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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement

**SUMMARY:** The Forest Service will prepare an environmental impact statement on a proposal to construct, operate, and maintain a petroleum pipeline across National Forest System lands.

**DATES:** Comments concerning the scope of the analysis should be received in writing by June 21, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments to Michael Sieg, District Ranger, 6944 South 3000 East, Salt Lake City, Utah 84121.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nancy Krebs, Project Leader, (801) 943-2763.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Anschutz Ranch East Pipeline, Inc. (AREPI) has proposed construction of a 10-inch petroleum pipeline from Kimball Junction in Summit County, Utah to North Salt Lake in Davis County, Utah. The proposed buried pipeline would be approximately 27 miles long with about nine miles of the pipeline on National Forest System lands in Salt Lake County, Utah. The purpose of the pipeline is to provide additional crude oil transportation capacity to five Salt Lake area oil refineries. This new crude pipeline would transport Canadian crude that would arrive at Kimball Junction through a series of existing and proposed interstate and intrastate pipelines. It is also AREPI's intent to install fiber optic cable in the pipeline trench both for pipeline communication purposes and for future commercial sale of excess fiber optic capacity.

Pipe corrosion protection, a communication system, pig launchers and receivers, test leads, mainline sectionalizing valves and various check valves are incorporated into the initial

pipeline design for pipeline protection, systems and pipe monitoring, and emergency control. The pipeline would operate at a maximum pressure of 1,440 psi and has a minimum operating life of 25 years. No pump stations are proposed to be built within this pipeline segment. Initial pipeline capacity is proposed to be 55,000 barrels per day with the capability of increasing capacity to 70,000 barrels per day by adding a future pump to an existing line near Coalville, Utah. The pipeline parallels existing utility rights-of-way for most of its length. AREPI has proposed initiation of construction in late summer of 1997.

Most of the proposed pipeline right-of-way lies within municipal watersheds of northern Utah's Wasatch Mountains and within the boundaries of the Wasatch-Cache National Forest. In addition to Forest Service approvals, a number of local and state governmental agencies would be involved in permitting or regulating pipeline construction and right-of-way reclamation and maintenance.

The Forest Service's decisions are whether or not to issue Special Use Permits for the long-term operations and short-term construction rights-of-way on National Forest System lands as proposed, with modifications, or not at all taking into consideration the cumulative environmental effects of the pipeline over its entire 27 miles.

The public scoping process will close June 24. Scoping Notices describing the proposal, preliminarily identified issues, the Forest Service decision to be made, interests of other local and state government agencies, and opportunities for public participation was mailed on May 20 to over 600 individuals, organizations, and agencies. Public scoping meetings will be held May 30 at the Burns Fire Hall, 700 West Bitner Road, at Kimball Junction in Summit County and on June 12 at the Read Auditorium in Orson Spencer Hall, Central Campus Drive, the University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah. Both meetings begin at 6:30 p.m.

Preliminarily identified issues include potential effects to the watershed, surface water quality, and culinary water supplies; terrestrial and aquatic plant and animal species and their habitats; cultural and historic resources; open space and visual quality; public use areas and parks;

existing and proposed hiking and biking trails; public safety; anticipated future adjacent resident, commercial, and business developments; and others. Alternatives may include adjustments to the proposed right-of-way, various approaches to construction and reclamation, exploring other transportation means such as increasing capacity in existing lines, and no action. No action would preclude construction of the proposed pipeline across National Forest System lands.

In order to construct and operate the line, other permits, rights-of-way, or regulatory approvals would have to be obtained by the proponent from private and public landowners, and local governments including the State of Utah, Summit County, Salt Lake County, Salt Lake City, and the City of North Salt Lake. Public agencies with regulatory authority over pipeline construction and approval have specifically been invited by the Forest Service to participate in the NEPA process.

The public is invited to submit comments or suggestions to the address above. The responsible official is Bernie Weingardt, Forest Supervisor. A draft EIS is anticipated to be filed in December 1996 and the final EIS filed in May 1997.

The comment period on the draft environmental impact statement will be 45 days from the date the Environmental Protection Agency's notice of availability appears in the Federal Register. It is very important that those interested in the proposed action participate at that time. To be the most helpful, comments on the draft environmental impact statement should be as specific as possible and may address the adequacy of the statement or the merits of the alternatives discussed (see the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act 40 CFR 1503.3).

