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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

February 7, 1997.

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments regarding (a) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; (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 should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Washington, D.C. 20503 and to Department Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, D.C. 20250-7602. Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-6204 or (202) 720-6746.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it

displays a currently valid OMB control number.

- Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Title: Karnal Bunt.

OMB Control Number: 0579-0121.

Summary: The regulations for Karnal Bunt require the use of limited permits, certificates, compliance agreements, and other documents that are needed to inform the public of the requirements.

Need and Use of the Information: The information is used to authorize the interstate movement of regulated articles and help prevent the spread of Karnal Bunt.

Description of Respondents: Farms; Individuals or households; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 4,327.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion

Total Burden Hours: 7,115.

- Animal and Plant Inspection Service

Title: Foreign Quarantine Notices.

OMB Control Number: 0579-0049.

Summary: Information collected includes an application for permit to import a plant or plant product. Foreign countries must certify that products to be imported are free of disease and pests.

Need and Use of the Information: The information is used to enforce the Plant Quarantine Act and the Federal Plant Pest Act. The information helps prevent the spread of plant disease and insect pests.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; Individuals or households; Not-for-profit institutions; Farms; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 99,519.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 106.862.

- Forest Service

Title: Bighorn National Forest Scenic Byways User Survey.

OMB Control Number: 0596-New.

Summary: The purpose of this survey is to insure that scenic byways users' input is considered in the development of the scenic byways corridor management plans. Respondents include travelers, users and business interests that depend upon the byways.

Need and Use of the Information: The data will be used to assist public lands

and highway managers; aid tourism and marketing efforts; and, insure enjoyment by the users.

Description of Respondents:

Individuals or households; Business of other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 150.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: One Time Only.

Total Burden Hours: 50.

Emergency processing of this submission has been requested by February 18, 1997.

Larry Roberson,

Deputy Departmental Clearance Officer.

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Agricultural Research Service

Notice of Intent To Grant Exclusive License

AGENCY: Agricultural Research Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, intends to grant to Sonic Industries, Inc. of Hatboro, Pennsylvania, an exclusive license to U.S. Patent 5,396,799 issued March 14, 1995, "Method and Apparatus for *In Situ* Evaluation of Wooden Members". Notice of Availability was published in the Federal Register on September 16, 1992.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before April 14, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to: Janet I. Stockhausen, USDA Forest Service, One Gifford Pinchot Drive, Madison, Wisconsin, 53705-2398.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janet I. Stockhausen of the USDA Forest Service at the Madison address given above; telephone: 608-231-9502.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Government's patent rights to this invention are assigned to the Untied States of America, as represented by the Secretary of Agriculture. It is in the public interest to so license this invention as Sonic Industries, Inc. has submitted a complete and sufficient application for a license. The prospective license will be royalty-bearing and will comply with the terms and conditions of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7. The prospective license may

be granted unless, within sixty days from the date of this published Notice, the Forest Service receives written evidence and argument which establishes that the grant of the license would not be consistent with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7.

Richard M. Parry, Jr.,

Assistant Administrator.

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Forest Service

Information Collection for Recreation, Scenery and Tourism Management

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent; request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Forest Service announces its intention to establish a new information collection. The new collection is necessary to gather information about visitor preferences and expectations concerning recreational facilities, such as campgrounds and parking areas; scenery management, including visitors' favorite scenic views; and highway management, such as whether highway maintenance activities are compatible with the scenic objectives. The information collected will be used in developing Scenic Byways Corridor Management Plans for the Bighorn National Forest.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing on or before April 14, 1997.

ADDRESSES: All comments should be addressed to: Bernie Bornong, Forester, Bighorn National Forest, 1969 S. Sheridan Avenue, Sheridan, WY 82801.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bernie Bornong, Bighorn National Forest, at (307) 672-0751.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Description of Information Collection

The following describes the information collection:

Title: Bighorn National Forest Scenic Byways Summer User Survey.

OMB Number: New.

Expiration Date of Approval: New.

Type of Request: The following describes a new collection requirement and has not received approval by the Office of Management and Budget.

Abstract: The Bighorn National Forest, located in north central Wyoming, has contracted with EDAW, Inc. to write a Scenic Byways Corridor Management Plan (CMP) for three

Scenic Byways on the Bighorn National Forest located on U.S. Highways 14, 14A, and 16. As part of this project, EDAW, Inc. will conduct a survey of visitors using the Scenic Byways during the summer of 1997 to ensure that the needs, expectations, and preferences of visitors are addressed in the Scenic Byways Corridor Management Plan.

The Forest Service Bighorn National Forest, Wyoming Department of Transportation (WYDOT), local Chambers of Commerce, and numerous small businesses, including lodges and restaurants, will use this information to more effectively manage the Scenic Byways to ensure that recreational opportunities and scenic views meet the expectations of visitors and to ensure that management of the highways within the Scenic Byways meets WYDOT standards while enhancing visitor experiences.

The Forest Service, for example, will use the information to incorporate visitor preferences into the management of recreational facilities, such as campgrounds. This could include the location of campgrounds, as well as the condition of the campgrounds. The data will also help the Forest Service incorporate scenic preferences, such as wildlife viewing areas, when planning projects.

The Wyoming Department of Transportation (WYDOT) will use the information to plan for and assess the public's desires concerning the dual purposes of providing safe and efficient transportation within the Scenic Byways, while at the same time maintaining the scenic beauty of the highway corridors. When designing roads, WYDOT will consider visitor preferences for such matters as type and color of guardrails to install, use of retaining walls in specific locations, or the use of snow fences instead of plowing snow. WYDOT also will include visitor needs, expectations, and preferences when planning and conducting road maintenance.

Local communities and tourism and recreation industries will use the information to design marketing strategies to promote tourism and increase visitation within and along the Scenic Byways.

To facilitate the collection of information, personnel from EDAW, Inc. will write the survey, conduct the interviews, and analyze the survey results, under the contract supervision of the Bighorn National Forest. The interviewers will randomly select visitors using the Scenic Byways on the Bighorn National Forest. This is a voluntary survey, and the first question asked will be whether or not the visitor

wishes to participate. The survey is a 20-minute interview, with the interviewer recording the visitor's responses on the survey instrument. The interviewers will station themselves at areas along the Scenic Byways extensively used by visitors, such as parking areas, visitor centers, and campgrounds.

The interviewers will ask visitors, who choose to participate in the survey, to evaluate the current status of, and suggest possible improvements to, the recreational facilities along the Scenic Byways. These recreational facilities include rest areas, parking areas, visitor information centers, camping and picnicking facilities, and lodging and restaurant facilities operating under the authorization of and with special use permits issued by the Forest Service.

Interviewers will ask visitors their expectations concerning the highway infrastructure and if maintaining the highway infrastructure or maintaining scenic beauty is more important to them.

Interviewers also will show visitors a series of photographs of the Scenic Byways and will ask their perceptions and preferences of various landscapes and their visual sensitivity to various multiple uses depicted in the photographs. Visitors also will be asked to point out the areas they find particularly attractive, so that those areas can be managed to protect their scenic importance.

Additionally, EDAW, Inc. will develop a profile of Bighorn National Forest Scenic Byways visitors by asking participants their State of residence; the number of times per year they visit the Bighorn National Forest Scenic Byways; the seasons of use; and the types of recreational activities they enjoy along the Scenic Byways.

Data gathered in this information collection is not available from other sources.

Estimate of Burden: 20 minutes.

Type of Respondents: Individual users of the Scenic Byways on the Bighorn National Forest and small businesses located along the byways, such as the lodges and restaurants.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 300.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 100 hours.

The agency invites comments on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of this agency's