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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Research Service

Notice of Intent To Grant Exclusive License

AGENCY: Agricultural Research Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service, intends to grant to Kemin Industries, Inc., of Des Moines, Iowa, an exclusive license to U.S. Patent 5,560,920, issued October 1, 1996, "Calcium Formulations for Prevention of Parturient Hypocalcemia." Notice of Availability was published in the **Federal Register** on December 14, 1995.

DATES: Comments must be received by September 8, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to: USDA, ARS, Office of Technology Transfer, Room 415, Building 005, BARC-West, Beltsville, Maryland 20705-2350.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: June Blalock of the Office of Technology Transfer at the Beltsville address given above; telephone: 301-504-5989.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Government's patent rights to this invention are assigned to the United States of America, as represented by the Secretary of Agriculture. It is in the public interest to so license this invention as Kemin Industries, Inc., has submitted a complete and sufficient application for a license. The prospective license will be royalty-bearing and will comply with the terms and conditions of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7. The prospective license may be granted unless, within sixty days from the date of this published Notice, the Agricultural Research Service receives written evidence and argument which establishes that the grant of the license would not be consistent with the

requirements of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7.

Richard M. Parry, Jr.,

Assistant Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Extension of Currently Approved Information Collection for Youth Conservation Corps Employment

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent; request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Forest Service announces its intent to request an extension of a currently approved information collection. Under the Youth Conservation Corps Act of August 13, 1970, as amended (U.S.C. 1701-1706), the Forest Service provides seasonal employment for eligible youth 15 to 18 years old. As part of this effort, the Forest Service collects information from applicants to evaluate their eligibility for employment with the agency through the Program.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing on or before September 8, 1997.

ADDRESSES: All comments should be addressed to: Director, Youth Conservation Corps, Senior, Youth, and Volunteer Programs (MAIL STOP 1136), Forest Service, USDA, P.O. Box 96090, Washington, D.C. 20090-6090.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ransom Hughes, Youth Conservation Corps, Senior, Youth, and Volunteer Programs, at (703) 235-8861.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Under the Youth Conservation Corps Act of August 13, 1970, as amended (U.S.C. 1701-1706), the Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the Fish and Wildlife Service and National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior, cooperate to provide seasonal employment for eligible youth 15 to 18 years old.

Youth seeking training and employment with the Forest Service through this program must, annually, complete forms FS-1800-18 Youth

Conservation Corps Application and FS-1800-3 Youth Conservation Corps Medical History. Forest Service employees use the information on the forms to evaluate the eligibility of each applicant. The Youth Conservation Corps stresses three important objectives: (1) accomplish needed conservation work on public lands; (2) provide gainful employment for 15 to 18 year old males and females from all social, economic, ethnic, and racial backgrounds; and (3) foster, on the part of the 15 to 18 year old youth, an understanding and appreciation of the Nation's natural resources and heritage.

Data gathered in this information collection is not available from other sources.

Description of Information Collection

The following describes the information collection to be extended:

Title: FS-1800-18 Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) Application.

OMB Number: 0596-0084.

Expiration Date of Approval: October 31, 1997.

Type of Request: Extension of a previously approved information collection.

Abstract: All youth, who would like to be considered for employment with the Forest Service through the Youth Conservation Corps Program, must complete the application form, FS-1800-18 Youth Conservation Corps. Each applicant is asked to answer questions that include their name, social security number, date of birth, mailing address, and telephone number. The form must be signed by their parent or guardian. Forest Service personnel evaluate the information to determine each applicant's eligibility.

Estimate of Burden: 3 minutes.

Type of Respondents: Youth 15 to 18 years of age.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 3000 per year.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 150 hours.

Description of Information Collection

The following describes the information collection to be extended:

Title: FS-1800-3 Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) Medical History.

OMB Number: 0596-0084.

Expiration Date of Approval: October 31, 1997.

Type of Request: Extension of a previously approved information collection.

