

without clinical signs of disease, and there is no test for the disease and or known treatment. The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) restricts the interstate movement of certain sheep and goats to help prevent the spread of scrapie. APHIS has regulations at 9 CFR part 54 for an indemnity program to compensate owners of sheep and goats destroyed because of scrapie.

Need and Use of the Information: APHIS will collect information using cooperative agreements; applications from owners to participate in the Scrapie Flock Certification Program; post-exposure management and monitoring plans; scrapie test records; application for indemnity payments; certificates, permits, and owner statements for the interstate movement of certain sheep and goats; application for premises identification numbers; and applications for APHIS-approved ear tags, back tags, or tattoos, etc. Without this information APHIS' efforts to more aggressively prevent the spread of scrapie would be severely hindered.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; Not for Profit; and State, Local, or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 112,000.

Frequency of Responses:

Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 897,030.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection
Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Information Collection; Flathead and McKenzie Rivers and McKenzie National Recreational Trail Visitor Surveys

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Forest Service is seeking comments from all interested individuals and organizations on the new information collection, Flathead Wild and Scenic River Visitor Survey and McKenzie River Visitor Survey.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing on or before February 13, 2012 to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: Comments concerning this notice should be addressed to: USDA,

Forest Service, *Attn:* Chris Ryan, Northern Region, P.O. Box 7669, Missoula, MT 59807. Comments also may be submitted via email to: crayan@fs.fed.us.

The public may inspect comments received at the Northern Region, 200 E. Broadway, Missoula, MT, during normal business hours. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead to (406) 329-3522 to facilitate entry to the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Flathead—Colter Pence, Flathead National Forests, (406) 387-3949 and Willamette—Matt Peterson, Willamette National Forest at (541) 225-6421. Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-(800) 877-8339, between 8am and 8pm, Eastern Standard time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Flathead Wild and Scenic River Visitor Survey and McKenzie River Visitor Survey.

OMB Number: 0596-NEW.

Expiration Date of Approval: NA.

Type of Request: New.

Abstract: The Flathead and Willamette National Forests are proposing to implement an information collection from forest visitors who are recreating on or near the Flathead Wild and Scenic River or on or near the McKenzie Wild and Scenic River or McKenzie National Recreational Trail. There are different issues on each river creating a need to collect different information; therefore, two separate surveys will be administered for the Flathead and Willamette Rivers though the methodology for collection will be essentially identical.

The visitor survey will support development of the Flathead Comprehensive River Management Plan (CRMP), implementation of the exiting Upper McKenzie River Management Plan, and will provide needed information for managers to protect and enhance the outstandingly remarkable values for which the Flathead and McKenzie Rivers were designated. In addition, the survey proposed will help managers to identify the most important indicators to monitor over the life of the plan to determine if any thresholds are being approached and if management action may need to occur.

Information will be collected from visitors who are recreating on or near the Flathead and McKenzie Rivers and McKenzie National Recreational Trail by in-person, written surveys which will be administered by Forest Service or National Park Service (Flathead) employees, volunteers, or study

cooperators to randomly selected visitors. Surveys will ask visitors to provide information about their trip and activities, environmental and social conditions that may alter the quality of their recreational experience, and their attitudes toward different existing and potential recreation management policies and practices. Visitors' responses are voluntary and anonymous.

Data will be entered into an Excel database. Once data entry has been completed and validated, the hardcopy questionnaires will be discarded. Data will be imported into SPSS (Statistical Package for the Social Sciences) for analysis. The database will be maintained at the respective National Forest to and used for development of subsequent management plans and direction.

Collecting thoughts from the public on how these areas should be managed and consideration of their interests and priorities is a critical component to developing a fair and balanced management plan and strategy. Without the public's involvement, a plan has the risk of being biased and ineffective.

Estimate of Annual Burden: 20 minutes.

Type of Respondents: National Forest and National Park (Flathead) visitors (adults, age 16 and older) who are recreating on or near the Flathead or McKenzie Rivers or the McKenzie National Recreational Trail.

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 1000 (Willamette) and 1200 (Flathead).

Estimated Annual Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 333 hours (Willamette) and 400 hours (Flathead).

