

Alternative 1: No Action

Under the No Action alternative, the Forest Service would allow continued motorized use of FDT 1135, FDR 711.1, and FDR 711.1A and would not amend the Routt National Forest Plan. Trailhead parking areas would not be created, physical barriers to the road and trail would not be installed, and informational signing and Interpretive Education bulletin boards would not be installed. This alternative would not comply with the Routt National Forest Plan; however, it provides a baseline to compare the effects of the action alternatives.

Alternative 2: Change the Management Area Prescription Surrounding FDT 1135, FDR 711.1, and FDR 711.1A to Accommodate Motorized Use

Under this alternative, the Forest Service would create a motorized Management Area corridor around FDT 1135, FDR 711.1, and FDR 711.1A. This action would change a linear portion of the currently non-motorized Management Area prescription to one that accommodates motorized uses in back country settings for roughly 100 feet on either side of roads and trail. The Management Area change would affect roughly 9 miles of the trail and approximately 3 miles of road. All other activities associated with this alternative would be identical to the Proposed Action, except installation of physical barriers to the road and trail. Selection of this alternative would require an amendment to the Routt National Forest Plan.

Alternative 3: Change the Management Area Prescription Northwest of FDT 1135 and west of FDR 711.1 to 3.31—Backcountry Recreation, Year-round Motorized

Under this alternative, the Forest Service would change the Management Area prescription on the northwest side of FDT 1135 and west side FDR 711.1A from 1.32 (Backcountry Recreation, Non-motorized) to 3.31 (Backcountry Recreation, year-round Motorized). This would allow motorcycle use to continue on FDT 1135, FDR 711.1, and FDR 711.1A. All other activities associated with this alternative would be identical to the Proposed Action, except installation of physical barriers to the trail. Selection of this alternative would require an amendment to the Routt National Forest Plan.

Alternative 4: Change the Entire Management Area Prescription to 3.31—Backcountry Recreation, Year-round Motorized

Under this alternative, the Forest Service would change the entire Management Area prescription surrounding Trail 1135 from 1.32 (Backcountry Recreation, Non-motorized) to 3.31 (Backcountry Recreation, year-round Motorized). This alternative would also allow motorcycle use to continue on trail 1135. All other activities associated with this alternative would be identical to the Proposed Action, except installation of physical barriers to the trail. Selection of this alternative would require an amendment to the Routt National Forest Plan.

Decisions to be Made: The Responsible Official must decide which alternative of those analyzed in the draft EIS to select for implementation. Based on the decision that is made, he will also decide what mitigation measures and monitoring requirements will be required.

Reviewer Obligations: The comment period on the draft EIS will be 45 days from the date the Environmental Protection agency publishes the notice of availability in the Federal Register. The comment period is expected to end May 25, 2001.

Release of Names: Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and address of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record on this Proposed Action and will be available for public inspection. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered; however, those who submit anonymous comments will not have standing to appeal the subsequent decision under 36 CFR parts 215 or 217. Additionally, pursuant to 7 CFR 1.27(d), any person may request the agency to withhold a submission from the public record by showing how the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) permits such confidentiality. Persons requesting such confidentiality should be aware that, under the FOIA, confidentiality may be granted in only very limited circumstances, such as to protect trade secrets. The Forest Service will inform the requester of the agency's decision regarding the request for confidentiality, and where the request is denied, the agency will return the submission and notify the requester that the comments may be resubmitted with or without and address within ten (10) days.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Charles T. Oliver, District Ranger, Parks

Ranger District, P.O. Box 158, Walden, Colorado, 80480.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Austin, Project Coordinator, Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests, P.O. Box 158, Walden, Colorado, 80480. Telephone: (970)-723-8204.

Responsible Official: Charles T. Oliver, District Ranger; Parks Ranger District; Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests; P.O. Box 158; Walden, CO 80480.

As the Responsible Official, I will decide which, if any of the alternatives to be described in the draft Environmental Impact Statement will be implemented. I will document the decision and reasons for my decision in a Record of Decision.

Dated: April 4, 2001.

Mary H. Peterson,
Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Forest Service****Transfer of Administrative Jurisdiction: Hawthorne Army Depot New Bomb Project Interchange, Toiyabe National Forest, Nevada**

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of land interchange.

SUMMARY: On December 23, 1999, the agency published a notice of the Hawthorne Army Depot New Bomb Project Interchange, which became effective on that date (64 FR 72067). That original notice did not include a copy of the joint interchange order; therefore, the Forest Service is publishing it as part of this notice.

