

day opportunity for the public to comment on the new scientific information, the identified weaknesses in current management direction, and possible changes that could be made in management direction to rectify those weaknesses by mid-October, 1998; and (4) by October 31, 1998, issue a Notice of Intent, which will amend this Notice, to fully articulate the Agency's proposed action to change management direction in the Pacific Southwest Regional Guide and the Forest Plans for the ten National Forests in the Sierra Nevada. Publication of the Notice of Intent will initiate a 60-day public comment period wherein the public will be asked to provide any additional information they feel the Forest Service may still not have at that time, and to submit any issues regarding potential effects of the proposed action. More specific information regarding the proposal, decision-making process, and schedule for completion will be included in the Notice of Intent.

ADDRESS: Send written comments to Dick Andrews, Regional Environmental Coordinator, Ecosystem Planning, Room 859A, 630 Sansome Street, San Francisco, CA 94111.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dick Andrews, Regional Environmental Coordinator, Ecosystem Planning, (415) 705-2557.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This announcement is being published by the Forest Service in an effort to ensure an open and inclusive public process is employed in gathering information that may be used to formulate a proposed action and articulate the purpose and need for amending the management direction specified in the Pacific Southwest Regional Guide and the Forest Plans for the Eldorado, Inyo, Lassen, Modoc, Plumas, Sequoia, Sierra, Stanislaus, and Tahoe National Forests and the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit.

In preparation for this planning process, the USDA Forest Service Pacific Southwest Research Station is reviewing recently developed scientific information relevant to the Sierra Nevada. A report summarizing this work is currently in draft and may be viewed at the Research Station's internet website, www.psw.fs.fed.us/sierra/. By mid-July additional information about the planning process and opportunities for public involvement will be available through the Pacific Southwest Region's internet website, www.r5.fs.fed.us/.

Date: July 6, 1998.

G. Lynn Sprague,

Regional Forester.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Southwest Washington Provincial Advisory Committee Meeting Notice

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Southwest Washington Provincial Advisory Committee will meet on Thursday, May 16, 1998, in Toppenish, Washington, at the Yakama Indian Nation Cultural Center (Highway 97 and Buster Road) in the 14 Tribes Room. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. and continue until 5 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to provide information on (1) Water Quality Issues, (2) Tribal Hunting and Wildlife Concerns, (3) Huckleberry and other Special Forest Product concerns, (4) Timber Management by the Yakama Nation during the listing of the Spotted Owl, and (5) Public Open Forum. All Southwest Washington Provincial Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend. The "open forum" provides opportunity for the public to bring issues, concerns, and discussion topics to the Advisory Committee. The "open forum" is scheduled as part of agenda item (5) for this meeting. Interested speakers will need to register prior to the open forum period. The committee welcomes the public's written comments on committee business at any time.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Direct questions regarding this meeting to Linda Turner, Public Affairs Specialist, at (360) 891-5195, or write Forest Headquarters Office, Gifford Pinchot National Forest, 10600 NE. 51st Circle, Vancouver, WA 98682.

Dated: July 2, 1998.

Larry I. Seekins,

Deputy Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Extension of Currently Approved Information Collection for the Stewardship Incentive Program (SIP)

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Forest Service announces its intent to seek extension of the approval of an existing information collection authorized under Office of Management and Budget number 0596-0120. Several Forest Service information collection forms are approved under this authorization number: SIP 36, Assignment of Payment; SIP 211, Power of Attorney; SIP 211-1, Power of Attorney for Husband and Wife; and SIP 502, Payment Limitation Review. Non-industrial private forest owners complete these forms to participate in the Forest Service State and Private Forestry Stewardship Incentive Program.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing on or before September 8, 1998.

ADDRESSES: All comments should be addressed to: Stewardship Coordinator, Cooperative Forestry Staff, mail stop 1123, Forest Service, USDA, P.O. Box 96090, Washington, D.C. 20090-6090.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Susan Stein, Cooperative Forestry Staff, at (202) 205-0837.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Forest Service is seeking extension of the approval of an existing information collection authorized under Office of Management and Budget number 0596-0120. Several Forest Service information collection forms are approved under this authorization number: SIP 36, Assignment of Payment; SIP 211, Power of Attorney; SIP 211-1, Power of Attorney for Husband and Wife; and SIP 502, Payment Limitation Review. An additional form, AD-245, SIP Request for Cost-Shares, formerly named SIP 245, SIP Request for Cost-Shares, also must be completed by non-industrial private forest owners. A separate request for extension of approval of form AD-245 is being processed by the Farm Service Agency departmental request for extensions of information collections authorized under Office of Management and Budget approval number 0560-0082. The Forest Service and the Farm Service Agency cooperatively administer the Forest Service State and Private Forestry Stewardship Incentive Program.

