

to characterize and increase our understanding of private forest-land owners, the critical link between forests and society, in the United States; to determine the opportunities and constraints confronting private forest-land owners; and to facilitate the planning and implementation of forest policies and programs.

The Forest and Range Land Renewable Resources Planning Act of 1974 and the Forest and Range Land Renewable Resources Act of 1978 provide the Forest Service with the legal authority to conduct the NWOS. These acts assign responsibility for the inventory and assessment of forest and related renewable resources to the Forest Service. Additionally, the importance of an ownership survey in this inventory and assessment process is highlighted in Section 253(c) of the Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act of 1998, and the recommendations of the Second Blue Ribbon Panel on the Forest Inventory and Analysis Program.

The Forest Service's Forest Inventory and Analysis (FIA) program has conducted the NWOS on a periodic basis since 1978. The NWOS collects information to help answer questions related to the characteristics of the landholdings and landowners, ownership objectives, the supply of timber and non-timber products, forest management practices, delivery of education and financial assistance, and the concerns/constraints perceived by the landowners. The information collected provides widely cited benchmarks of the private forest-land owners in the United States. These results have been used to assess the sustainability of forest resources at national, regional, and state levels; to implement and assess the success of forest-land owner assistance programs; and to answer a variety of questions with topics ranging from fragmentation to the economics of private timber production.

The respondents will be a statistically selected group of individuals, families, American Indian tribes, partnerships, corporations, nonprofit organizations, clubs, and other private groups that own forest land in the United States. This group will be selected by using public records to collect the names and addresses from a systematic set of points identified as forest land from across the country. The number of forest-land owners to be contacted in each state will be determined by the number of private forest-land owners and the sampling intensity.

Respondents will be asked to answer questions related to (1) The general

characteristics of their forest land, (2) their reasons for owning it, (3) how they use and manage their forest land, (4) their concerns related to their forest land, (5) their intentions for the future of their forest land, and (6) demographic information.

As in past information collections, respondents will be asked to answer questions related to the characteristics of their landholdings, their reasons for owning forest-land, the supply of timber and non-timber products, forest management practices, delivery of education and financial assistance, the concerns/constraints perceived by the landowners, their intentions for their forest-land, and general demographics.

The information collection will collect data using a mixed-mode survey technique that will involve a self-administered mail questionnaire and telephone interviews. First, a prenotice letter or postcard will be sent to all potential respondents describing this information collection and why the information is being collected and why their assistance is needed. Second, a questionnaire with a cover letter will be mailed to the potential respondents. The cover letter will reiterate the purpose and importance of this information collection and provide the respondents with legally required information. Third, a reminder will be mailed to thank the respondents and encourage the non-respondents to respond. The last stage of the mail portion of the information collection will be mailing a second questionnaire and cover letter to those individuals who have yet to respond. Telephone interviews will be used for follow-up surveys of the non-respondents to maximize our response rate.

The Forest Service's Forest Inventory and Analysis Program (FIA) will administer the mail portion of this information collection. The telephone interview portion of the information collection will be implemented by the National Agricultural Statistics Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture. Data will be compiled and edited by FIA personnel.

FIA personnel will analyze the collected data. At a minimum, national and regional reports of the data will be distributed through print and electronic media. In addition, the data will be made available to the public. The publicly released data will be formatted to ensure the anonymity of the respondents.

This information collection will generate reliable and up-to-date information on private forest-land owners in the United States. The results of these efforts will provide more

reliable information on this important and very dynamic segment of the United States population and facilitate more complete assessments of the country's forest resources and improved planning and implementation of forestry programs.

*Estimate of Annual Burden:* 15 minutes.

*Type of Respondents:* Individuals, families, American Indian tribes, partnerships, corporations, nonprofit organizations, clubs, and other private groups that own forest land.

*Estimated Annual Number of Respondents:* 10,000.

*Estimated Annual Number of Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 2,500 hours.

*Comment is invited on:* (1) Whether this collection of information is necessary for the stated purposes and the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical or scientific utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques, or other forms of information technology.

All comments received in response to this notice, including names and addresses when provided, will be a matter of public record. Comments will be summarized and included in the submission for Office of Management and Budget approval.

Dated: January 3, 2005.

**Ann M. Bartuska,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

**Rocky Mountain Region; Pikes Peak Ranger District, Pike National Forest, El Paso County, CO**

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of Draft Gold Camp Road Plan/Environmental Impact Statement.

