

Womble Ranger District: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*, published daily in Little Rock, AR

Ozark-St. Francis National Forests, Arkansas

Forest Supervisor Decisions

The Courier, published daily (Tuesday through Sunday) in Russellville, AR

District Ranger Decisions

Bayou Ranger District: *The Courier*, published daily (Tuesday through Sunday) in Russellville, AR

Boston Mountain Ranger District: *Southwest Times Record*, published daily in Fort Smith, AR

Buffalo Ranger District: *Newton County Times*, published weekly in Jasper, AR

Magazine Ranger District: *Southwest Times Record*, published daily in Fort Smith, AR

Pleasant Hill Ranger District: *Johnson County Graphic*, published weekly (Wednesday) in Clarksville, AR

St. Francis National Forest: *The Daily World*, published daily (Sunday through Friday) in Helena, AR

Sylamore Ranger District: *Stone County Leader*, published weekly (Wednesday) in Mountain View, AR

National Forests and Grasslands in Texas, Texas

Forest Supervisor Decisions

The Lufkin Daily News, published daily in Lufkin, TX

District Ranger Decisions

Angelina National Forest: *The Lufkin Daily News*, published daily in Lufkin, TX

Caddo & LBJ National Grasslands: *Denton Record-Chronicle*, published daily in Denton, TX

Davy Crockett National Forest: *The Lufkin Daily News*, published daily in Lufkin, TX

Sabine National Forest: *The Lufkin Daily News*, published daily in Lufkin, TX

Sam Houston National Forest: *The Courier*, published daily in Conroe, TX

Dated: October 24, 2005.

Thomas A. Peterson,

Deputy Regional Forester.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Hoosier National Forest, IN; German Ridge Restoration Project

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability of an environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: The USDA Forest Service, Hoosier National Forest has completed a final environmental impact statement (FEIS) to disclose the environmental consequences of a vegetation restoration project. The FEIS addresses the potential environmental impacts of replacing pine plantations in the German Ridge area of Perry County, Indiana with native hardwood communities.

Copies: To receive a CD of the FEIS, request one from Ron Ellis, NEPA Coordinator; Hoosier National Forest; 811 Constitution Avenue; Bedford, IN 47421. To request a CD electronically, send a message with your request to r9_hoosier_website@fs.fed.us. If a hard copy is desired instead, use the same contact information.

Appeal Period: The publication date of the legal notice in the newspaper of record (*The Hoosier Times*, published in Bloomington and Bedford, Indiana) is the exclusive means for calculating the period for filing an appeal. An appeal must be filed within 45 days of the date of publication of the legal notice.

ADDRESSES: Regional Forester Randy Moore is the Deciding Official with whom an appeal is to be filed. His address is: 626 East Wisconsin Ave.; Milwaukee, WI 53202; electronic submission of an appeal: appeals-eastern-regional-office@fs.fed.us (dashes, not underscores); electronic file formats: txt, html, pdf, or any file format viewable in Microsoft Office applications; fax: 414-944-3963; office hours (for those hand delivering an appeal): 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Central Standard Time, Monday-Friday.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ron Ellis, NEPA Coordinator, Hoosier National Forest, USDA Forest Service; telephone: 812-275-5987. Address under Copies. Another means of obtaining information is to visit the Forest Web page at www.fs.fed.us/r9/hoosier—click on “Forest Projects”, then “Scoping Package,” and finally “German Ridge Restoration.”

Preferred Alternative

The preferred alternative is to implement the proposed action, which would fulfill the goals and objectives of the *Forest Plan* involving the restoration

of native communities; replace pine plantations with native hardwood communities that include a strong component of oaks, hickories, and other fire-adapted plants; and restore natural vegetative conditions to the barrens within the project area.

To accomplish those goals, the Hoosier National Forest would during the next six or seven years: (1) Use prescribed burning on approximately 2,170 acres, (2) thin approximately 215 acres, (3) implement pine removal on approximately 355 acres, and (4) complete shelterwood harvest on approximately 120 acres. Additional activities would also be pursued to improve wildlife habitat, maintain a recreational trail, and enhance vegetation conditions within the project area.

Responsible Official

Kenneth G. Day, Forest Supervisor; Hoosier National Forest; 811 Constitution Avenue; Bedford, Indiana 47421.

(Authority: 40 CFR 1501.7 and 1508.22; Forest Service Handbook 1909.15, Section 21)

Dated: October 21, 2005.

