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This section of the FEDERAL REGISTER contains documents other than rules or proposed rules that are applicable to the public. Notices of hearings and investigations, committee meetings, agency decisions and rulings, delegations of authority, filing of petitions and applications and agency statements of organization and functions are examples of documents appearing in this section.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

August 23, 2006.

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 Plant and Health Inspection Service

Title: Recognizing the Animal Disease Status of Regions in the European Union.

OMB Control Number: 0579-0218.

Summary of Collection: Regulations under which the Animal Plant and Health Inspection Service (APHIS) conducts disease prevention activities are contained in Title 9, Chapter 1, Subchapter D, Parts 91 through 99, of the Code of Federal Regulations. These regulations govern the importation of animals, birds, and poultry products, and animal germplasm. Under these regulations, certain regions of the European Union are allowed to import into the United States live breeding swine, pork, and pork products and swine semen. The specific regions are Greece, Austria, Belgium, France, Netherlands, Portugal, and Spain and designated sub-region in Germany and Italy. APHIS has determined that these items, imported from these specific regions in accordance with its other import requirements, will pose a low risk of introducing classical swine fever into the United States.

Need and Use of the Information: APHIS will collect information concerning the origin and history of the items destined for importation into the United States. APHIS will also collect information to ensure that swine, pork and pork products, and swine semen pose a negligible risk of introducing exotic swine diseases into the United States. If the information is not collected it would cripple APHIS ability to ensure that swine, pork and pork products, and swine semen pose a minimal risk of introducing classical swine fever and other exotic animal disease into the United States.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for profit; State, Local and Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 30.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 300.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS-2006-0136]

Secretary's Advisory Committee on Foreign Animal and Poultry Diseases; Meeting

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. II), we are giving notice of a meeting of the Secretary's Advisory Committee on Foreign Animal and Poultry Diseases.

DATES: The meeting sessions will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on September 12 and 13, 2006.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in Room 2A04 (Training Room 1) and Room 2A06 (Training Room 2) at the USDA Center at Riverside, 4700 River Road, Riverdale, MD.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Mark Teachman, Acting Director, Interagency Coordination, Emergency Management, VS, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 41, Riverdale, MD 20737-1231; (301) 734-8073.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Secretary's Advisory Committee on Foreign Animal and Poultry Diseases (the Committee) advises the Secretary of Agriculture on actions necessary to prevent the introduction of foreign diseases of livestock and poultry into the United States. In addition, the Committee advises the Secretary on contingency planning and on maintaining a state of preparedness to deal with these diseases, if introduced.

The meeting will focus on the U.S. animal health emergency management system and the foreign animal disease situation worldwide and its relevance to the United States. The meeting will be open to the public. However, due to time constraints, the public will not be allowed to participate in the Committee's discussions.

You may obtain an agenda for the meeting by contacting Dr. Mark Teachman at the address listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.**

You may file written statements on meeting topics with the Committee before or after the meeting by sending them to Dr. Mark Teachman at the

address listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. You may also file written comments at the time of the meeting. Please refer to Docket No. APHIS-2006-0136 when submitting your comments.

Parking and Security Procedures

Please note that a fee of \$2.25 is required to enter the parking lot at the USDA Center. The machine accepts \$1 bills and quarters.

Upon entering the building, visitors should inform security personnel that they are attending the Advisory Committee Meeting on Foreign Animal and Poultry Diseases, and contact the APHIS Veterinary Services Emergency Management office at (301) 734-8073 from the lobby telephone to be ushered to the meeting. Photo identification is required. Visitor badges must be worn at all times while inside the building.

Done in Washington, DC, this 23rd day of August 2006.

Kevin Shea,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Iyouktug Timber Sales, Hoonah Ranger District, Tongass National Forest

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: The Department of Agriculture, Forest Service will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on a proposal to harvest timber in the Iyouktug valley on Chichagof Island, Hoonah Ranger District of the Tongass National Forest. The Proposed Action is to harvest an estimated 57 million board feet (MMBF) of timber from approximately 4,430 acres of forested land through various small sales, and one or more larger sales, offered over a 10-year period. Approximately 5 miles of National Forest System road would be constructed, and 12 miles of temporary road would be constructed; temporary road would be closed after timber management activities have been completed. The Proposed Action would include harvest of approximately 2,050 acres and construction of approximately 3 miles of National Forest System road and 6 miles of temporary road in inventoried roadless areas. The existing Long Island log transfer facility will be used as needed. In order to meet

Tongass Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan) criteria for old growth reserves, a non-significant Forest Plan amendment to change the boundaries of the small old-growth habitat reserves (OGRs) will be part of the Proposed Action.

