

Description

This section should contain a definition of the product or products with an indication, where appropriate, of the raw materials from which the product or products are derived and any necessary references to processes of manufacture. The description may also include references to types and styles of product and to type of pack. The description may also include additional definitions when these additional definitions are required to clarify the meaning of the standard.

Essential Composition and Quality Factors

This section should contain all quantitative and other requirements as to composition including, where necessary, identity characteristics, provisions on packing media and requirements as to compulsory and optional ingredients. It should also include quality factors that are essential for the designation, definition, or composition of the product concerned. Such factors could include the quality of the raw material, with the object of protecting the health of the consumer, provisions on taste, odor, color, and texture which may be apprehended by the senses, and basic quality criteria for the finished products, with the object of preventing fraud. This section may refer to tolerances for defects, such as blemishes or imperfect material, but this information should be contained in appendix to the standard or in another advisory text.

Food Additives

This section should contain the names of the additives permitted and, where appropriate, the maximum amount permitted in the food. It should be prepared in accordance with guidance given on page 76 of the Codex Procedural Manual and may take the following form: "The following provisions in respect of food additives and their specifications as contained in section * * * of the Codex Alimentarius are subject to endorsement [have been endorsed] by the Codex Committee on Food Additives and Contaminants."

A tabulation should then follow, viz.: "Name of additive, maximum level (in percentage or mg/kg)."

Contaminants

(a) *Pesticide Residues*: This section should include, by reference, any levels for pesticide residues that have been established by the Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues for the product concerned.

(b) *Other Contaminants*: In addition, this section should contain the names of other contaminants and where appropriate the maximum level permitted in the food, and the text to appear in the standard may take the following form: "The following provisions in respect of contaminants, other than pesticide residues, are subject to endorsement [have been endorsed] by the Codex Committee on Food Additives and Contaminants."

A tabulation should then follow, viz.: "Name of contaminant, maximum level (in percentage or mg/kg)."

Hygiene

Any specific mandatory hygiene provisions considered necessary should be included in this section. They should be prepared in accordance with the guidance given on page 78 of the Codex Procedural Manual. Reference should also be made to applicable codes of hygienic practice. Any parts of such codes, including in particular any end-product specifications, should be set out in the standard, if it is considered necessary that they should be made mandatory. The following statement should also appear: "The following provisions in respect of the food hygiene of the product are subject to endorsement [have been endorsed] by the Codex Committee on Food Hygiene."

Weights and Measures

This section should include all provisions, other than labelling provisions, relating to weights and measures, e.g. where appropriate, fill of container, weight, measure or count of units determined by an appropriate method of sampling and analysis. Weights and measures should be expressed in S.I. units. In the case of standards which include provisions for the sale of products in standardized amounts, e.g. multiples of 100 grams, S.I. units should be used, but this would not preclude additional statements in the standards of these standardized amounts in approximately similar amounts in other systems of weights and measures.

Labelling

This section should include all the labelling provisions contained in the standard and should be prepared in accordance with the guidance given on page 75 of the Codex Procedural Manual. Provisions should be included by reference to the General Standard for the Labelling of Prepackaged Foods. The section may also contain provisions which are exemptions from, additions to, or which are necessary for the

interpretation of the General Standard in respect of the product concerned provided that these can be justified fully. The following statement should also appear: "The following provisions in respect of the labelling of this product are subject to endorsement [have been endorsed] by the Codex Committee on Food Labelling."

Methods of Analysis and Sampling

This section should include, either specifically or by reference, all methods of analysis and sampling considered necessary and should be prepared in accordance with the guidance given on page 79 of the Codex Procedural Manual. If two or more methods have been proved to be equivalent by the Codex Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling, these could be regarded as alternative and included in this section either specifically or by reference. The following statement should also appear: "The methods of analysis and sampling described hereunder are to be endorsed [have been endorsed] by the Codex Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling."

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement; Finger Mountain Timber Sale(s), Sitka Ranger District, Tongass National Forest, Sitka, AK

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The Department of Agriculture, Forest Service will prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Finger Mountain Timber Sale(s) project, located on the Sitka Ranger District of the Tongass National Forest. This Notice of Intent revises the proposed action for the Finger Mountain project and the schedule for the decision described in the Notice of Intent published June 30, 1997 (**Federal Register**: Volume 62, Number 125, Pages 35145-351460), and in the Notice of Intent published July 23, 1997 (**Federal Register**: Volume 62, Number 141, Page 39498).