Kenneth G. Day,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce 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: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Title: Application and Reports for Scientific Research and Enhancement Permits Under the Endangered Species Act.

Form Number(s): None.

OMB Approval Number: 0648-0402.

Type of Request: Regular submission.

Burden Hours: 2,280.

Number of Respondents: 113.

Average Hours per Response: Permit applications, 30 hours; modification requests, 10 hours; annual reports and final reports, 10 hours.

Needs and Uses: The Endangered Species Act (ESA) prohibits the taking of endangered species. Section 10 of the ESA allows for certain exceptions to this

prohibition, such as a taking for scientific research purposes or to enhance the propagation or survival of species listed as threatened or endangered under the ESA. NOAA has issued regulations to provide for application and reporting for exceptions related to scientific research or to enhance the propagation of threatened or endangered species. The information used to evaluate the proposed activity (permits) and on-going activities (reports) is necessary for NMFS to ensure the conservation of the species under the ESA.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; business or other for-profit organizations, not-for-profit institutions; federal government; state, local or tribal government.

Frequency: Annually.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-0266, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, FAX number (202) 395-7285, or David_Rostker@omb.eop.gov.

Dated: October 26, 2005.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce 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: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Title: Alaska Region Scale and Catch Weighing Requirements.

Form Number(s): None.

OMB Approval Number: 0648-0330.

Type of Request: Regular submission.

Burden Hours: 6,904.

Number of Respondents: 103.

Average Hours per Response: 6 minutes for at-sea inspection request; 45 minutes for record of daily scale tests; 45 minutes for printed output of at-sea scale weight; 45 minutes for printed output of State of Alaska scale weight; 63 hours for scale type evaluation; 6 minutes for at-sea scale approval report/sticker; 6 minutes for application to inspect scales on behalf of NMFS; 2 hours for observer sampling station inspection request; 0 hours for certified bins for volumetric estimates of catch weight; 5 minutes for inspection request for inshore catch monitoring and control plan (CMCP); 40 hours for inshore processors CMCP; 8 hours for CMCP addendum; 5 minutes for notification of observer offloading schedule for Bering Sea and Aleutian Island pollock; 2 minutes for prior notice to observers of scale tests; and 40 hours for crab catch monitoring plan.

Needs and Uses: The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) manages the commercial groundfish harvest off Alaska using an annual total allowable catch for each species based on "round" weight, or the weight of the fish prior to processing. However, much of the fish harvested off Alaska is harvested by catcher/processors that process the catch at-sea. NMFS estimates the total weight of fish harvested by those trawl gear catcher/processors by requiring the vessel to weigh all or part of their catch on a motion-compensated scale. This collection describes the steps involved and the procedure for: evaluating scales prior to NMFS approval for use, inspecting and testing approved scales onboard vessels, recordkeeping and audit trails, coordinating with onboard and onshore observers, and providing NMFS with a catch monitoring plan for crab, offshore groundfish, and inshore groundfish.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations; individuals or households.

Frequency: Daily for time period.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

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Officer, FAX number (202) 395-7285, or David_Rostker@omb.eop.gov.

Dated: October 26, 2005.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce 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: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Title: Gear-Marking Requirements for Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Plan.

Form Number(s): None.

OMB Approval Number: 0648-0364.

Type of Request: Regular submission.

Burden Hours: 2,572.

Number of Respondents: 4,506.

Average Hours per Response: 1 minute.

Needs and Uses: The gear-marking requirements will assist the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) in obtaining detailed information about which fisheries or specific parts of fishing gear are responsible for the incidental mortality and serious injury of North Atlantic right, humpback, and fin whales obtained as a result of gear-marking, which links incidental mortality and serious injury of marine mammals to specific gear types, locations, and fishermen. The information will enable NMFS to focus future management measures on specific problem areas and issues and avoid instituting potentially overly broad measures that affect fisheries unnecessarily. This collection of information would affect the following fisheries: Northeast and Mid-Atlantic lobster trap/pot fisheries; Atlantic blue crab trap/pot fisheries; Atlantic mixed species trap/pot fisheries targeting crab (red, Jonah, and rock), hagfish, finfish (black sea bass, scup, tautog, cod, haddock, pollock, redfish, and white hake), conch/whelk, and shrimp; Northeast and Mid-Atlantic anchored gillnet; Northeast drift gillnet; Mid-Atlantic coastal gillnet; Southeast shark gillnet; and Southeast Atlantic gillnet.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; business or other for-profit organizations.