

Description of Respondents: Business or other-for-profit; Individuals or households; Not-for-profit institutions; Farms; Federal Government.

Number of Respondents: 31,120.

Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion; Weekly; Monthly; Quarterly; Semi-annually; Annually; Biennially.

Total Burden Hours: 8,527.

• Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Title: Annual Survey of Farmer Cooperatives and Questionnaire to Identify Farmer Cooperatives.

OMB Control Number: 0570-0007.

Summary of Collection: Information is collected on basic statistics of agricultural cooperatives.

Need and Use of the Information: The information is used for program planning, evaluation, and service work.

Description of Respondents: Business or other-for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 3,082.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 2,641.

Donald Hulcher,

Departmental Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 97-039-1]

Hawaii Animal Import Center; Notice of Closure

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of closure.

SUMMARY: We are notifying the public of the closure of the Hawaii Animal Import Center in Honolulu, HI. We are no longer accepting reservations for quarantine space at the Hawaii Animal Import Center. The Hawaii Animal Import Center will officially close at the end of the business day on June 30, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Gary Colgrove, Chief Staff Veterinarian, National Center for Import and Export, VS, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 38, Riverdale, MD 20737-1231, (301) 734-3276; or Dr. Robert DeCarolis, Area Veterinarian in Charge, Hawaii, VS, APHIS, 3375 Koapaka St., Suite H420, Honolulu, HI 96819, (808) 861-8560.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Hawaii Animal Import Center (HAIC) in Honolulu, HI, serves as a quarantine station for domestic livestock and poultry, as well as other exotic animals and birds. In Honolulu, HAIC is located on property owned by the U.S. Coast Guard. The U.S. Coast Guard will be vacating this property at the beginning of Fiscal Year 1998 and has notified the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) that it must also vacate the premises and return the property on which HAIC currently operates to the Coast Guard.

APHIS is no longer accepting reservations for quarantine space at HAIC. This is necessary to ensure that the facility does not have to delay its closure to care for sick animals in quarantine. HAIC will officially cease all operations at the close of the business day on June 30, 1997, to ensure that the property is vacant and returned to the Coast Guard by the close of the Fiscal Year 1997.

The closure of HAIC is not expected to have a significant impact on importers or other entities, large or small. Very few animals have been quarantined at the facility during the past 2 years. In a future edition of the **Federal Register**, we plan to publish a proposed rule to remove Honolulu from the list of areas in 9 CFR parts 92 and 98 that serve as quarantine locations in the United States. At that time, we will solicit comments from the public on whether to remove Honolulu, HI, as a quarantine location.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 1622; 19 U.S.C. 1306; 21 U.S.C. 102-105, 111, 114a, 134a, 134b, 134c, 134d, 134f, 135, 136, and 136a; 31 U.S.C. 9701; 7 CFR 2.22, 2.80, and 371.2(d).

Done in Washington, DC, this 19th day of May 1997.

Terry L. Medley,

Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Pilgrim Project, Tahoe National Forest Sierra County, CA

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for proposed timber harvest,

plantation thinning, fuels reduction, and wildlife habitat improvement projects for areas in the Wolf/Kanaka/Indian Creek and Middle Yuba River watersheds, in accordance with the requirements of 36 CFR 219.19. The project area is located within portions of T18N & T19N, R10E & R11E, MDB&M.

The agency invites comments and suggestions on the scope of the analysis. In addition, the agency gives notice of the full environmental analysis and decision-making process that will occur on the proposal so that interested and affected people are aware of how they may participate and contribute to the final decision.

DATES: Comments should be made in writing and received by June 2, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Written comments concerning the project should be directed to U.S.F.S. Downieville Ranger District, ATTN: Laura Browning, 15924 Highway 49, Camptonville, CA 95959.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Laura Browning, NEPA Coordinator, Downieville Ranger District, Camptonville, CA 95922, (916) 288-3231.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: About 11,436 acres of National Forest System lands are being analyzed for projects within the Pilgrim analysis area. The analysis area incorporates the land within the Wolf/Kanaka/Indian Creek and Middle Yuba River watersheds, which all drain into the Middle Yuba River. Located southwest of Camptonville, CA, the area is dominated by mixed conifer and hardwood forest.

This project was selected to harvest needed wood fiber, improve forest health and wildlife habitat, and to reduce fire risk. Watershed problems, fire hazards within a mixed land ownership landscape, forest health concerns, and wildlife habitat conditions represent some of the challenges and opportunities for improvements that will be looked at during this analysis. An EIS will be done because of the concern for potential cumulative effects to water quality.

