

The NAHLN collects information, including information about laboratories, laboratory personnel (employee) and emergency personnel contacts, animals and owners, and animal disease diagnostic test results.

We are asking the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve our use of these information collection activities for 3 years.

The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments from the public (as well as affected agencies) concerning our information collection. These comments will help us:

(1) Evaluate 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;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through use, as appropriate, of automated, electronic, mechanical, and other collection technologies; e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Estimate of Burden: The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.099932 hours per response.

Respondents: State and university veterinary diagnostic laboratory personnel and State animal health officials.

Estimated annual number of respondents: 89.

Estimated annual number of responses per respondent: 875.98876.

Estimated annual number of responses: 77,963.

Estimated total annual burden on respondents: 7,791 hours. (Due to averaging, the total annual burden hours may not equal the product of the annual number of responses multiplied by the reporting burden per response.)

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.

Done in Washington, DC, this 13th day of January 2009.

Kevin Shea,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Foreign Agricultural Service

Consultative Group to Eliminate the Use of Child Labor and Forced Labor in Imported Agricultural Products

AGENCY: Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA.

ACTION: Request for Applications.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) requests nominations of individuals to serve as a non-government member of the Consultative Group to Eliminate the Use of Child Labor and Forced Labor in Imported Agricultural Products (Consultative Group). On June 18, 2008, the President signed into law the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (the Act), also known as the 2008 Farm Bill. The Act provides for the creation of the Consultative Group.

DATES: Applications must be received prior to 5 p.m. on March 9, 2009.

ADDRESSES: You may submit applications by any of the following methods:

—*USDA:* Applications should be sent by mail to the Office of Negotiations and Agreements, Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Stop 1040, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250; by hand (including DHL, FedEx, UPS, etc.) to the Office of Negotiations and Agreements, Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 4133-S, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250; by e-mail to: kathryn.ting@fas.usda.gov; or by fax to (202) 720-0340.

—*U.S. Department of Labor (DOL):* Applications should be sent by mail or by hand (including DHL, FedEx, UPS, etc.) to the Bureau of International Labor Affairs, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Ave., NW., Room S-5317, Washington, DC 20210; by e-mail to: rigby.rachel@dol.gov or castro.charita@dol.gov; or by fax to (202) 693-4830.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Office of Negotiations and Agreements by fax on (202) 720-0340; by email addressed to kathryn.ting@fas.usda.gov; or by mail addressed to the Office of Negotiations and Agreements, Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Stop 1040, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Consultative Group to Eliminate the Use

of Child Labor and Forced Labor in Imported Agricultural Products was established by section 3205 of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (Pub. L. 110-246). Interested parties are invited to submit applications for membership in the Consultative Group to the USDA or DOL as specified in the Submission of Applications paragraph below.

Duties

The Consultative Group will develop recommendations relating to a standard set of practices for independent, third-party monitoring and verification for the production, processing, and distribution of agricultural products or commodities to reduce the likelihood that agricultural products or commodities imported into the United States are produced with the use of forced labor or child labor. Recommendations developed by the Consultative Group will be submitted to the Secretary of Agriculture by June 18, 2010. Thereafter, the Consultative Group will continue to advise the Secretary as necessary.

Membership

The Consultative Group will be composed of a total of 13 members, including two officials from USDA, one of whom will serve as the chairperson; the Deputy Under Secretary for International Affairs, DOL; and one representative from the Department of State. As required under section 3205(d) of the Act, the Consultative Group will also include:

- Three members to represent private agriculture-related enterprises, which may include retailers, food processors, importers, and producers, of whom at least one member shall be an importer, food processor, or retailer who utilizes independent, third-party supply chain monitoring for forced labor or child labor;

- Two members to represent institutions of higher education and research institutions, as determined appropriate by the Bureau of International Labor Affairs, DOL;

- One member to represent an organization that provides independent, third-party certification services for labor standards for producers or importers of agricultural commodities or products; and

- Three members to represent organizations described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 that have expertise on the issues of international child labor and do not possess a conflict of interest associated with establishment of the guidelines issued under section 3205(c)(2) of the Act, as determined by the Bureau of

International Labor Affairs, DOL, including representatives from consumer organizations and trade unions, if appropriate.

