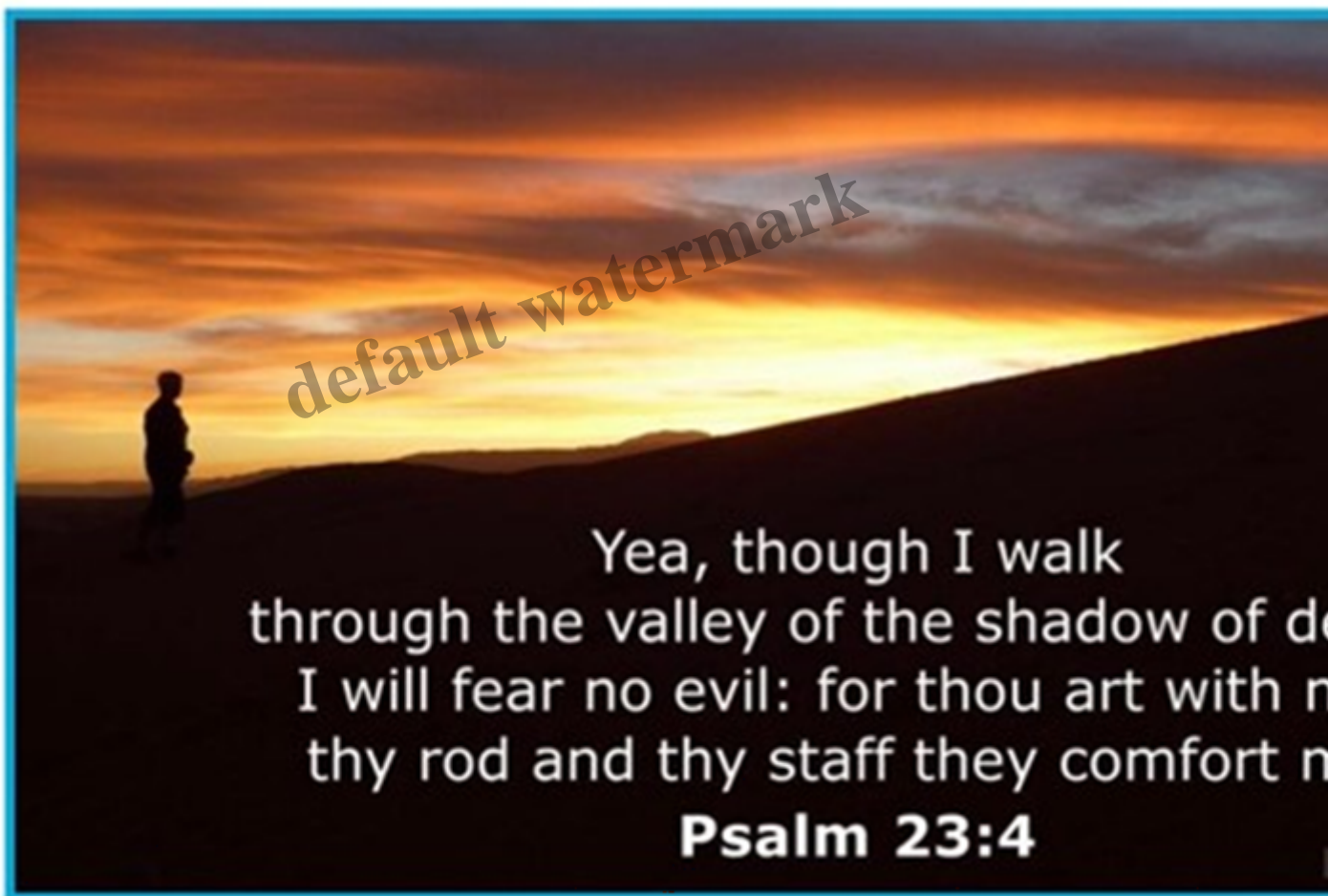
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