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AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Notice of Public Information Collections Being Reviewed by the U.S. Agency for International Development; Comments Requested

SUMMARY: U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) is making efforts to reduce the paperwork burden. USAID invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act for 1995. Comments are requested concerning: (a) Whether the proposed or continuing collections of information are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the burden estimates; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Submit comments on or before January 9, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beverly Johnson, Bureau for Management, Office of Administrative Services, Information and Records Division, U.S. Agency for International Development, Room 2.07-106, RRB, Washington, DC 20523, (202) 712-1365 or via e-mail bjohnson@usaid.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB No.: OMB 0412-NEW.

Form No.: N/A.

Title: Minority Serving Institution Database.

Type of Review: New Information Collection.

Purpose: The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)

requests comment on its proposal to expand its existing automated Extranet database to include voluntary registration of U.S. Minority Serving Institutions (MSIs). The existing application, the Small Business Resource Database (SBRD) was placed into production at the beginning of Fiscal year 2004. Small and Small and Disadvantaged Business interested in pursuing contracts with USAID may register with the Agency on a voluntary basis. These data are then made available via a secure Extranet conduit to Agency Program, Technical and Contract Officers worldwide. The Agency experienced a significant improvement in the amount of contracting with these entities in Fiscal Year 2004, versus USAID's performance in 2003, and in comparison to the averages for the Executive Branch of the Federal government. The Agency's performance in this regard is published at the following URL: <http://www.sba.gov/GC/goads/Goaling-Report-08-21-2005.pdf>.

USAID proposes to capture the voluntary registration of Minority Serving Institutions (MSIs), who may be interested in pursuing contracts, grants and cooperative agreements with USAID in furtherance of the Agency's international development initiatives. The existing SBRD application, and the Extranet conduit for disseminating these data within USAID would be utilized for this purpose. This action would further the grant-making process and potentially benefit several of the three hundred and fifty-one U.S. MSIs. Additional information regarding the SBRD, which is presently in production, without the proposed expanded registration capability, may be reviewed at the following URL: http://www.usaid.gov/business/small_business/vendorsdb.html.

Annual Reporting Burden:

Respondents: 351.

Total annual responses: 351.

Total annual hours requested: 87.75 hours.

Dated: November 2, 2005.

Joanne Paskar,

Chief, Information and Records Division,
Office of Administrative Services Bureau for Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

November 4, 2005.

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments regarding (a) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV or fax (202) 395-5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250-7602. Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-8958.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Title: Health Certificate for the Export of Live Crustaceans, Finfish, Mollusks, and Related Products.

OMB Control Number: 0579-NEW.

Summary of Collection: The export of agricultural commodities, including animals and animal products, is a major business in the United States and contributes to a favorable balance of trade. The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) maintains information regarding the import health requirements of other countries for animals and animal products exported from the United States. The regulations governing the export of animals and products from the United States are contained in 9 CFR parts 91, subchapter D. "Exportation and Importation of Animals (including Poultry) and Animal Products," and apply to farm-raised aquatic animals and products, as well as other livestock and products. These regulations are authorized by the Animal Health Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 8301–8317). The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), U.S. Department of Commerce, and the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), U.S. Department of Interior, as well as APHIS, have legal authorities and responsibilities related to aquatic animal health in the United States. All three agencies have therefore entered into a Memorandum of Understanding delineating their respective responsibilities in the issuance of the health certificate for the export of live aquatic animals and animal products. A new health certificate has been developed that will bear the logo of all three agencies, and can be used by all three when issuing a health certificate for the export of live crustaceans, finfish, mollusks, and their related products from the U.S.

Need and Use of the Information: The health certificate will require the names of the species being exported from the U.S., their age and weights, and whether they are cultured stock or wild stock; their place of origin, their country of destination and the date and method of transport. The certificate will be completed by an accredited inspector with assistance from the producer and must be signed by both the accredited inspector as well as the appropriate Federal official from APHIS, NOAA, or FWS who certifies the health status of the shipment being exported. The use of the certificate will lend consistency to a public service delivered by three separate agencies, and should make the aquatic export certification process less confusing for those who require this important service. Failing to use this form could result in less efficient service to the exporting public.