DATES: Comments concerning the scope of the analysis should be received in writing by June 25, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to; Finger Mountain Planning Team, Sitka Ranger District, 204 Siginaka Way, Sitka, AK 99835.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lisa Winn, Team Leader, or Bill Lorenz, Planning Group Leader, Sitka Ranger District, 204 Siginaka Way, Sitka, AK 99835, phone (907) 747-6671, fax (907) 747-4331, email lwinn/r10—chatham@fed.us, or blorenz/r10—chatham@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The new proposed action for the Finger Mountain Timber Sale(s) project includes the following: (1) Timber harvest and subsequent regeneration on approximately 936 acres of forested land resulting in the production of approximately 21.4 million board feet of sawlog and utility timber; (2) construction of approximately 9.8 miles of permanent road, 10.9 miles of temporary road, and reconstruction of approximately 13.4 miles of existing road; (3) construction of one new log transfer facility and reconstruction of one existing log transfer facility. This proposed action is one alternative for meeting the purpose and need for the project.

The Finger Mountain project area is now expected to provide between 10 and 25 million board feet of timber to the timber industry in one or more timber sales. The actual range of alternatives considered in the Environmental Impact Statement will be determined during analysis.

The purpose and need for the Finger Mountain project consist of the following four items: (1) To implement the direction contained in the Modified 1997 Tongass National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan and the 1999 Record of Decision, including goals, objectives, management prescriptions, and standards and guidelines; (2) to maintain wood production from suitable timber lands, providing a continuous supply of wood to meet societal needs; (3) to help provide a stable supply of timber from the Tongass National Forest which meets existing and potential market demand and is consistent with sound multiple use and sustained yield objectives; and (4) to help meet the desired future condition of the landscape as described by the Modified 1997 Forest Plan.

Public Comment

Federal, State, and local agencies, as well as individuals and organizations who may be interested in, or affected by, the proposed action are invited to participate in the scoping process. This process will determine the scope and significant issues to be analyzed in depth in the Environmental Impact Statement.

Following the publication of this notice, a scoping document will be mailed to interested people and organizations. The document will briefly describe the project and project area, the proposed action, and will invite public comment.

Following scoping, the interdisciplinary planning team will review comments received during the scoping period to determine which issues are significant and within the scope of this project. If issues are identified that were not previously noted, the team will develop alternatives that address all of the significant issues. Significant issues identified to date include potential effects on the following: (1) Wildlife requiring old-growth forest habitat, (2) subsistence opportunities, (3) scenic resources and recreation experiences, (4) marine environment from log transfer facilities and logging camps, and (5) economic opportunities for small-scale timber operators.

If no additional issues are identified, the team will proceed with the current alternative development already underway. One of the alternatives will be the "No Action" alternative, in which no additional timber harvest or road construction is proposed. Other alternatives will consider various levels and locations of timber harvest in response to issues and non-timber objectives. The team will then prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement which will display the alternatives and the direct, indirect, and cumulative effects of each alternative.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement is expected to be filed with the Environmental Protection Agency by December, 1999. The comment period on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be 45 days from the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes the Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register**. In addition to commenting on the proposed action and the Draft Environmental Impact Statement when it is released, agencies and other interested persons or groups are invited to write to or speak with Forest Service officials at any time during the planning process.

To assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering issues and concerns on the proposed action or any other alternatives, comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement should be as specific as possible. It is also helpful if comments refer to specific pages or chapters of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. Comments may also address the adequacy of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement or the merits of the

alternatives formulated and discussed in the document. Reviewers may wish to refer to the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act, 40 CFR 1503.3, in addressing these points.

Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record on this proposed action and will be available for public inspection. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered; however, those who submit anonymous comments will not have standing to appeal the subsequent decision under 36 CFR Parts 215 or 217. Additionally, pursuant to 7 CFR 1.27(d), any person may request the agency to withhold a submission from the public record by showing how the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) permits such confidentiality. Persons requesting such confidentiality should be aware that, under the FOIA, confidentiality may be granted in only very limited circumstances, such as to protect trade secrets. The Forest Service will inform the requester of the agency's decision regarding the request for confidentiality, and where the request is denied, the agency will return the submission and notify the requester that the comments may be resubmitted with or without the name and address.

