

Preliminary Issues

- Water Quality: Erosion, streambank stability, phosphorous, meeting State of Utah's Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) standards.
- Improve vegetation composition (both riparian & upland).

Comment Requested

This notice of intent initiates the scoping process, which guides development of the EIS. The Forest Service is seeking public and agency comment on the proposed action to identify major issues to be analyzed in depth and assistance in identifying potential alternatives to be evaluated. Comments received to this notice, including the 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 Part 215. 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 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. Where the request is denied, the agency will return the submission and notify the requester that the comments may be resubmitted, without name and address, within a specified number of days.

A Draft EIS will be prepared for comment. Copies will be distributed to interested and affected agencies, organizations, and members of the public for their review and comment. 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**. The Draft EIS is expected to be filed in September 2005. The Final EIS is expected to be filed in February 2006.

The Forest Service believes, at this early stage, it is important to give reviewers notice of several court rulings related to public participation in the environmental review process. First, reviewers of the Draft EIS 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 EIS stage but that are not raised until after completion of the Final EIS 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 very 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 them and respond to them in the Final EIS.

To assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering issues and concerns on the proposed action, comments on the Draft EIS should be as specific as possible. It is also helpful if comments refer to specific pages or chapters of the draft statement. Comments may also address the adequacy of the Draft EIS or the merits of the alternatives formulated and discussed in the statement. Reviewers may wish to refer to the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for implementing procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act at 40 CFR 1503.3 in addressing these points. In the Final EIS, the Forest Service is required to respond to comments received during the comment period. The Forest Supervisor for the Uinta National Forest will be the responsible official for the EIS and its Record of Decision. The Record of Decision will be subject to Forest Service appeal regulations (36 CFR part 215).

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Forest Service****Deschutes and Ochoco National Forest Resource Advisory Committee**

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Deschutes and Ochoco National Forests Resource Advisory Committee will meet in Redmond, Oregon. The purpose of the meeting is

to review proposed projects and make recommendations under Title II of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000.

DATES: The meeting will be held July 6 and 7, 2005 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the office of the Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council, 2363 SW Glacier Place, Redmond, Oregon 97756. Send written comments to Kevin D. Martin, acting as Designated Federal Official for Larry Timchak, for the Deschutes and Ochoco Resource Advisory Committee, c/o Forest Service, USDA, Ochoco National Forest, 3160 NE 3rd St., Prineville, OR 97754 or electronically to kdmartin@fs.fed.us.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kevin D. Martin, Acting as Designated Federal Official for Larry Timchak, Ochoco National Forest, 541-416-6625.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public. Committee discussion is limited to Forest Service staff and Committee members. However, persons who wish to bring Title II matters to the attention of the Committee may file written statements with the Committee staff before the meeting. A public input session will be provided and individuals who made written requests by June 29 will have the opportunity to address the Committee at the session.

Dated: May 2, 2005.

Kevin Martin,

Acting Designated Federal Official.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Risk Management Agency****Request for Extension and Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection**

AGENCY: Risk Management Agency, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C Chapter 35) this notice announces the Risk Management Agency's intention to request an extension for and revision to a currently approved information collection for Risk Management and Crop Insurance Education; Request for Applications.

DATES: Comments on this notice will be accepted until close of business August 8, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lon Burke, Risk Management Education Division, USDA/RMA, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Stop 0808, Washington, DC 20250-0808, telephone (202) 720-5265. Comments may also be submitted electronically to: *RMA.Risk-Ed@rma.usda.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Title:* Risk Management and Crop Insurance Education; Request for Applications.

OMB Number: 0563-0067.

Type of Request: Extension and revision of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: The Federal Crop Insurance Act directs the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation. Corporation operating through RMA, to (a) establish crop insurance education and information programs in States that have been historically underserved by the Federal crop insurance program [7 U.S.C. 1524(a)(2)]; and (b) provide agricultural producers with training opportunities in risk management, with a priority given to producers of specialty crops and underserved commodities [7 U.S.C. 1522(d)(3)(F)]. With this submission, RMA seeks to obtain OMB's approval for an information collection project that will assist RMA in operating and evaluating these programs. The information collection project is a Request for Applications. The primary objective of the information collection projects is to enable RMA to better evaluate the performance capacity and plans of organizations that are applying for funds for cooperative and partnership agreements for risk management education programs and crop insurance education programs.

Estimate of burden: The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average: 15 hours, 45 minutes per response for the Commodity Partnerships Program and Targeted States Program for agribusiness professionals, and 4 hours, 45 minutes per response for the Commodity Partnerships Small Sessions Program for a total of 2,255 hours.

Respondents/Affected Entities: Agribusiness professionals.

Estimated annual number of respondents: 220 respondents.

Estimated annual number of responses: 220 responses or 1 per respondent.

Estimated total annual burden on respondents: 523 hours.

Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the

agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection information; (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 those who are to respond, through use, as appropriate, of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other collection technologies, e.g. permitting electronic submission of responses. Comments may be sent to Lon Burke, Risk Management Education Division, USDA/RMA, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Stop 0808, Washington, DC 20250-0808. All comments will be available for public inspection during regular business hours at the same address.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Signed in Washington, DC, on June 2, 2005.

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Manager, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Risk Management Agency

Request for Extension and Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Risk Management Agency, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) this notice announces the Risk Management Agency's intention to request an extension for and revision to a currently approved information collection for Request for Applications for Research Partnerships.

DATES: Comments on this notice will be accepted until close of business, August 8, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Virginia Guzman, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Research and Evaluation Division, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Risk Management Agency, 6501 Beacon Drive, Mail Stop 813, Kansas City, MO 64133, telephone (816) 926-6343. Comments may also be submitted electronically to: *RMARED_PRA@rm.fcic.usda.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Title:* Research and Development, Request for Applications.

OMB Number: 0563-0065.

Type of Request: Extension and revision of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: The Risk Management Agency intends to seek information in order to fulfill its mission to fund the development of non-insurance risk management tools that will be utilized by agricultural producers to assist them in mitigating the risks inherent in agricultural production and to improve the economic stability of agriculture through the maintenance and development of risk management tools. The Risk Management Agency (RMA), on behalf of the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC), is committed to meeting the risk management needs and improving or developing risk management tools for the nation's farmers and ranchers. The Risk Management Agency proposes to publish Requests for Applications (RFA) to announce the availability of funds and solicit proposals requesting funding for the development of risk management tools. The information collections will be limited to the request for applications and status reports. Information collections are necessary to evaluate proposals and award funds based on a competitive process and to obtain the information necessary for the development of partnership agreements and to obtain information on the status of research agreements and projects.

Estimate of Burden: The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 2,400 minutes per response for a total burden of 6,000 hours.

Respondents/Affected Entities: Applications for funding are invited from qualified public and private entities. Eligible applicants include colleges and universities, Federal, State, and local agencies, Native American tribal organizations, non-profit and for-profit private organizations or corporations, and other entities. Individuals are not eligible applicants.

Estimated annual number of respondents: 150.

Estimated annual number of responses: 150.

Estimated total annual burden on respondents: 6,000.

Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection information; (3)