

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden is estimated to range between 45 and 60 minutes for School Food Service Authority directors; and range between 20 and 30 minutes for State Child Nutrition directors;

Respondents: State Child Nutrition directors will be asked to respond to a brief telephone survey. SFA directors will be asked to respond to a self-administered mail survey with telephone follow-up.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 50 State Child Nutrition directors, 2,250 SFA directors.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: One.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 1,850 hours.

Dated: August 27, 1998.

George A. Braley,

Acting Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Middle Fork Weiser River Watershed Project, Payette National Forest, Adams County, Idaho

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to Prepare Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: The Payette National Forest is proposing timber harvest, prescribed fire, and road removal to enhance forest and watershed conditions in the Middle Fork Weiser River Watershed on the Council Ranger District. The 50,000 acre watershed extends from No Business Mountain to the confluence of Fall Creek and the Middle Fork Weiser River about 6 miles southeast of Council, Idaho.

DATES: The Forest Service expects to release a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Middle Fork Weiser River Watershed Project in December 1998. A Final EIS and Record of Decision are expected in February 1999.

ADDRESSES: Written comments or requests for the above documents can be sent to David Alexander, Forest Supervisor, Payette National Forest, P.O. Box 1026, McCall, Idaho 83638.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions about the proposed project should be directed to Sue Douglas, Team Leader (208) 253-0169; or John Baglien, Acting Council District Ranger, (208) 549-4201.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Proposed Action (Alternative B) would

harvest timber on approximately 2,900 acres. On an estimated 1,190 acres, understory trees would be selectively removed, favoring the retention of ponderosa pine, western larch, and Douglas-fir. Large overstory trees of these species would generally be retained. About 790 acres of immature forests would be selectively thinned to accelerate the growth of the remaining trees, allowing these forests to reach a larger size sooner. Approximately 880 acres of lodgepole pine, subalpine fir, or grand fir would be converted to younger-aged forests through harvest and planting.

Most of the area would be logged using ground-based systems. An estimated 200 acres would be logged using helicopters and 500 acres would be logged with skyline systems.

Timber harvest would require 7 miles of new road construction. No road building or harvest activities would occur in the Council Mountain roadless area. Approximately 19 miles of roads would be decommissioned and 9 stream crossings removed or improved to benefit watershed conditions and fish and wildlife habitat as part of the timber sale contract. An additional 60 miles of road would be decommissioned with appropriated money or as part of the nonessential Knudsen-Vandenberg (KV) projects.

Broadcast burning on 700 acres and piling and burning of logging slash on 500 acres would reduce existing and created fuels or prepare the site for planting. Planted or natural regeneration, primarily of ponderosa pine, Douglas-fir, or western larch, would occur on an estimated 900 acres.

In addition, prescribed fire activities would occur on 500 acres of open ponderosa pine forests, 300 acres of dry Douglas fir forests, 1,400 acres of aspen communities, and 2,000 acres of grass/shrubland to enhance plant growth and diversity.

Standard INFISH Riparian Habitat Conservation Area (RHCA) buffers would be established throughout the project area. Areas identified as RHCAs would be excluded from timber harvest. Key wildlife habitats, including northern goshawk post-fledgling areas, flammulated owl habitat, and elk travel corridors would be maintained.

Members of the public, organizations, and government agencies were involved in the watershed analysis through meetings and field reviews. This scoping document provides another level of involvement. The Forest Service is conducting scoping for issues the environmental analysis should address.

During the preliminary analysis the team identified two issues to explore

further. (1) Will thinning old trees improve the resilience of the remaining old structure trees? Is the economic benefit of thinning old trees essential to pay for other desired improvements? (2) Is it possible to enhance near term economics and benefit the watershed as a whole through longer return intervals by treating additional acres at this time? These issues, in addition to others brought forward through the scoping process will be more fully developed in evaluating the proposed action. If appropriate, alternatives will be developed to address them in the analysis process.

Comments

Comments on the Proposed Action and the analysis should be received in writing on or before October 5, 1998. Send comments to Forest Supervisor, Payette National Forest, P.O. Box 1026, McCall, ID 83638; telephone (208) 634-0700; FAX (208) 634-0744.

