

Forest Service will be seeking information, comments, and assistance from Federal, State, 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 and final EIS. The scoping process will include:

- Identifying preliminary issues.
- Identifying significant issues to be analyzed in depth.
- Identifying alternatives to the proposed action.
- Identifying potential environmental effects of this project and alternatives (i.e., direct, indirect, and cumulative effects and connected actions).

Estimated Dates for Filing: While public participation in this analysis is welcome at any time, comments received within 60 days of the publication of this notice will be especially useful in the preparation of the Draft EIS. The 60-day comment period will fulfill the public review requirement for creating openings over 40 acres in size. The Draft EIS is expected to be filed with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and to be available for public review by March, 1998. At that time, EPA will publish a Notice of Availability of the Draft EIS in the **Federal Register**. The comment period on the Draft EIS will be a minimum of 45 days from the date the EPA publishes the Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register**.

The Final EIS is scheduled to be completed by June, 1998. In the Final EIS, the Forest Service is required to respond to comments and responses received during the comment period that pertain to the environmental consequences discussed in the Draft EIS and applicable laws, regulations, and policies considered in making a decision regarding the proposal.

Reviewers Obligations: 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 draft environmental impact statements 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. versus NRDC*, 435 U.S. 519, 553 (1978). Also, environmental objections that could be raised at the draft environmental impact statement stage may be waived or dismissed by the courts. *City of Angoon versus Hodel*, 803 F.2d 1016, 1022 (9th Cir. 1986) and *Wisconsin Heritages, Inc. versus Harris*, 490 F.Supp. 1334, 1338 (E.D. Wis.

1980). Because of these 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 and respond to them in the Final EIS.

To assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering issues and concerns on the proposed action, comments on the draft environmental impact statement should be as specific as possible. It is also helpful if comments refer to specific pages or chapters of the draft statement. Comments may also address the adequacy of the draft environmental impact statement or the merits of the alternatives discussed. Reviewers may wish to refer to the Council on Environmental Quality regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act at 40 CFR 1503.3 in addressing these points.

Responsible Official: Robert Schrenk, Forest Supervisor, Kootenai National Forest, is the Responsible Official. Authority for preparation of the EIS has been delegated to Robert Thompson, District Ranger, Rexford Ranger District, 1299 Highway 93 North, Eureka, Montana. The Responsible Official will decide which, if any, of the proposed projects will be implemented. The decision and reasons for the decision will be documented in the Record of Decision. That decision will be subject to Forest Service Appeal Regulations.

Dated: October 2, 1997.

Robert J. Thompson,

Acting Forest Supervisor.

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BARRY GOLDWATER SCHOLARSHIP AND EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Extension

AGENCY: Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Goldwater Scholarship Foundation is planning to submit, for extension, the following Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of

Management and Budget (OMB): Goldwater Scholarship Payment Request Form, OMB No. 3019-0001. Before submitting the ICR to OMB for review and approval for extension, The Goldwater Foundation is soliciting comments on the proposed ICR as described below.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before December 8, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Mail comments to Gerald J. Smith, President, Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation, 6225 Brandon Avenue, Suite 315, Springfield, VA 22150-2519.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gerald J. Smith, (703) 756-6012; FAX: (703) 756-6015; E-mail: goldh2o@erols.com.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Affected Entities: Entities affected by this action include approximately 400 Goldwater Scholars and their respective Academic and Financial Aid Officers.

Title: Goldwater Foundation payment Request Form.

Abstract: Public Law 99-166 authorizes The Goldwater Foundation to conduct an annual nationwide undergraduate scholarship competition for students pursuing careers in mathematics, the natural sciences and engineering. This Information Collection Form is used by the Foundation to verify a Goldwater Scholarship recipient's academic standing and to authorize the disbursement of funds to the Scholar each term.

The Foundation uses this form to ensure that only authorized expenses are requested and to avoid the duplication of other scholarship funding which is prohibited. Less frequent collection of this information would not allow the Foundation to verify a Scholar's academic and financial status as required each term. Further, less frequent collection would cause the Foundation to expend funds sooner than would be fiscally responsible, since all funds are interest bearing until expended. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (the PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. "Collection of information" is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3© and includes agency requests or requirements that members of the public submit reports, keep records, or provide information to a third party.

Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA (44 U.S.C. (c)(2)(A) requires Federal agencies to provide a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, The Goldwater Foundation is publishing notice of the proposed collection of information listed below.

With respect to the following collection of information, The Goldwater Foundation invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the Foundation's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the estimate of the burden of the proposed 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 through the use of automated collection techniques, when appropriate, and other forms of information technology.

Data Collected Include: Current School and Home addresses; Current cost of tuition, fees, books, room and board and additional expenses; list of other scholarships and verification signatures of the Scholar, academic and financial aid officers.

Burden Statement: The estimated public reporting burden for this collection of information is 45 minutes per respondent semiannually. This estimate includes the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining and reviewing the collection of information.

Respondents: Goldwater Scholarship recipients.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 400.

Responses: 2 per school year.

Total Burden Hours: 600 per year.

Recordkeepers: 2.

Total Burden Hours: 133.

Dated: September 26, 1997.

Gerald J. Smith,

President.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Office of the Secretary

Announcing Public Availability of the Report on Closed Meetings of Advisory Committees

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce has prepared its report on the activities of closed or partially closed meetings of advisory committees as required by the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the report have been filed and are available for public inspection at two locations:

Library of Congress, Newspaper and Current Periodicals Reading Room, Room LM133, Madison Building, 1st and Independence Avenues, S.E., Washington, D.C. 20540
Department of Commerce, Central Reference and Records Inspection Facility, Room 6020, Herbert C. Hoover Building, 14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230 Telephone (202) 482-4115.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The report covers meetings held in FY 96. Thirty-one committees and one subcommittee report having held closed or partially closed meetings. The names of these committees are listed below:

- Industry Sector Advisory Committee (ISAC) on Aerospace Equipment for Trade Policy Matters (TPM)
- ISAC on Building Products and Other Materials for TPM
- ISAC on Capital Goods for TPM
- ISAC on Chemicals and Allied Products for TPM
- ISAC on Consumer Goods for TPM
- ISAC on Electronics and Instrumentation for TPM
- ISAC on Energy for TPM
- ISAC on Ferrous Ores and Metals for TPM
- ISAC on Footwear, Leather, and Leather Products for TPM
- ISAC on Lumber and Wood Products for TPM
- ISAC on Nonferrous Ores and Metals for TPM
- ISAC on Paper and Paper Products for TPM
- ISAC on Services for TPM
- ISAC on Small and Minority Business for TPM
- ISAC on Textiles and Apparel for TPM
- ISAC on Wholesaling and Retailing for TPM
- Industry Functional Advisory Committee on Customs Matters for TPM
- Industry Functional Advisory Committee on Intellectual Property Rights for TPM

- Industry Functional Advisory Committee on Standards for TPM
- Industry Policy Advisory Committee for Trade Policy Matters
- Information Systems Technical Advisory Committee
- Judges Panel of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award
- Materials Processing Equipment Technical Advisory Committee
- Materials Technical Advisory Committee
- National Medal of Technology Nomination Evaluation Committee
- National Technical Information Service Advisory Board
- President's Export Council
- Regulations and Procedures Technical Advisory Committee
- Sensors Technical Advisory Committee
- Subcommittee on Export Administration, President's Export Council
- Transportation and Related Equipment Technical Advisory Committee
- U.S. Automotive Parts Advisory Committee
- Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology

Twenty-one committees report not having held any closed or partially closed meetings.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Victoria A. Kruk, Committee Management Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C. 20230, Telephone (202) 482-4115.

Dated: October 1, 1997.

Victoria A. Kruk,

Office of Executive Assistance Management.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of the Census

Census Advisory Committee of Professional Associations

AGENCY: Bureau of the Census, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (P.L. 92-463 as amended by P.L. 94-409), we are giving notice of a meeting of the Census Advisory Committee of Professional Associations. The meeting will convene on October 23-24, 1997 at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 1250 22nd Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20037.

The committee is composed of 36 members appointed by the Presidents of