Non-industrial private forest owners complete these forms to participate in the Forest Service State and Private Forestry Stewardship Incentive Program. The collected information identifies 1) the Stewardship Incentive Program assignment of payment, 2) Internal Revenue Service income

reporting requirements for participants; and 3) the participants' delegated Power of Attorney.

All collected information is used by the Forest Service and the Farm Service Agency to facilitate non-industrial private forest owner participation in the Forest Service State and Private Forestry Stewardship Incentive Program.

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: SIP 36, Assignment of Payment.

OMB Number: 0596-0120.

Expiration Date of Approval: June 30, 1998.

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

Abstract: Non-industrial private forest owners complete SIP 36, Assignment of Payment, when they want to assign a cost-share payment to a third party. The information requested includes the payment amount assigned and the names, addresses, and signatures of the assignor and the assignee.

Estimate of burden: 10 minutes.

Type of respondents: Non-industrial private forest owners.

Estimated number of respondents: 20,000.

Estimated number of responses per respondent: 1.

Estimated total annual burden on respondents: 3,333 hours.

Description of Information Collection

The following describes the information collection to be extended:

Title: SIP 211, Power of Attorney.

OMB Number: 0596-0120.

Expiration Date of Approval: June 30, 1998.

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

Abstract: The non-industrial private forest landowner completes SIP 211, Power of Attorney, to grant a power of attorney. The landowner indicates on this form whether the Power of Attorney is being granted for (1) all actions, (2) the signing of an application, (3) the receiving of payments, (4) the pledge of agreements, (5) the making of reports, or (6) "other." It is signed by the landowner and witnesses.

Estimate of burden: 5 minutes.

Type of respondents: Non-industrial private forest owners.

Estimated number of respondents: 20,000.

Estimated number of responses per respondent: 1.

Estimated total annual burden on respondents: 1,667 hours.

Description of Information Collection

The following describes the information collection to be extended:

Title: SIP 211-1, Power of Attorney for Husband and Wife.

OMB Number: 0596-0120.

Expiration Date of Approval: June 30, 1998.

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

Abstract: Participants, who are husband and wife and who wish to grant each other a Power of Attorney, must complete SIP 211-1, Power of Attorney for Husband and Wife. Both the husband and wife print and sign their names on the form.

Estimate of burden: 5 minutes.

Type of respondents: Non-industrial private forest owners.

Estimated number of respondents: 20,000.

Estimated number of responses per respondent: 1.

Estimated total annual burden on respondents: 1,667 hours.

Description of Information Collection

The following describes the information collection to be extended:

Title: SIP 502, Payment Limitation Review.

OMB Number: 0596-0120.

Expiration Date of Approval: June 30, 1998.

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

Abstract: To ensure they have not exceeded the cost-share payment limit for a fiscal year, non-industrial private forest owners complete SIP 502, Payment Limitation Review. A landowner is not allowed to receive more than \$10,000 in Stewardship Incentive Program cost-share payments in a single fiscal year. Program participants provide their name and address, entity identification number, and the date the entity was formed. They also indicate whether they are an individual, an irrevocable trust, a revocable trust, a corporation, a limited partnership, a general partnership, a joint venture, an estate, or "other." Participants also list all stockholders, members, heirs, or beneficiaries having an interest in the entity.

Estimate of burden: 25 minutes.

Type of respondents: Non-industrial private forest owners.

Estimated number of respondents: 20,000.

Estimated number of responses per respondent: 1 per form.

Estimated total annual burden on respondents: 8,333 hours.

Comment is Invited

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

Dated: July 1, 1998.

Robert Lewis, Jr.,

Acting Associate Chief.

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ASSASSINATION RECORDS REVIEW BOARD

Sunshine Act Meeting

DATES: July 20-21, 1998.

PLACE: ARRB, 600 E Street, NW, Washington, DC.

STATUS: July 20: 9:00 a.m. Closed, July 21: 10:00 a.m. Open.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Closed Meeting:

1. Review and Accept Minutes of Closed Meeting
2. Review of Assassination Records
3. Other Business

Open Meeting:

1. Discussion of Final Report
2. Review and Accept Minutes of July 8, 1998 Open Meeting
3. Other Business

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Eileen Sullivan, Press Officer, 600 E Street, NW, Second Floor, Washington,