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 and 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 Draft Environmental Impact Statement stage but that are not raised until after completion of the final environmental impact statement may be waived or dismissed by the courts [*City of Angoon v. Hodel*, 803 F.2d 1016, 1002 (9th Cir., 1986); and *Wisconsin Heritages, Inc. v. Harris*, 490 F. Supp. 1334, 1338 (E.D. Wis. 1980)]. Because of these court rulings, it is 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 environmental impact statement.

To assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering issues raised by the Proposed Action, comments should be as specific as possible.

Responsible Official: David F. Alexander, Forest Supervisor, Payette National Forest, P.O. Box 1026, 106 West Park, McCall, ID 83638.

Dated: August 29, 1998.

David F. Alexander,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Klamath Provincial Advisory Committee (PAC)

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Klamath Provincial Advisory Committee will meet on September 10, 1998 at the Del Norte County Fairgrounds Arts and Crafts Building, 421 Highway 101N, Crescent City, California. On September 10, the meeting will begin at 8:00 am and adjourn at 5:00 pm. (The Klamath PAC will be meeting on September 9 for a PAC field trip.) Agenda items for Thursday include: (1) Provincial Interagency Executive Committee and Subcommittee meetings; (2) travel access management and emergency repair for Federally owned roads update; (3) timber sale implementation monitoring discussion; (4) Pelican Butte Ski Area proposal; and (5) public comment periods. All PAC meetings are open to the public. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Connie Hendryx, USDA, Klamath National Forest, 1312 Fairlane Road, Yreka, California 96097; telephone 530-841-4468.

Dated: August 27, 1998.

Harry T. Sampson,

Acting Forest Supervisor.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the District of Columbia 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 District of Columbia Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 9:30 a.m. and adjourn at 12:30 p.m. on September 23, 1998, at the JC Penney Government Relations Office, Suite 1015, 1156 15th Street NW, Washington, DC 20036. The purpose of the meeting is to review information obtained from the August 6, 1998 press

conference/briefing session, discuss the development of a future memorandum to the Commissioners as an update to the mortgage lending report, and plan future activities.

Persons desiring additional information, or planning a presentation to the Committee, should contact 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 ten (10) 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, August 25, 1998.

Carol-Lee Hurley,

Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Indiana 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 Indiana Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 1:00 p.m. and adjourn at 5:00 p.m. on September 16, 1998, at the Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Indiana Government Center South, 10 North Senate Avenue, Conference Room SE 410, 3rd floor, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204. The purpose of the meeting is to plan future projects.

Persons desiring additional information, or planning a presentation to the Committee, should contact Committee Chairperson Paul Chase, 317-920-3190, or Constance M. Davis, Director of the Midwestern Regional Office, 312-353-8311 (TDD 312-353-8362). Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Regional Office at least ten (10) 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, August 21, 1998.

Carol-Lee Hurley,

Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce (DOC) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 USC Chapter 35).

Agency: National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST).

Title: National Voluntary Conformity Assessment Systems Evaluation Program (NVCASE).

Agency Form Number(s): None.

OMB Approval Number: 0693-0019.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 30 hours.

Number of Respondents: 10.

Avg. Hours Per Response: 2 hours for reporting and 1 hour for recordkeeping.

Needs and Uses: The NVCASE Program includes activities related to laboratory testing, product certification, and quality system registration. The purpose of this program is to enable U.S. industry to satisfy mandated foreign technical assessment programs that perform technical evaluations comparable in their rigor to practices in the receiving country. Under this program, NIST evaluates U.S.-based conformity assessment bodies in order to be able to give assurances to a foreign government that qualifying bodies meet that government's requirements. Information provided by those bodies wishing to obtain a "certificate of recognition" is used in the evaluation process.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit organizations, not for profit institutions.

Frequency: On occasion, recordkeeping.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

OMB Desk Officer: Virginia Huth, (202) 395-6929.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, DOC Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3272, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Virginia Huth, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503.