Description of Respondents: Farms; Individuals or households; Federal Government.

Number of Respondents: 100.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 1,500.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Plumas National Forest; California; Diamond Vegetation Management Project

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: The USDA Forest Service Plumas National Forest will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on a proposal implement hazardous fuel reduction and construction of Defensible Fuel Profile Zones, implement thinning, group selection harvest, road system improvements, and stream channel restoration. Also, treatments of noxious weeds are proposed using mechanical, fire, and chemical methods. These actions are proposed to occur in forested areas of public land northeast of Quincy, California.

DATES: Comments concerning the scope of the analysis must be received within 30 days of the date of publication of this Notice of Intent in the **Federal Register**. The draft EIS is expected in April 2006 and the final EIS is expected in August 2006.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to James M. Peña, Plumas National Forest, P.O. Box 11500, Quincy, CA 95971. Fax: (530) 283–7746. Electronic comments should be sent to: *comments-pacificsouthwest-plumas@fs.fed.us*.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Emily Moghaddas, Interdisciplinary Team Leader, Mt. Hough Ranger District, telephone (530) 283–7652.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Tentative or Preliminary Issues and Possible Alternatives

Alternatives being considered at this time include: (A) the Proposed Action and (B) No Action.

The proposed action is designed to meet the standards and guidelines for land management activities in the

Plumas National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (1988) (LRMP) as amended by the Record of Decision for the Herger-Feinstein Quincy Library Group Forest Recovery Act (1999) (HFQLG), and as amended by the Record of Decision for the Sierra Nevada Forest Plan Amendment (2004).

The proposed action is located in Plumas County, California, within the Mt. Hough Ranger District of the Plumas National Forest in all or portions of Sections 1 and 2 T26N R11E; Sections 2–6, 8–11, 14–23, 26–29, 32, and 33 T26N R12E. Sections 1, 2, 10–14, 24, and 25 T27N R10E; Sections 2–28, 30, 35, 36 T27N R11E; Sections 1–12, 14–17, 19–21, 26–35 T27N R12E; Section 6 T27N R13E; Sections 13, 14, 23, 24, 25, 26, 35, 36 T28N R10E; Sections 1–5, 7–20, 23–26, 29–36 T28N R11E; Sections 5–9, 14–36 T28N R12E; and Section 31 T28N R13E MDM. Section 1, T23N, R9E; Section 6, T23N, R10E; Sections 4 & 8, T23N, R11E; Sections 1–6, 8–12, 13–16, 22–26, 31, and 32, T24N, R10E; Sections 5–8, 15, 17, 21–28, and 33–35, T24N, R11E; Sections 1, 10–12, 13, 14, 21–28, 33–34, and 26, T25N, R9E; Sections 6–8 and 14–35, T25N, R10E; and Sections 19, 29, 30, 31, and 32, T25N, R11E, MDM.

Purpose and Need for Action

The purpose and need for this proposal is to shift the existing conditions toward the desired conditions. In the context of an integrated management approach there are several primary needs for this proposal. They include:

(1) Modifying fire behavior to protect communities, fire fighters, and biological resources; (2) Modifying forest structure and species composition to promote the development of an uneven-aged, multistoried, fire resilient forest; (3) Restoring aquatic and riparian habitat and improve watershed conditions; (4) Contributing to the economic stability of rural communities; (5) Controlling spread and introduction of noxious weeds; and (6) Providing access to integrated resource treatments and improving the road system.

Proposed Action

The project area for the proposed action is about 100,000 acres. The proposal is composed of eight actions: (1) Reduce hazardous fuels; (2) implement group selection timber harvest; (3) implement thinning timber harvest and biomass removal; (4) improve transportation system; (5) improve riparian and watershed conditions, (6) thin conifers trees to release aspen stands; (7) thin conifers and reduce fuels in Baker cypress