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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Information Collection; Community Forest and Open Space Program

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Forest Service (FS) is seeking comments from all interested individuals and organizations on the extension with no revision of a currently approved information collection; Community Forest and Open Space Program.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing on or before August 20, 2018 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 Maya Solomon, USDA Forest Service, Cooperative Forestry Staff, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Mailstop 1123, Washington, DC 20250. Comments may also be submitted electronically via email to communityforest@fs.fed.us. If comments are sent electronically, do not duplicate via regular mail.

The public may inspect comments received at the USDA Forest Service, Yates Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, Washington, DC, during normal business hours. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead to facilitate entry into the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Scott Stewart, Community Forest and Open Space Conservation Program Manager, by phone at 202-205-1618. Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 twenty-four hours a day, every day of the year, including holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Community Forest and Open Space Program.

OMB Number: 0596-0227.

Expiration Date of Approval: October 31, 2018.

Type of Request: Renewal of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The Forest Service is authorized to implement the Community Forest and Open Space Program (CFP) under Section 8003 of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (Pub. L. 110-246; 122 Stat. 2043; 7 U.S.C. 8701), which amends the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2103d). The purpose of the Community Forest Program is to achieve community benefits through grants to local governments, Tribal Governments, and qualified nonprofit organizations to establish community forests by acquiring and protecting private forestlands. The information requirements will be used to help the Forest Service in the following areas: (1) To determine that the applicant is eligible to receive funds under the program, (2) to determine if the proposal meets the qualifications in the law and regulations, (3) to evaluate and rank the proposals based on a standard, consistent information; and (4) to determine if the projects costs are allowable and sufficient cost share is provided.

Local governmental entities, Tribal Governments, and qualified nonprofit organizations are the only entities eligible for the program, and therefore are the only organizations from which information will be collected.

The information collection currently required for a request for proposals and grant application is approved and has been assigned the OMB Control No. 0596-0227.

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 50.

Estimated Burden per Response: 40 hours.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Number of Total Annual Responses: 50.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 2,000 hours.

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 request for Office of Management and Budget approval.

Dated: May 23, 2018.

Patti Hiram,

Acting Deputy Chief.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Santa Fe National Forest; New Mexico; Amendment of the Land Management Plan for Santa Fe National Forest

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Forest Plan Amendment approval.

SUMMARY: James Melonas, the Forest Supervisor for the Santa Fe National Forest, Southwest Region, signed the final Record of Decision (ROD) for the amendment to the Santa Fe National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan Amendment). The final ROD documents the rationale for approving the Forest Plan Amendment and is consistent with the Reviewing Officer's response to objections and instructions.

DATES: The date of the Santa Fe's Forest Plan Amendment for Invasive Plant Control is July 20, 2018. Santa Fe's Forest Plan Amendment for Invasive Plant Control, Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement, Final ROD, and other supporting information, will be available for review at <http://>

www.fs.usda.gov/projects/santafe/landmanagement/projects.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Sandra Imler-Jacquez, Environmental Coordinator, Santa Fe National Forest at 505-438-5443. Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. (Eastern time), Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Forest Service, Southwestern Region, Santa Fe National Forest, prepared a Forest Plan Amendment for Invasive Plant Control. The current Forest Plan forest-wide standards for watershed management prohibit herbicide use within municipal watersheds, in areas of human habitation, on soils with low regeneration potential or less than moderate cation exchange capacity (1987 Forest Plan). The amendment allows herbicides to be used where necessary in those situations. The current Santa Fe National Forest Plan also prohibits herbicide use if an environmental analysis shows that it is not “environmentally, economically or socially acceptable,” which is an ambiguous and non-quantifiable standard, subject to variable interpretations. The amendment will slightly modify that standard while continuing to focus on using the analysis of environmental, economic and social impacts to determine the appropriateness of herbicide application.

A draft ROD and final SEIS were released in December 2017, which was subject to a pre-decisional objection period. Four objections were received, with one being set aside from review in accordance with 36 CFR 218.10(7) and the Reviewing Officer’s responses to the objection issues were signed by the Acting Deputy Regional Forester (as Reviewing Officer for the Regional Forester) in March 2018. A final ROD to approve the Forest Plan Amendment for Invasive Plant Control for the Santa Fe National Forest has now been signed and is available at the website described above.

Responsible Official

The responsible official for the Santa Fe’s Forest Plan Amendment for Invasive Plant Control on Santa Fe National Forest is James Melonas, Forest Supervisor, Santa Fe National Forest, 11 Forest Lane, Santa Fe, NM 87508.

Dated: May 9, 2018.

Chris French,

Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest System.

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DATES: The date of the Santa Fe’s Forest Plan Amendment for Geothermal Leasing is July 20, 2018. The Santa Fe’s Forest Plan Amendment for Geothermal Leasing, Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), final ROD, and other supporting information, will be available for review at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/projects/santafe/landmanagement/projects>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Larry Gore, Geologist, Santa Fe National Forest at 575-289-3264, ext. 2149. Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. (Eastern time), Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Forest Service, Southwestern Region, Santa Fe National Forest, prepared a Forest Plan Amendment for Geothermal Leasing. The purpose of the amendment is to implement discretionary and nondiscretionary leasing closures for geothermal resources. Pursuant to federal law, the Forest Service may reasonably regulate the use of the surface estate to minimize impacts on Forest Service surface resources. This amendment meets the purpose and need for the Proposed Action, while conforming to the requirements of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (Pub. L. 109-580). This is to facilitate timely processing of geothermal lease

applications and Forest Service policies intended to minimize impacts on surface resources.

A draft ROD and final EIS were released in December 2017, which were subject to a pre-decisional objection period. Two objections were received, with one being set aside from review in accordance with 36 CFR 218.10(7) and the Reviewing Officer’s responses to the objection issues were signed by the Acting Deputy Regional Forester (as Reviewing Officer for the Regional Forester) in March 2018. The final ROD to approve the Forest Plan Amendment for Geothermal Leasing for the Santa Fe National Forest has now been signed, and is available at the website described above.

Responsible Official

The responsible official for the Santa Fe’s Forest Plan Amendment for Invasive Plant Control on Santa Fe National Forest is James Melonas, Forest Supervisor, Santa Fe National Forest, 11 Forest Lane, Santa Fe, NM 87508.

Dated: May 9, 2018.

Chris French,

Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest System.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Idaho (Boise, Caribou-Targhee, Salmon-Challis, and Sawtooth National Forests and Curlew National Grassland); Nevada (Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest); Utah (Ashley, Dixie, Fishlake, Manti-La Sal, and Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forests); Wyoming (Bridger-Teton National Forest); and Wyoming/Colorado (Medicine Bow-Routt National Forest and Thunder Basin National Grassland) Amendments to Land Management Plans for Greater Sage-Grouse Conservation

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Supplemental Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement; Notice of Updated Information Concerning the Forest Service Greater Sage-Grouse Land and Resource Management Plan Amendments

SUMMARY: This supplemental notice solicits public comments on a greater sage-grouse land management proposed action that could warrant land management plan amendments. Land management plans for National Forests