In addition, Federal court decisions have established that reviews of the draft environmental impact statements must structure their participation in the environmental review of the proposal so that it is meaningful and alerts an agency to the reviews' position and contentions. *Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corp. v. NRDC*, 435 U.S. 519, 553 (1978). Environmental objections that

could have been raised at the draft stage may be waived if not raised until after completion of the final environmental impact statement. *City of Angoon v. Hodel*, (9th Circuit, 1986) and *Wisconsin Heritages, Inc. v. Harris*, 490 F.Supp. 1334, 1338 (E.D. Wis. 1980). The reason for this is to ensure that substantive comments and objections are made available to the Forest Service at a time when it can meaningfully consider them and respond to them in the final.

Dated: May 14, 1996.

Robert Cruz,

*Environmental Coordinator.*

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### Revised Forest Legacy Program Guidelines

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978 (CFAA) authorizes a Forest Legacy Program, the purpose of which is to identify and protect environmentally important private forest lands that may be threatened by conversion to non-forest uses. The Federal Agricultural Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 amended the CFAA to provide for Optional State Grants to States requesting funding support to carry out the Program. The Forest Service hereby gives notice of the availability of revised guidelines for implementing the revisions to the Forest Legacy Program in Fiscal Year 1996 and requests comments.

**DATES:** Comments must be received in writing on or before June 20, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments to Director, Cooperative Forestry Staff, Forest Service, USDA, P.O. Box 96090, Washington, D.C. 20090-6090, via FAX at (202) 205-1271, or via the INTERNET (ASCII only) at /s=cf/oul=w01c@mhs-fswa.attmail.com.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Single copies of the guidelines for implementing the Forest Legacy Program may be obtained by writing the Director, Cooperative Forestry Staff, Forest Service, USDA, P.O. Box 96090, Washington, D.C. 20090-6090, via FAX at (202) 205-1271, or by calling (202) 205-1389. Information may also be requested by E-Mail (ASCII only) at /s=cf/oul=w01c@mhs-fswa.attmail.com.

Questions about the revised Forest Legacy Program Guidelines may be

addressed to Ted Beauvais, Cooperative Forestry Staff, at (202) 205-1190.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 1217 of Title XII of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation and Trade Act of 1990 (104 Stat. 3526) and the Federal Agricultural Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to provide a Federal grant to a designated State agency for carrying out the Forest Legacy Program. The purpose of the Federal grant is to provide Optional State Grants to States for the acquisition of environmentally important private lands and interests in the lands with title to the land vested in the State. Under section 7(a) of the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act (16 U.S.C. 2103c(c)), the Secretary of Agriculture continues to have authority to acquire from willing landowners, environmentally important forest lands and interests therein for Federal acquisition.

The revised Forest Legacy Program guidelines are divided into three parts:

*Part 1—General Program Guidelines:* Program direction applicable to all aspects of the Forest Legacy Program.

*Part 2—Federal Acquisition Program Guidelines:* Program direction applicable to States and Forest Service units selecting the Federal acquisition and ownership process, where ownership of lands or interests in lands is vested in the United States.

*Part 3—State Grant Program Guidelines:* Program direction applicable to States and Forest Service units where the State has elected the State grant option and acquisitions result in State ownership.

The guidelines are for the use of agencies, State Forest Stewardship Coordinating Committees, and the Forest Service in implementing the Forest Legacy Program nationwide.

The revised implementation guidelines are available for review and comment by the Governors through State forestry agencies and to land trusts, conservation organizations, forest industry groups, landowners, and other organizations interested in the Forest Legacy Program. Those entities currently on the Forest Legacy Program mailing list maintained by the Forest Service will receive direct notice of the revised guidelines.

Dated: May 15, 1996.

Jerry A. SESCO,

*Acting Chief.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Bureau of the Census

#### The American Community Survey (ACS)

**ACTION:** Proposed agency information collection activity; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paper work and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before July 22, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Acting Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instruments(s) and instructions should be directed to Lawrence S. McGinn, Bureau of the Census, Room 2A, Silver Hill Executive Plaza, Washington, DC 20233-8400, (301) 763-8327.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

The Census Bureau is authorized to conduct surveys necessary to furnish current data on subjects covered by the major census authorized by Title 13, United States Code. The data from the ACS will determine the feasibility of a continuous measurement system that provides socioeconomic data on a continual basis throughout the decade for small areas and small subpopulations.

The American Community Survey, implemented in November 1995, is a continuing full-scale operation of a continuous measurement system in four survey sites—Fulton County, Pennsylvania; Rockland County, New York; Brevard County, Florida; and Multnomah County, Oregon, including the city of Portland. The survey also includes a national sample to test response rates and our ability to obtain telephone numbers for nonresponse households. The data collected in this survey will be within the general scope and nature of those inquiries covered in the decennial census every ten years.

We plan to continue sampling and enumeration in the American