Proposed activities could cause changes to goshawk nest stands; (3) Proposed activities in Riparian Habitat Conservation Areas could increase sediment and cause a decline in water quality. Commercial harvest and noncommercial thinning could also cause a reduction in shade on streams and cause an increase in stream temperatures; (4) Equipment use during harvest activities and connected actions could change soil productivity; and (5) Prescribed fire treatments would cause changes to ground nesting habitat for migratory and sensitive land birds.

Comment Requested

This notice of intent is part of the scoping process that will guide the development of the environmental impact statement. The primary purpose of scoping is to gather public comments, issues, and concerns regarding the proposed action. Comments, issues, and concerns may be used to formulate alternatives. Comments are most helpful if they are as specific as possible and relate to the proposed action. Comments should include the name, address, and, if possible, telephone number of the commenter. Electronic comments must be submitted as part of the actual e-mail message, or as an attachment in plain text (.txt), Microsoft Word (.doc), rich text format (.rtf), or portable document format (.pdf). Comments received in response to this solicitation, including the names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record and will be available for public inspection.

Early Notice of Importance of Public Participation in Subsequent Environmental Review

A draft environmental impact statement will be prepared and made available for comment. The comment period on the draft environmental impact statement will be 45 days from the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes the notice of availability in the **Federal Register**.

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.* 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, 1022 (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 them and respond to them in the final environmental impact statement.

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 formulated and discussed in the statement. 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.

Dated: April 8, 2008.

Jeff Walter,

Forest Supervisor, Ochoco National Forest.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit 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 U.S.C. chapter 35).

Agency: U.S. Census Bureau.

Title: Government Finance Forms.

Form Number(s): F–5, F–11, F–11(S), F–12, F–12(S), F–13, F–25, F–28, F–29, F–32, F–42.

OMB Control Number: 0607–0585.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Burden Hours: 36,040.

Number of Respondents: 2,257.

Average Hours per Response: 3 hours.

Needs and Uses: This program is the only known comprehensive source of state and local government finance data collected on a nationwide scale using uniform definitions, concepts, and procedures.

The many different types and sizes of state and local governments require that the Census Bureau use a variety of questionnaires to collect government finance data. In both the Census and annual surveys, equivalent data are collected.

In 2007, the Census Bureau submitted a non-substantive change request to OMB seeking permission to add questions for the collection of defined contribution and post-employment health care plan data for state administered systems included in the 2007 Census of Publicly Administered Employee Retirement Systems. In addition, five questions related to the liabilities of these systems were added. The non-substantive change request was approved for the 2007 collection cycle only. The plan for 2008 and future data collections is to collect the defined contribution plan, post-employment health care plan, and the five liability questions, in addition to the defined benefit plan questions from all state administered retirement systems and the 12 locally administered systems whose total holdings and investments are five billion dollars or more. The universe of respondents receiving this questionnaire remains the same as in previous collection cycles.

The Census Bureau incorporates the data collected on these forms into its governmental finance program. This program has facilitated the dissemination of comprehensive and comparable governmental finance statistics on government revenue, expenditure, debt, and assets since 1902.

These statistics are widely used by Federal, state, and local legislators, policy makers, administrators, analysts, economists, and researchers to follow the changing characteristics of the government sector of the economy. Journalists, teachers, and students rely on these data as well.

The Census Bureau provides its governmental finance data annually to the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) for use in measuring and developing estimates of the government sector of the economy in the National Income and Product Accounts. The Census Bureau also provides these data to the Federal Reserve Board for constructing the Flow of Funds Accounts.

If this information were not available, it would create a large gap in economic statistics for the government sector, making it impossible for the BEA to calculate the government sector of the National Income and Product Accounts. It would also eliminate a key source of data needed by the Federal Reserve Board.

Affected Public: State, local or tribal government.

Frequency: Annually.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title 13, Sections 161 and 182.

OMB Desk Officer: Brian Harris-Kojetin, (202) 395–7314.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482–0266, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at *dhynek@doc.gov*).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Brian Harris-Kojetin, OMB Desk Officer either by fax (202–395–7245) or e-mail (*bharrisk@omb.eop.gov*).

Dated: April 10, 2008.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit 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 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: Office of the Secretary, Office of Civil Rights.

Title: Complaint of Employment Discrimination Used by Permanent Employees and Applicants for Employment at DOC and Complaint of Employment Discrimination for the Decennial Census.

OMB Control Number: 0690–0015.

Form Number(s): CD–498 and CD–498A.

Type of Request: Regular submission.

Burden Hours: 350.

Number of Respondents: 700.

Average Time Per Response: 30 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) regulations at 29 CFR 1614.106 requires that a person alleging discrimination treatment, based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, and/or reprisal for participation in equal employment opportunity activity, by a federal agency must submit a signed statement that is sufficiently precise to identify the general actions or practices that form the basis of the complaint. The proposed forms are used to collect the required information. The complaint form used by permanent employees and applicants for employment will be part of a regular complaint process. The Decennial Census complaint form, used only during a decennial census, is expected to be used until the end of 2011.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker (202) 395–3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482–0266, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via e-mail at *dHynek@doc.gov*).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, fax number (202) 395–7258 or via e-mail at *David_Rostker@omb.eop.gov*.

Dated: April 10, 2008.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

U.S. Census Bureau

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Annual Retail Trade Survey

AGENCY: U.S. Census Bureau.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: To ensure consideration, written comments must be submitted on or before June 16, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at *dHynek@doc.gov*).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to John Trimble, U.S. Census Bureau, SSSD HQ–8K175, 4600 Silver Hill Road, Suitland, MD 20746 at (301) 763–7223 (or via the Internet at *John.R.Trimble@census.gov*).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Annual Retail Trade Survey (ARTS) provides a sound statistical basis for the formation of policy by other government agencies. It also provides continuing and timely national statistics on retail trade and accommodation and food services, augmenting the period between economic censuses, and is a continuation of similar retail trade surveys conducted each year since 1951. The data collected are applicable to a variety of public and business needs and include annual sales and other operating receipts, e-commerce sales and other operating receipts, purchases, end-of-year inventories, accounts receivables, and operating expenses. Data items collected for accommodation and food services are annual receipts and e-commerce receipts. The estimates of purchased merchandise will be used to estimate trade margins on commodities sold in calculating the personal consumption portion of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) by the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA). Accounts receivable balances are used by the Federal Reserve Board in measuring consumer credit. Businesses use these estimates to determine market share and to perform other analysis.

The ARTS sampling frame consists of all firms operating retail or accommodations and food service establishments within the U.S. whose probability of selection is determined by sales size. Estimates developed in the ARTS are used to benchmark the monthly sales and inventories series. The firms canvassed in this survey are not required to maintain additional records since carefully prepared estimates are acceptable if book figures are not available.

Estimates produced from the ARTS are published on the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) basis.