Abstract: Youth seeking seasonal employment with the Forest Service through the Youth Conservation Corps Program must complete form, FS-1800-3 Youth Conservation Corps Medical History. The form must be signed by their parent or guardian. Each applicant is asked to answer questions regarding their personal health. The purpose of the FS-1800-3 form is to certify the youth's physical fitness to work in the Youth Conservation Corps seasonal employment program.

Estimate of Burden: 7 minutes.

Type of Respondents: Youth 15 to 18 years of age.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 3000 per year.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 350 hours.

The agency invites comments on the following: (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 respondents, including the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Use of Comments

All comments received in response to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments, including name and address when provided, will become a matter of public record.

Dated: July 30, 1997.

Ronald E. Stewart,

Acting Chief.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Rocky Mountain Region Environmental Impact Statement for Sheep Flats Diversity Unit Timber Sales, Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests, Mesa County, Colorado

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Revision of a notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement.

RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL: The responsible official for this environmental impact statement is Mr. Robert Storch, Forest Supervisor of the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison National Forests, 2250 Highway 50, Delta, Colorado 81416.

SUMMARY: The Forest Service will prepare an environmental impact statement about four (4) proposed timber sales: Valley View, Sheep Flats, Grove Creek, and Leon. These sales are located in the Sheep Flats Diversity Unit on the Grant Mesa National Forest, Collbran Ranger District.

DATES: Publication of Draft EIS: July 1997; Final EIS: January, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Pam Bode, Team Leader, USDA Forest Service, 216 North Colorado Street, Gunnison, CO, 81230. Contact Pam Bode also for further information. Phone: 970-641-0471. FAX: 970-641-1928.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Forest Supervisor will use this Environmental Impact Statement to decide how to manage the timber resource within the Sheep Flats Diversity Unit. The Forest Service is proposing to harvest four timber sales on this National Forest system land. Even-aged and uneven-aged silvicultural systems are being planned in Engelmann spruce, sub-alpine fir, and aspen stands. These sales are scheduled to be offered within a five to ten year period after this analysis.

Initial scoping of interested parties identified three preliminary issues. These are: (1) Constructing roads and harvesting timber within areas that were identified as the Salt Creek Roadless Area and Priest Mountain Roadless Area during the 1979 RARE II process, (2) harvesting old growth timber, and (3) cumulative impacts on ecosystems from logging operations in and around the sale areas.

Five alternatives will be studied in this analysis. Alternative 1 is no action. Alternatives 2 and 4 harvest suited timber but do not enter the Salt Creek Roadless Area. Alternatives 3 and 5 harvest suited timber throughout the Diversity Unit, including within the Salt Creek Roadless Area. Alternatives 2 and 3 emphasize maintenance of current old growth attributes and wildlife habitat networks while moderately improving timber structural diversity. Alternative 4 and 5 emphasize timber structural diversity and production for wood fiber. The proposed action is Alternative 5.

Alternative	Acres planned for harvest		Volume in board feet	Number of sales
	Total acres	RARE II acres		
1	0	0	0	0
2	682	0	2,222,000	1
3	2,615	1798	11,158,000	4
4	889	0	3,172,000	1
5	3,591	2766	15,279,000	4

This notice is a renotification of the Forest Service's intent to study these timber sales within the Sheep Flats Diversity Unit. Previous notices of intent were published in the **Federal Register** Volume 57, #31, on 2/14/92, and volume 61 #177, on 9/11/96. A previous notice of availability of the

draft EIS was published in Volume 59, #5, on 1/7/94. This revised notice provides new dates for completions of the revised draft and the final Environmental Impact Statements. The alternatives that are being studied have changed substantially from the previous document.

Since this is a renotification, news releases have already been issued and a public meeting has already taken place in March 1992. Field tours to the proposed area have already been conducted with concerned parties. Additional news releases have been issued explaining the new timeline for