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Dated: May 24, 2018.

**Christopher French,**  
Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest System.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### **Wallowa-Whitman National Forest; Notice of Availability of the Draft Record of Decision and Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line Project, Oregon**

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The USDA Forest Service (USFS), Wallowa-Whitman National Forest, announces the availability of the Draft Record of Decision (ROD) for the Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line Project (B2H Project) for public review. The proposed actions and activities described in the Draft ROD are subject to project-level predecisional administrative review (known as an "objection" process) and a 45-day objection filing period began with publication of a legal notice in the Baker City Herald. The USFS previously notified the public that the agency would waive its administrative review procedures and adopt the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) protest procedures for its decisions to issue a special use authorization and to amend the Forest Plan. Following further review of the scope of the decisions that the USFS will make and the applicable regulations, the USFS determined it must instead follow their own agency's project-level predecisional administrative review process.

**DATES:** An individual or entity who meets eligibility for objecting to a draft decision outlined in 36 CFR 218.5 and wishes to file an objection must do so within 45 days of the date that the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest published the Legal Notice in the newspaper of record, the *Baker City*

*Herald*. The publication date of the Legal Notice is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an objection.

**ADDRESSES:** The Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) was circulated by the BLM. The USFS adopted the FEIS. As a cooperating agency for the B2H Project, the USFS need not recirculate the FEIS. However, the document remains available for review on the Applicant's project website at <https://www.boardmantohemingway.com/documents.aspx> and copies are available upon request. Copies of the Draft ROD were sent to Federal, Tribal, State, and local governments potentially affected by the proposed USFS decision, to public libraries in the area, and to interested parties that previously requested a DVD copy. Interested persons may also review the FEIS and Draft ROD, along with the legal notice announcing the objection period, on the internet at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=26709>.

The reviewing officer for this project is James Peña, Regional Forester, Pacific Northwest Region. Written objections, including any attachments, must be filed with the reviewing officer and may be sent as follows:

*Postal delivery (via USPS):* Reviewing Officer, Pacific Northwest Region, USDA Forest Service, Attn. 1570 Appeals and Objections, P.O. Box 3623, Portland, OR 97208-3623.

*Email:* [objections-pnw-regional-office@fs.fed.us](mailto:objections-pnw-regional-office@fs.fed.us) with OBJECTION and "B2H Project" in the subject line.

*Hand delivered (including courier delivery):* Pacific Northwest Regional Office, Edith Green Wendell Wyatt Federal Building, 1220 SW 3rd Avenue, Portland, Oregon. Hand deliveries can occur between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday, except legal holidays;

*Faxed:* 503-808-2339, with OBJECTION and "B2H Project" noted on the cover sheet.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Arlene Blumton, Forest Service Project Lead; by telephone at 541-962-8522; or email to [boardmantohemingway@fs.fed.us](mailto:boardmantohemingway@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.

For information about the BLM's involvement, contact: Renee Straub, Assistant Field Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Vale District Office; 100 Oregon St., Vale, Oregon 97918; by telephone 541-473-6289. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf may call the Federal Relay Service

(FRS) at (800) 877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA), and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended (FLPMA), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), together with cooperating agencies including the USFS, prepared a FEIS and proposed Land Use Plan Amendments for the B2H Project. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published a Notice of Availability (NOA) for the FEIS in the **Federal Register** on November 25, 2016 (81 FR 85222). BLM published a NOA for the FEIS in the **Federal Register** on November 28, 2016 (81 FR 85632). The USFS adopted the FEIS and related documents prepared by the lead agency (BLM) following 40 CFR 1506.3. A NOA announcing USFS's adoption of the FEIS was published by the EPA in the **Federal Register** on June 30, 2017 (82 FR 29589).

The FEIS analyzes the potential environmental impacts of BLM granting a right-of-way to Idaho Power Company (Applicant) to use BLM-managed lands to construct and operate an approximately 300 mile long overhead, single-circuit, 500-kilovolt (kV) alternating-current electric transmission line with ancillary facilities. The FEIS also analyzes the potential environmental impacts of the USFS issuing a special use authorization for the construction, operation, and maintenance of those portions of the transmission line and ancillary facilities located on lands administered by the USFS. In addition, the FEIS analyzes the potential environmental impacts of an amendment to the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest's 1990 Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan) that are necessary to make the Forest Plan consistent with the B2H Project.