DATES: The Hawthorne Army Depot New Bomb Project Interchange was effective on December 23, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David M. Sherman, Lands Staff, Forest Service, telephone (202) 205-1362.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On September 15, 1999, and November 4, 1999, the Secretary of the Army and the Secretary of Agriculture, respectively, signed a joint interchange order authorizing the transfer of administrative jurisdiction of approximately 3,183 acres, more or less, lying within the Toiyabe National Forest, Mineral County, Nevada, from the Department of Agriculture to the Department of the Army. Furthermore, the order transfers from the Department of the Army to the Department of Agriculture approximately 488 acres,

more or less, lying adjacent to the exterior boundaries of the Los Padres National Forest, Monterey County, California, for inclusion in the Los Padres National Forest. The 45-day Congressional oversight requirement of the Act of July 26, 1956 (70 Stat. 656; 16 U.S.C. 505a, 505b) has been met.

Dated: May 6, 2001.

James R. Furnish,

Deputy Chief, National Forest Systems.

Hawthorne Army Depot, New Bomb Project Nevada and California

Joint Order Interchanging Administrative Jurisdiction of Department of the Army Lands and National Forest System Lands

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of the Army and in the Secretary of Agriculture by the Act of July 26, 1956 (70 Stat. 656; 16 U.S.C. 505a, 505b), it is ordered as follows:

(1) The lands under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Army described in Exhibit A-1 and shown on Exhibit A, (maps are on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Chief, USDA Forest Service, Washington, DC), attached hereto and made a part hereof, which lands lie within or adjacent to the exterior boundaries of the Los Padres National Forest, California, are hereby transferred from the Secretary of the Army to the Secretary of Agriculture, subject to outstanding rights or interest of record.

(2) The lands under the jurisdiction of the USDA Forest Service described in Exhibit B-1 and shown on Exhibit B, (maps are on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Chief, USDA Forest Service, Washington, DC), attached hereto and made a part hereof, which are a part of the Toiyabe National Forest, Nevada, are hereby transferred from the jurisdiction of the Secretary of Agriculture to the Secretary of the Army, subject to outstanding rights or interests of record.

(3) Pursuant to section 2 of the aforesaid Act of 26 July 1956, the National Forest System lands transferred to the Secretary of the Army by this order are hereby subject only to the laws applicable to the Department of the Army lands comprising the Hawthorne Army Depot. The Department of the Army lands transferred to the Secretary of Agriculture by this order are hereby subject to the laws applicable to lands acquired under the Act of 1 March 1911 (36 Stat. 961), as amended.

(4) Any environmental liability created by Department of the Army's use associated with the lands described in Exhibits A-1 & B-1 shall be the

Department of the Army's sole judicial and financial responsibility as provided for the Memorandum of Understanding entered into by the Forest Service and the Department of Agriculture (Exhibit C). In the event the Forest Service encounters any "Hazardous Material" contamination on the lands, as that term is defined in Exhibit C, that are a result of Department of the Army's occupancy, the Forest Service will immediately notify the Department of the Army in writing. Any judicial or financial responsibilities, including but not limited to the cleanup of Hazardous Materials, with the exception of acts of negligence on the part of the Forest Service, will be borne by the Department of the Army.

This order will be effective as of the date of publication in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: September 19, 1999.

Louis Caldera,
Secretary of the Army.

Dated: November 4, 1999.

Dan Glickman,
Secretary of Agriculture.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Housing Service

Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Rural Housing Service (RHS), USDA.

ACTION: Proposed collection; comments requested.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Rural Housing Service's intention to request an extension for a currently approved information collection in support of the program for 7 CFR part 1944, subpart L, Tenant Grievance and Appeals Procedure.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by June 11, 2001 to be assured of consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

James E. Vollmer, Senior Loan Specialist, USDA, Rural Housing Service, STOP 0782, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-0782. Telephone: (202) 720-1060.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: 7 CFR 1944, Subpart L, Tenant Grievance and Appeals Procedure.

OMB Number: 0575-0046.

Expiration Date of Approval: August 31, 2001.

Type of Request: Extension of the currently approved information collection.

Abstract: The regulation promulgates the procedure by which tenants, cooperative members, and applicants for occupancy may appeal adverse actions by owner/managers of multi-family housing projects financed by RHS. Such adverse actions include cases whereby tenants, cooperative members, or applicants have received written notice that assistance provided by RHS is being denied, substantially reduced or terminated.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this information collection is estimated to average .41 hours per response.

Respondents: Individuals or households, state or local governments, small businesses or other for profit or non-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 200.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

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Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 82 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Cheryl Thompson, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, Support Services Division at (202) 692-0043.

Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of Rural Housing Service, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) The accuracy of Rural Housing Service'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 those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to Cheryl Thompson, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, Support Services Division, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, STOP 0742, 1400 Independence Ave. SW., Washington, DC 20250. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.