In preparing the Environmental Impact Statement, the Forest Service will identify and analyze a range of alternatives for treatment of the dense timber stands and address the issues developed for these sites. One of the alternatives will be no treatment. Other alternatives will consider differing levels of plantation thinning; timber harvest; new road construction and reconstruction; fuel hazard reduction; and fish and wildlife habitat improvement projects. The needs of people and environmental values will

be blended in such a way that the Pilgrim analysis area would represent a diverse, healthy, productive, and sustainable ecosystem.

Public participation will be important during the analysis, especially during the review of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The Forest Service is seeking information, comments, and assistance from Federal, State, and local agencies and other individuals or organizations who may be interested in or affected by the proposed action. This input will be used in preparation of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS).

The scoping process includes:

1. Identifying potential issues.
2. Identifying issues to be analyzed in depth.
3. Eliminating insignificant issues or those which have been covered by a relevant previous environment analysis.
4. Exploring additional alternatives.
5. Identifying potential environmental effects of the proposed action and alternatives (i.e., direct, indirect, and cumulative effects and connected actions).
6. Determining potential cooperating agencies and task assignments.

Comments from other Federal, State, and local agencies, organizations, and individuals who may be interested in, or affected by, the decision are encouraged to identify other significant issues. Public participation will be solicited through mailing letters to mining claim owners, private land owners, and special use permittees within the Downieville Ranger District boundaries; posting information in local towns; and mailing letters to local timber industries, politicians, school boards, county supervisors, and environmental groups. Continued participation will be emphasized through individual contacts. No public meetings are scheduled.

The DEIS is expected to be filed with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and to be available for public review in January, 1998. The comment period on the DEIS will be 45 days from the date the EPA publishes the notice of availability in the **Federal Register**.

The Forest Service believes, at this early stage, it is important to give reviewers notice of several court rulings related to public participation in the environmental review process. First, reviewers of DEIS must structure their participation in the environmental review of the proposal so that it is meaningful and alerts an agency to the reviewer's position and contentions. *Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corp. v.*

NRDC, 435 U.S. 519, 553 (1978). Also, environmental objections that could be raised at the DEIS state but, that are not raised until after completion of the final EIS, may be waived or dismissed by the courts. *City of Angoon v. Hodel* 803 F.2d 1016, 1022 (9th Cir. 1986) and *Wisconsin Heritages Inc. v. Harris*, 490 F. Supp. 1334, 13338 (E.D. Wis. 1980). Because of the court rulings, it is very important that those interested in this proposed action participate by the close of the 45 day comment period so that substantive comments and objections are made available to the Forest Service at a time when it can meaningfully consider them and respond to them in the final EIS.

It assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering issues and concerns on the proposed action, comments on the DEIS should be as specific as possible. It is also helpful if comments refer to specific pages or chapters of the DEIS or the merits of the alternatives formulated and discussed in the statement.

Reviewers may wish to refer to the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act 40 CFR 1503.3 in addressing these points.

The final EIS is expected to be available by May, 1998. The responsible official, the Forest Supervisor of the Tahoe National Forest, will document the decision and reasons for the decision in the Record of Decision.

Dated: April 28, 1997.

Judie Tartaglia,

Deputy Forest Supervisor.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Maine Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, that a meeting of the Maine Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 10:00 a.m. and adjourn at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 12, 1997, at the Central Maine Technical College, 1250 Turner Street, Auburn, Maine 04210. The Committee will reconvene at 10:00 a.m. and adjourn at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, June 13, 1997, at the Portland Arts and Technical High School, Room 213, 196 Allan Avenue, Portland, Maine 04103. The purpose of the meeting is to gather information on the project, Limited English Proficient Students in

Maine: An Assessment of Equal Educational Opportunities.

Persons desiring additional information, or planning a presentation to the Committee, should contact Committee Chairperson Barney Bérubé, 207-287-5980, or Ki-Taek Chun, Director of the Eastern Regional Office, 202-376-7533 (TDD 202-376-8116). Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Regional Office at least five (5) working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission.

Dated at Washington, DC, May 14, 1997.

Carol-Lee Hurley,

Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Seminar on the Final Antidumping Regulations

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

SUMMARY: On June 5, 1997, the Department of Commerce will be holding a public seminar on the final antidumping regulations. In addition to a general overview of the new regulations, the seminar will include a presentation by Robert S. LaRussa, Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration. Materials, including a summary of the changes in the new regulations, will be available, and time has been allotted for questions and answers.

The seminar will be held at 9:30-12:00 in Room 1863 of the Herbert C. Hoover Building at Pennsylvania Avenue and 14th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. Members of the public wishing to register to attend must phone Ms. Lavenia Moultrie at (202) 482-1771.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Maria Tildon at (202) 482-5497.

Dated: May 19, 1997.

Robert S. LaRussa,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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