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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Docket No. DA-02-05]

Notice of Request for Extension and Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), this notice announces the Agricultural Marketing Services' (AMS) intention to request an extension for and revision to a currently approved information collection for the Regulations Governing the Inspection and Grading of Manufactured or Processed Dairy Products—Recordkeeping (Subpart B).

DATES: Comments received by December 6, 2002, will be considered.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Susan M. Sausville, USDA/AMS/Dairy Programs, Dairy Standardization Branch, Room 2746-South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250–0230; Tel: (202) 720–2643, Fax: (202) 720–2643 or via email at susan.sausville@usda.gov

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Regulations Governing the Inspection and Grading of Manufactured or Processed Dairy Products—Record Keeping (Subpart B).

OMB Number: 0581-0110.

Expiration Date of Approval: April 30, 2003.

Type of Request: Extension and revision of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: The Agricultural Marketing Act (AMA) of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1621 et seq.) directs the Department to develop programs which will provide for and facilitate the marketing of agricultural

products. One of these programs is the USDA voluntary inspection and grading program for dairy products (7 CFR part 58) where these dairy products are graded according to U.S. grade standards by a USDA grader. The dairy products under the dairy program may be identified with the USDA grade mark. Dairy processors, buyers, retailers, institutional users, and consumers have requested that such a program be developed to assure the uniform quality of dairy products purchased. In order for any service program to perform satisfactorily, there are regulations for the provider and user. For these reasons, the dairy inspection and grading program regulations were developed and issued under the authority of the Act. These regulations are essential to administer the program to meet the needs of the user and to carry out the purposes of the Act.

The information collection requirements in this request are essential to carry out the intent of the AMA to ensure that dairy products are produced under sanitary conditions and that buyers are purchasing a quality product. In order for the Regulations Governing the Inspection and Grading of Manufactured or Processed Dairy Products to serve the government, industry, and the consumer, laboratory test results must be recorded.

Respondents are not required to submit information to the agency. The records are to be evaluated by a USDA inspector at the time of an inspection. These records include quality tests of each producer, plant records of required tests and analysis, and starter and cheese make records. As an offsetting benefit, the records required by USDA are also records that are routinely used by the inspected facility for their own supervisory and quality control purposes.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this record keeping is estimated to average 2.85 hours per response.

Respondents: Dairy products manufacturing facilities.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 487.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 1388.

Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of the information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the

agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) 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; (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 those who are to respond, including use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to the Office of the Deputy Administrator, USDA/AMS/ Dairy Programs, Room 2968-S, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20090-6456. All comments received will be available for public inspection during regular business hours at the same address.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Dated: October 1, 2002.

A.J. Yates,

Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

South Pyramid Timber Sales, Willamette National Forest, Linn County, OR

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Cancellation notice.

SUMMARY: August 2, 1999, a Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an environmental impact statement for the South Pyramid Timber Sales on the Sweet Home Ranger District of the Willamette National Forest, was published in the Federal Register (64 FR 41912). The 1999 NOI is hereby rescinded.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Brian McGinley, Resource Planner, Sweet Home Ranger District, 3225 Highway 22, Sweet Home, Oregon 97386; phone 541–367–5168. Dated: September 19, 2002.

Michael Rassbach,

District Ranger.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Coconino National Forest, Arizona; Arizona Snowbowl 2002 Facilities Improvements Plan

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA. **ACTION:** Notice of intent prepare an Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: The USDA Forest Service will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to disclose the anticipated environmental effects of the Arizona Snowbowl (Snowbowl) proposed 2002 Facilities Improvements Plan. The chief feature of the Proposed Action is Snowbowl's proposal to develop snowmaking. This would entail the burial of air, water, and electrical lines within the ski area sufficient to enable the Snowbowl to produce artificial snow from reclaimed water on 203.5 acres of skiing terrain. Snowmaking would also require the construction of a 10 million gallon water storage pond within the ski area, as well as the construction of a pipeline from Flagstaff to the Snowbowl to convey the water.