**SUMMARY:** The Forest Service has prepared a Draft Plan/Environmental

Impact Statement (EIS), which is available for public review. The Draft Plan/EIS analyzes the potential environmental impacts that may result from various management options for an 8.5-mile segment of a Forest Service road that has been closed for safety reasons since 1988. The objective of the management plan is to best accommodate public use and access to National Forest lands and nearby private in-holdings while maintaining public safety and the historic character of the road. The analysis is intended to accomplish the following: Inform the public of the proposed action and alternatives; address public comment received during the scoping period; disclose the direct, indirect, and cumulative environmental effects of the proposed actions and each of the alternatives; and indicate any irreversible commitment of resources that would result from implementation of the proposed action. The Forest Service's preferred alternative (Alternative E) is to restore and reopen a collapsed railroad tunnel and reopen the closed section of Gold Camp Road to one-way traffic. There would continue to be seasonal closure of the road from November 1 to April 1.

The Forest Service invites the public to comment on the Draft Plan/EIS. All comments received from individuals become part of the official public record. Requests for such comments will be handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act and the Council on Environmental Quality's National Environmental Policy Act regulations (40 CFR 1506.6(f)). Our practice is to make comments available for public review during regular business hours. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from the record, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. If a respondent wishes us to withhold his/her name and/or address, this must be stated prominently at the beginning of the comment.

**Comment Period:** Comments may be submitted in writing, orally, or through electronic means before March 15, 2005. Electronic comments may be submitted to <http://www.fs.fed.us/r2/psicc/pp> and follow the Gold Camp Road link. Acceptable formats for attachments are MS Word, text, PDF, or RTF. Written comments through the mail should be directed to: Gold Camp Road Project, Pikes Peak Ranger District, 601 S. Weber Street, Colorado Springs, CO 80903. In order to have administrative rights, you must provide substantive comments during this formal comment period. A Final Plan/Environmental Impact

Statement will then be prepared and provided to the public for review.

**Requesting Further Information:** Individuals wishing copies of this Draft Plan/EIS for review should contact: Frank Landis, Supervisory Outdoor Recreation Planner, Pike National Forest, Pikes Peak Ranger District, 601 S. Weber St., Colorado Springs, CO 80903. The Draft Plan/EIS is also available on the Internet at [http://www.fs.fed.us/r2/psicc/projects/gold\\_camp/](http://www.fs.fed.us/r2/psicc/projects/gold_camp/) and at the Colorado libraries listed below:

Penrose Public Library, 20 N. Cascade Ave., Colorado Springs, CO 80903, 719-531-6333.

East Library, 5550 N. Union Blvd., Colorado Springs, CO 80918, 719-531-6333.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Frank Landis at the address listed above or by telephone at 719-477-4203.

**Public Open Houses:** Public open houses will be held during the comment period to solicit oral comments from the public. The dates and locations will be:

**Date:** Tuesday, February 15, 2005.

**Time:** 4 to 8 p.m.

**Place:** Cheyenne Mountain High School, 1200 Cresta Road, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

**Date:** Thursday, February 17, 2005.

**Time:** 5 to 7 p.m.

**Place:** City Hall, Bennett Avenue, Cripple Creek, Colorado.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On June 30, 2004, a notice was published in the **Federal Register** (69 FR 39401) announcing that the Forest Service intended to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement addressing the possible Federal action of preparing a plan for Gold Camp Road and inviting comments on the scope of the Environmental Impact Statement. Comments were received from April 12 through August 17, 2004 and were considered and are reflected in the Draft Plan/EIS made available for comment through this notice. This notice is provided pursuant to Forest Service regulations for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (40 CFR 1506.6).

Dated: January 6, 2005.

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*Forest Supervisor.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council will meet in Washington, DC, February 8-10, 2005. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss emerging issues in urban and community forestry.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held February 8-10, 2005.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Hotel Monaco, 700 F Street NW., Washington, DC 20004. Individuals who wish to speak at the meeting or to propose agenda items must send their names and proposals to Suzanne M. del Villar, Executive Assistant, National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council, P.O. Box 1003, Sugarloaf, CA 92386-1003. Individuals may fax their names and proposed agenda items to (909) 585-9527.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Suzanne M. del Villar, Urban and Community Forestry Staff, (909) 585-9268.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The meeting is open to the public. Council discussion is limited to Forest Service staff and Council members; however, persons who wish to bring urban and community forestry matters to the attention of the Council may file written statements with the Council staff before or after the meeting. Public input sessions will be provided.

Dated: December 27, 2004.

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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 of 1995, Public Law 104-13.

**Bureau:** International Trade Administration.

**Title:** Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) Application.

**Agency Form Number:** N/A.

**OMB Number:** 0625-0139.