Terms of Service

- Members shall serve through December 31, 2012;
- The Consultative Group shall meet no fewer than four times per year in person in Washington, DC or through alternative media;
- The Consultative Group shall make its recommendations to the Secretary of Agriculture no later than June 18, 2010. Thereafter, the Consultative Group will continue to advise the Secretary as necessary;
- Members of the Consultative Group shall serve without compensation;
- Travel and lodging expenses will be borne by each member; and
- Meetings of the Consultative Group will be closed to the public.

Submission of Applications

• Membership in the Consultative Group is open to all individuals without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, mental or physical handicap, marital status, or sexual orientation.

• All applications must include the following information:

(1) Brief summary explaining the candidate's qualifications to serve as a member of the Consultative Group;

(2) Statement specifying the non-government membership category for which the candidate is best qualified (private agriculture-related enterprises, higher education and research institutions, etc.);

(3) Resume;

(4) Contact information of candidate; and

(5) Completed copy of form AD-755, "Advisory Committee Membership Background Information."

Applications from candidates of private agriculture-related enterprises and independent, third-party certification services must be sent to the USDA contact listed above.

Applications from candidates of higher education, research institutions, and 501(c)(3) organizations must be sent to the DOL contact listed above.

Member Selection

The requested applications will assist U.S. Government agencies in making appointments to the Consultative Group. Other qualified individuals may be considered in addition to those who submit applications in response to this notice.

Signed at Washington, DC on January 12, 2009.

Constance Jackson,

Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Shasta-Trinity National Forest, California; Moosehead Vegetation and Road Management Project

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: The Shasta-Trinity National Forest proposes to thin forest stands and reduce fuel loads on approximately 2,300 acres of National Forest System Lands. Overstocked forest stands would be thinned by removing primarily understory and midstory trees to achieve desired stocking. Trees to be removed would generally be smaller in size than trees that would be retained. Some dominant and codominant trees may be removed to attain desired stocking. Forest stand treatments would be accomplished primarily through commercial harvest. Harvest operations would yield sawtimber (logs) and biomass (chips) products. After commercial harvest, fuels would be reduced by treating brush and small diameter trees in the forest understory. Road reconstruction, closure and decommissioning are also proposed. Approximately 22 miles of road would be reconstructed to improve drainage and reduce erosion. The existing open road network would be reduced by decommissioning ¼ mile of road and closing approximately 10 miles of road.

DATES: Comments concerning the scope of the analysis must be received no later than 30 days after the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. The draft environmental impact statement is expected in July 2009 and the final environmental impact statement is expected in November 2009.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to: District Ranger Priscila S. Franco, Mt. Shasta Ranger Station, 204 W. Alma St., Mt. Shasta, California 96067. Send e-mail comments to: comments-pacificsouthwest-shasta-trinity-mtshasta-mccloud@fs.fed.us.

Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be part of the public record for this proposed action. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and

considered; however, anonymous comments will not provide the respondent with standing to appeal the subsequent decision.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Natvig, P.O. Box 688, Hot Springs, SD 57747, telephone (605) 745-3253, e-mail jnatvig@fs.fed.us.

Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern Time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose and Need for Action

The purpose of the proposed action is to protect and enhance conditions in late successional forest ecosystems. The majority of the project area falls within lands identified by the Shasta-Trinity Land and Resource Management Plan as Late Successional Reserve (LSR), Managed Late Successional Area (MLSA) and Riparian Reserve. Protection includes reducing the risk of large-scale disturbance such as stand-replacing wildfires and epidemic forest insect and disease outbreaks. Fire exclusion over the last 100 years has created dense forest conditions which have a negative impact on tree vigor and forest health. Overstocked stands are stressed by competition for limited resources and are at risk to high levels of insect-caused mortality, especially during periods of drought. The closed canopy, mixed-conifer stands are densely stocked with pole-sized trees in the midstory and understory and pockets of dead and down wood. The combination of deadwood, understory and midstory ladder fuels creates fuel conditions that in the event of fire, could result in high fire intensities spreading fire from the understory into the crowns of overstory conifer trees. The stands are at risk of loss from stand-replacing wildfire during weather periods that support extreme fire behavior. Treatments that decrease surface, ladder and canopy fuels will make the area more resistant to stand-replacing wildfires.

A California-Oregon Transmission Project high voltage powerline crosses the project area. Interruption or loss of service associated with this powerline has the potential to impact a large number of electric users. Vegetation and fuel conditions in close proximity to the powerline should be treated so ground forces can control a wildfire under most fire weather conditions.

Hardwoods and meadows are important components of an ecosystem; however, hardwoods and meadows