Comment Is Invited

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 request toward Office of Management and Budget approval.

Dated: December 8, 2011.

Leanne M. Marten,

Acting Deputy Chief, NFS.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

North Finger Grazing Authorization Project, Malheur National Forest, Grant County, OR

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

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

SUMMARY: The USDA Forest Service will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) to disclose environmental effects on a proposed action to authorize grazing on all or portions of allotments within the North Finger Landscape. These allotments are within the Upper Deer Creek, Basin Creek, Upper Long Creek, Lower Fox Creek, Upper Fox Creek, and Upper Cottonwood Creek subwatersheds. The North Finger Grazing Authorization Project area, located approximately 20 miles northwest of John Day, Oregon, encompasses approximately 18,076 acres of National Forest System Lands administered by the Blue Mountain Ranger District, Malheur National Forest.

DATES: Comments concerning the scope of the analysis must be received by January 13, 2012. The draft environmental impact statement is expected June 2012 and the final environmental impact statement is expected September 2012.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to the Responsible Official, Teresa Raaf, Forest Supervisor, Malheur National Forest, 431 Patterson Bridge Road, P.O. Box 909, John Day, Oregon 97845. Comments may also be sent via email to comments-pacificnorthwest-malheur@fs.fed.us, or via facsimile to (541) 575-3002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kelly Ware, Project Lead, Malheur National Forest, 431 Patterson Bridge Road, P.O. Box 909, John Day, Oregon, telephone (541) 575-3432, email kware@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 this project is to authorize grazing on all or portions of the North Finger landscape in such a manner that will continue to move resource conditions toward desired conditions and be consistent with Forest Plan standards and guidelines.

The reason we are undertaking this process at this time is that courts in the 1990s found grazing permits should not be issued without an environmental analysis under the National Environmental Policy Act. In response, Congress passed the Range Rescission Act of 1995, requiring the Forest Service to develop and adhere to a schedule for completion of NEPA analysis on all its grazing allotments. This proposal and upcoming analysis are being undertaken in order to help meet that schedule as mandated by law.

Proposed Action

The proposed action is to continue to permit livestock grazing by incorporating adaptive management strategies across the North Finger landscape. Adaptive Management is defined as, "The process of making use of monitoring information to determine if management changes are needed, and if so, what changes, and to what degree." An adaptive management strategy would define the desired resource conditions, monitoring requirements, resource triggers or thresholds, and actions to be taken if triggers are reached. Site-specific actions to move the existing ground conditions toward desired conditions could also be identified.

Possible Alternatives

Alternatives will include the proposed action, no action (no grazing), and additional alternatives that respond to issues generated during the scoping process. The agency will give notice of the full environmental analysis and decisionmaking process so interested and affected people may participate and contribute to the final decision.

Responsible Official

Teresa Raaf, Malheur National Forest Supervisor.

Nature of Decision To Be Made

The Responsible Official will decide if the proposed project will be

implemented and will document the decision and reasons for the decision in a Record of Decision. That decision will be subject to Forest Service Appeal Regulations. The responsibility for preparing the DEIS and FEIS has been delegated to John Gubel, District Ranger, Blue Mountain Ranger District.

Preliminary Issues

During internal review, the Blue Mountain Ranger District has identified the following concerns or issues with the proposal: Livestock can affect plant community species compositions and vigor; Livestock can impact riparian areas and watershed conditions.

Scoping Process

This notice of intent initiates the scoping process, which guides the development of the environmental impact statement. Initial scoping began with the project listed in the 2011 Winter Edition of the Malheur National Forest's Schedule of Proposed Actions and public scoping conducted in June 2011.

It is important that reviewers provide their comments at such times and in such manner that they are useful to the agency's preparation of the environmental impact statement. Therefore, comments should be provided prior to the close of the comment period and should clearly articulate the reviewer's concerns and contentions.

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.

Dated: December 7, 2011.

Teresa Raaf,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 78-2011]

Foreign-Trade Zone 49—Newark/Elizabeth, NJ; Application for Expansion

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board (the Board) by the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, grantee of FTZ 49, requesting authority to expand its zone in the Newark/Elizabeth, New Jersey, area, within the New York/