The USFS Responsible Official, the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest Supervisor, must respond to the Applicant's request for use of National Forest System lands and determine whether to issue a special-use authorization for the construction, operation, and maintenance of the Proposed Action and, if issued, determine what terms and conditions should apply. The USFS Responsible Official must also approve any amendment to the Forest Plan necessary

to make the Forest Plan consistent with the Project. The USFS Responsible Official's decisions will be separate from the decisions that BLM made in their November 17, 2017 Record of Decision.

The FEIS and the USFS's Draft Record of Decision (ROD) are available for public review. As required by 36 CFR 218.7(c), the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest published a Legal Notice of the opportunity to object in the newspaper of record, the Baker City Herald. Eligible individuals and entities may file objections pursuant to 36 CFR 218 Subparts A and B. The USFS previously notified the public that, pursuant to 36CFR 219.59(a), the agency would waive its administrative review procedures and adopt the BLM's protest procedures for its decisions to issue a special use authorization and to amend the Forest Plan (NOA for the Draft EIS, 79 FR 75834). Following further review of the scope of the decisions that the USFS will make and the applicable regulations, the USFS determined it must instead follow the project-level predecisional administrative review process described at 36 CFR 218 Subparts A and B.

Dated: May 9, 2018.

**Chris French,**

*Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest System.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### National Institute of Food and Agriculture

#### Notice of Intent To Revise Currently Approved Information Collection

**AGENCY:** National Institute of Food and Agriculture, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the National Institute of Food and Agriculture's (NIFA) intention to revise a currently approved information collection, 0524-0039 entitled, "NIFA Application Kit". NIFA does not plan to make any language changes to this information collection.

**DATES:** Written comments on this notice must be received by August 6, 2018 to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments concerning this notice and requests for

copies of the information collection may be submitted by any of the following methods: Email: [rmartin@nifa.usda.gov](mailto:rmartin@nifa.usda.gov); Fax: 202-720-0857; Mail: Office of Information Technology (OIT), NIFA, USDA, STOP 2216, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250-2216.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Robert Martin; Email: [rmartin@nifa.usda.gov](mailto:rmartin@nifa.usda.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* NIFA Application Kit.

*OMB Number:* 0524-0039.

*Expiration Date of Current Approval:* October 31, 2018.

*Type of Request:* Intent to extend a currently approved information collection for three years.

*Abstract:* The National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) sponsors ongoing agricultural research, extension, and education programs under which competitive, formula, and special awards of a high-priority nature are made. Because competitive applications are submitted, many of which necessitate review by peer panelists, it is particularly important that applicants provide the information in a standardized fashion to ensure equitable treatment for all. Standardization is also important to applicants to other programs as it lends itself to a more efficient process and minimizes administrative burden. For this reason, NIFA uses standard forms in the SF-424 Research and Related (R&R) form family which includes agency-specific forms for the application process. NIFA issues Requests for Applications (RFA) that includes the instructions for the preparation and submission of applications. These instructions provide, where appropriate, the necessary format for information in order to expedite, to the extent possible, the application review process. NIFA requires submission of applications electronically through *Grants.gov*.

The forms and narrative information are mainly used for application evaluation and administration purposes. While some of the information is used to respond to inquiries from Congress and other government agencies, the forms are not designed to be statistical surveys.

Also included in this information collection is one form *which* only applies to recipients of a NIFA fellowship/scholarship. The form is only used to document pertinent demographic data on the fellows/scholars, documentation of the progress of the fellows/scholars under the program, and performance outcomes of the student beneficiaries.

*Respondents:* Universities, non-profit institutions, State, local, or Tribal government, and a limited number of for-profit institutions and individuals.

*Estimated Number of Responses by Form:*

*Letter of Intent:* 2,739.

*Form NIFA-2008 Assurance Statement(s):* 2,000.

*Supplemental Information:* 5,377.

*Application Type:* 2,200.

*Proposal Type Form:* 2,687.

*NIFA-2010 Fellowships/Scholarships Entry/Exit:* 150.

The individual form burden is as follows (calculated based on a survey of grant applicants conducted by NIFA):

*Letter of Intent:* 2 hours.

*Form NIFA-2008 Assurance Statement(s):* 30 minutes.

*Supplemental Information:* 2 hours.

*Proposal Type Form:* 15 minutes.

*NIFA-2010 Fellowships/Scholarships Entry/Annual Update/Exit:* 3 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* The annual total burden on the public for all forms is estimated to be 18,354 hours.

*Frequency of Respondents:* Annually.

*Comments:* Comments are invited on: (a) 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; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (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.

Comments should be sent to the address stated in the preamble.

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

Done in Washington, DC, this 30th day of May 2018.

**Thomas G. Shanower,**

*Acting Director, National Institute of Food and Agriculture.*

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