Decisions To Be Made

Fred S. Salinas, Assistant Forest Supervisor of the Tongass National Forest, is now the responsible official and will decide whether or not to authorize timber harvest within the Finger Mountain project area. In addition, if timber harvest will occur, he will determine the following: (1) whether the design of the timber sale(s) is consistent with meeting resource protection standards and guidelines in the Modified 1997 Forest Plan and the 1999 Record of Decision; (2) how much timber volume will be made available and what are the effects of the planned activities; (3) the location and design of the timber harvest units, log transfer facilities, and road system; (4) mitigation and monitoring required for sound resource management; (5) whether there is a significant possibility of a significant restriction on subsistence uses; and (6) road management objectives, including closures for resource protection and economics.

The Final Environmental Impact Statement and Record of Decision is expected to be released by June, 2000. The Responsible Official will make a

decision regarding this proposal after considering public comments, the environmental consequences displayed in the Final Environmental Impact Statement, and applicable laws, regulations, and policies. The decision and supporting reasons will be documented in the Record of Decision.

The Forest Service is seeking information and comments from Federal, State, and local agencies, as well as individuals and organizations who may be interested in, or affected by, the proposed action.

The Forest Service believes it is important to give reviewers notice of several court rulings related to public participation in the environmental review process. First, reviewers of 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 reviewer's position and contentions: *Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corp. v. NRDC*, 435 U.S. 519, 553 (1978). Also, environmental objections that could be raised at the Draft Environmental Impact Statement stage but that are not raised until after completion of the Final Environmental Impact Statement may be waived or dismissed by the courts; *City of Angoon v. Hodel*, 803 F.2d 1016, 1022 (9th Cir. 1986) and *Wisconsin Heritages, Inc. v. Harris*, 490 F. Supp. 1334, 1338 (E.D. Wis. 1980). Because of these court rulings, it is important that those interested in this proposed action participate by the close of the 45 day comment period so that substantive comments and objections are made available to the Forest Service at a time when it can meaningfully consider and respond to them in the Final Environmental Impact Statement.

Dated: May 17, 1999.

John C. Sherrod,

Acting Assistant Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

DOC has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

Agency: U.S. Census Bureau.

Title: Current Industrial Reports Program—Wave III (Mandatory).

Form Number(s): MQ313T, MA315D, MA327E, MA333D, MA333f, MA333J, MA334P.

Agency Approval Number: 0607-0476.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 2,544 hours.

Number of Respondents: 2,867.

Avg Hours Per Response: 42 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The Census Bureau conducts a series of monthly, quarterly, and annual surveys as part of its Current Industrial Reports (CIR) program. The CIR surveys deal mainly with the quantity and value of shipments of particular products and occasionally with data on production and inventories; unfilled orders, receipts, stocks and consumption; and comparative data on domestic production, exports, and imports of the products they cover.

The information collected in the CIR program provides continuing and timely national statistical data on manufacturing. The results of these surveys are used extensively by individual firms, trade associations, and market analysts in planning or recommending marketing and legislative strategies.

The CIR program includes both mandatory and voluntary surveys. Typically, surveys conducted monthly and quarterly are voluntary and surveys conducted annually are mandatory. The frequency of collection is based on the cyclical nature of production, the need for frequent trade monitoring in particular industries, and the use of certain production data in Government economic indicator series. In some cases, companies reporting in the more frequent voluntary surveys that choose not to respond are subject to a special annual counterpart survey which is mandatory. Due to the large number of surveys in the CIR program, for clearance purposes we group the surveys into three Waves. The mandatory and voluntary surveys in each Wave are separately submitted (with the exception that mandatory counterpart surveys are included in the same request as their voluntary equivalents). Thus, a total of six clearances cover all of the surveys in the CIR program. One Wave (two separate clearance requests) is submitted for clearance each year.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: Quarterly and annually.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

Legal Authority: Title 13 U.S.C., Sections 81, 182, 224, and 225.

OMB Desk Officer: Linda Hutton, (202) 395-7858.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, DOC Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3272, Department of Commerce, room 5033, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via Internet at LEngelme@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Linda Hutton, OMB Desk Officer, room 10201, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: May 20, 1999.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

DOC has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

Agency: U.S. Census Bureau.

Title: Current Industrial Reports Program—Wave III (Voluntary).

Form Number(s): M336G, MQ313D, MA333U.

Agency Approval Number: 0607-0776.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 699 hours.

Number of Respondents: 342.

Avg Hours Per Response: 31 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The Census Bureau conducts a series of monthly, quarterly, and annual surveys as part of its Current Industrial Reports (CIR) program. The CIR surveys deal mainly with the quantity and value of shipments of particular products and occasionally with data on production and inventories; unfilled orders, receipts, stocks and consumption; and comparative data on domestic production, exports, and imports of the products they cover.

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