The other major aspects of the Proposed Action include:

- Realignment, modernization and/or upgrade of the Sunset, Hart Prairie and Aspen chairlifts; and installment of a new Humphrey's chairlift to provide skier access to a new pod of ski runs.
- Creation of approximately 66.5
 acres of new skiing terrain, intended to
 primarily serve intermediate and
 advanced skiers. This proposed work
 comprises widening and extending
 some trails, and the construction of two
 sets of new trails.
- Construction of a seven-acre snowplay area near the Hart Prairie Lodge. The proposed snowplay area would include a surface conveyor, a parking lot, and a guest services building.
- Construction of a snowboarding halfpipe near the bottom of the existing Sunset chairlift.
- Enlargement and upgrading of both day lodges.
- Development of a 2,500 sq. foot Cultural Center in or near the Agassiz Lodge.
- Construction of three new ski team buildings to replace existing buildings.

- Placement of low-watt lighting on ski trails and facilities on the middle to lower areas of the ski area for night skiing.
- Construction of a redesigned entrance loop to improve vehicle traffic flow.
- Construction of pedestrian underpass between the Hart Prairie Lodge and the Sunset chairlift to increase pedestrian safety and improve traffic flow.
- Construction of a hiking trail from the existing Agassiz mid-station to the top of the Aggasiz chairlift.
- Construction of an Americans with Disability Act (ADA)-complaint summer access trail into Hart Prairie.
- Combination of parking lots 1 and
- Thinning of approximately 42 acres of dead and dying trees.
- Improvement of skiing terrain by grading/stumping 50 acres and smoothing 10 acres on existing ski runs, and
- Creation of a dedicated ski teaching area to accommodate beginning skiers.

The agency gives notice of the full environmental analysis and decisionmaking process that will occur on the proposal so that interested and affected individuals may become aware of how they may participate in the process and contribute to the final decision.

DATES: Comments concerning the proposal and environmental analysis should be received by November 15, 2002. A draft environmental impact statement is expected in June of 2003 and a final environmental impact statement is expected in January of 2004.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments concerning this proposal to: Peaks Ranger District, attn: Snowbowl Upgrade, 5075 N. Highway 89, Flagstaff, AZ 86004. e-mail: r3_coconino_snowbowlupgrade@fs.fed.us.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Direct questions about the proposed action and EIS to Ken Jacobs, Peaks Ranger District, Phone: (928) 214–2464.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Proposed Action addresses issues related to safety, customer service and economics associated with the operations of the existing ski area. All elements of the proposal remain within the existing Special Use Permit Boundary. Presently, alpine skiing/snowboarding and other resort activities are provided to the public through a Special Use Permit (SUP) issued by the U.S. Forest Service and administered by the Coconino National Forest. Many of the proposed projects have been

conceptually approved through a previous National Environmental Policy Act analysis.

The permitted ski area is coated on National Forest System lands within sections 31 and 32, Township 23 North, Range 7 East; section 36 Township 23 North, Range 6 East; sections 5 and 6, Township 22 North, Range 7 East; and sections 1, Township 22 North, Range 6 East.

The proposed improvements are consistent with the Coconino National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan). The proposed improvements are considered necessary in light of current resort deficiencies, increased visitation experienced over the past decade and projects future visitation. The ensuing analysis will provide additional site-specific detail for the proposal to reflect changing socio-economic and environmental considerations, and may modify the project proposal in response to environmental issues.

The majority of the proposed improvements are originally within the 1979 Final Environmental Impact Statement and the Record of Decision for the Arizona Snowbowl Ski Area Proposal. New proposed projects have been designed to remain within the scope of the 1979 Ski Area Proposal and Final Environmental Impact Statement. The proposed improvements provide high quality, reliable recreational opportunities while minimizing effects to surrounding resource values. This has been accomplished by focusing the scope of the proposed action on the key elements necessary to significantly enhance the quality of the skiing experience offered to the recreating public.

Purpose and Need for Action

The Forest Service and Arizona Snowbowl cooperatively determined broad categories important to the improvement to the Arizona Snowbowl (Snowbowl) facilities. From these categories, a list of proposed projects was created. The overall Purpose and Need for these projects responds to the three broad categories, (1) consistent/ reliable operating season by snowmaking, (2) improve skiing and recreational opportunities by bringing terrain and infrastructure into balance with demand, and (3) facilities need to comply with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Possible Alternatives

There are no alternatives identified at this time. However, different configurations of improvements or