DATES: Opportunities for comment are available throughout the analysis process. Those interested in receiving a scoping package should contact us at the address below. Comments concerning this stage of the project will be most helpful if received by October 2, 2006. Additional opportunities for comment will be provided after release of the Draft EIS, which is expected to be published September 2007. A 45-day comment period will begin the date the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) publishes the Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register**. The final environmental impact statement and decision are expected December 2007.

ADDRESSES: Send or hand deliver written comments to: IDT Leader, Sitka Ranger District, Tongass National Forest, Attn: Iyouktug Timber Sales EIS, 204 Sigina Way, Sitka, AK 99835.

Send written e-mail comments to: *comments-alaska-tongass-hoonah@fs.fed.us* with "Iyouktug EIS" in the subject line. In all correspondence, include your name, address, and organization name if you are commenting as a representative of an organization.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Chris Budke, Acting District Ranger, Hoonah Ranger District, P.O. Box 135, Hoonah, AK 99829, phone (907) 945-3631 or Hans von Rekowski, Team Leader, Sitka Ranger District, 204 Sigina Way, Sitka, AK 99835, phone (907) 747-4217.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This EIS will tier to the EIS for the 1997 Tongass Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan) that provides overall guidance, goals, objectives, standards, guidelines, and management area direction to achieve the desired condition for the project area.

The project area is administered by the Hoonah Ranger District of the Tongass National Forest, Hoonah, Alaska and occurs in Value Comparison Units (VCU) 2080, 2090, and 2100 as designated by the Forest Plan. The project area includes approximately 40,650 acres. The Iyouktug project area is located northwest of Iyoukeen Peninsula on the northeastern part of Chichagof Island about 12 air miles east-southeast of Hoonah, Alaska, 30 air miles west of Juneau, Alaska, and 15 air miles northeast of Tenakee Springs. The project area lies north of Freshwater

Bay, west of False Bay and Chatham Strait, and south of Icy Strait, along National Forest System Road #8530; it lies within the Iyouktug and Suintaheen Creek valleys and includes Whitestone Harbor. The project area is in Townships 43-44 South, and Ranges 62-64 East, Copper River Meridian.

Purpose and Need

The purpose and need for the Iyouktug Timber Sales project is to: (1) Maintain and promote wood production from suitable timber lands, providing a supply of wood to meet society's needs; (2) Seek to provide a stable supply of timber from the Tongass National Forest which meets the annual planning-cycle market demand, while managing these lands for sustained long-term yields, consistent with sound multiple-use and sustained-yield objectives; (3) Seek to provide a long-term, stable supply of timber for local sawmills and timber operators; and (4) Provide a diversity of opportunities for resource uses that contribute to the local and regional economies of Southeast Alaska to support a wide range of natural resource employment opportunities within Southeast Alaska's communities. The Iyouktug Timber Sales Proposed Action is consistent with the 1997 Tongass Forest Plan.

Proposed Action

The Proposed Action for the Iyouktug project area is to harvest an estimated 57 million board feet (MMBF) of timber from approximately 4,430 acres of forested land while meeting Forest Plan standards. The timber would be offered through various small sales, and one or more large sales over a 10-year period following the Record of Decision (ROD). It is anticipated that 1 to 5 MMBF (averaging 3 MMBF) of timber harvested through ground-based logging systems would be offered annually as small sales. The large sale(s) would be composed primarily of units harvested through helicopter logging. The larger timber sale(s) would be offered concurrently with the small sales.

Timber harvest would occur on an estimated 4,430 acres of the 9,290 acres within the entire timber unit pool. Some areas in the timber unit pool are not being considered for timber harvest in this Proposed Action; however, when other alternatives are developed, we may propose harvest in some of the other units in the pool. The Proposed Action includes approximately 2,680 acres of helicopter and 1,750 acres of ground-based shovel and cable yarding systems. Areas suitable for ground-based logging would be harvested either even-aged (clearcut) or uneven-aged