

Comments

Comments and invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the function of RHS, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of RHS's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of 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 Barbara Williams, Regulations and Paperwork Management Division, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Stop 0743, Washington, DC 20250-0753. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comment will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: December 20, 1996.

Jan E. Shadburn,

Acting Administrator, Rural Housing Service.

Dated: December 20, 1996.

Dayton J. Watkins,

Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service.

Dated: December 20, 1996.

Wally Beyer,

Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.

Dated: December 23, 1996.

Bruce R. Weber,

Acting Administrator, Farm Service Agency.

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Federal Crop Insurance Corporation

Termination of the Standard Reinsurance Agreement

AGENCY: Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of termination.

SUMMARY:The Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC) herewith gives notice that it will terminate the current (1995/1997) Standard Reinsurance Agreement effective as of June 30, 1997.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 30, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: E. Heyward Baker, Acting Director, Reinsurance Services Division, Insurance Services, Risk Management Agency, United States Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence

Avenue, SW, Room 6727-S, Washington, D.C. 20250, telephone (202) 720-4232.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with section V.J. of the Standard Reinsurance Agreement, this action is necessary to provide FCIC sufficient time to address proposed changes for the 1998 Standard Reinsurance Agreement, including those recommended by the crop insurance industry and the Office of Management and Budget and proposed in the President's 1998 budget proposal. FCIC also intends to address reinsurance for Crop Revenue Coverage and catastrophic risk protection policies.

Accordingly, the FCIC herewith gives notice that it will terminate the current (1995/1997) Standard Reinsurance Agreement effective June 30, 1997.

Signed in Washington, D.C. on December 27, 1996.

Kenneth D. Ackerman,

Manager, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation.

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Forest Service

Revision of the Land and Resource Management Plan for the Cibola National Forest and Kiowa, Rita Blanca, Black Kettle and McClellan Creek National Grasslands, Located in Colfax, Harding, Mora, Union, Catron, Sierra, Socorro, Bernalillo, Sandoval, Lincoln, Torrance, Valencia, McKinley and Cibola Counties, NM; Gray, Hemphill, and Dallam Counties, Texas; Roger Mills and Cimarron Counties, OK

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to 36 CFR 219.10(g), the Regional Forester for the Southwestern Region gives notice of the agency's intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Revised Cibola National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan). According to 36 CFR 219.10(g), Forest Plans are ordinarily revised on a 10-year cycle. The existing Cibola Forest Plan was approved on July 15, 1985, and has eight amendments.

The responsible official for approving the Forest Plan revision is Charles W. Cartwright, Jr., Regional Forester, Southwestern Region, USDA Forest Service, 517 Gold Avenue, SW, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102. The Forest Supervisor, Cibola National Forest, is delegated responsibility for

preparing the Environmental Impact Statement.

DATES: Comments concerning the scope of the analysis should be received in writing by March 11, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Jeanine A. Derby, Forest Supervisor, Cibola National Forest, 2113 Osuna Road NE, Suite A, Albuquerque, New Mexico, 87113-1001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jimmy E. Hibbetts, Planning Staff or Barney Lyons, Team Leader, (505) 761-4650.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Land and Resource Management Plan defines the long-term direction for managing the Cibola National Forest and the Kiowa, Rita Blanca, Black Kettle and McClellan Creek National Grasslands. The revised Forest Plan will take an ecological approach to achieve multiple-use management of the National Forest and National Grasslands.

The Cibola National Forest identified revision topics through a process by examining the Forest Plan and determining items that need to be changed. The Five Year Evaluation and Monitoring Reports for 1986 to 1990 and 1991 to 1996 were also used to identify revision topics. This process included a number of public meetings, newsletters and meetings with local government officials and interest groups. Over 3000 letters were sent to Congressional, governmental, and tribal agencies, organizations, businesses, and individuals. These contacts all aided in identifying the revision topics. Criteria was used to screen potential changes into five possible categories of action:

Revision Topics
Implementation Topics
Legislation Topics
Topics for responsible Government Entities
Research Topics

The Revision Topics are those areas of the Forest Plan, identified through monitoring, evaluation and public involvement, where a potential need for change was identified. The Revision Topics are:

Balancing Land Capability with Resource Demand
Watershed Condition Assessment and Water Uses, Rights, Quality, and Availability Assessment
Biological Diversity
Native American Collaboration
Land Grant Community Collaboration
Land Uses
Oil and Gas Leasing
Population Growth and Social Demographics
Rural Community Economics