

Slate Creek; analyze and implement access management prescriptions for the existing road and trail system; develop and enhance dispersed recreation sites; and provide interpretive sites for the public.

No new permanent roads would be constructed. Some new construction of temporary roads and helicopter log landings would occur and some re-construction of existing roads would occur. Temporary roads that are constructed or re-constructed will be recontoured after use.

A watershed analysis, called the Slate Creek Implementation Area Assessment, was recently undertaken for the entire Slate Creek watershed. The Clean Slate project is located within the Slate Creek watershed. One of the primary purposes of this watershed analysis was to collect and display historic conditions and processes and document how management activities have influenced the current conditions of the watershed. From this, management opportunities were identified that would best fit with the natural character and processes of the watershed. This proposal is moving forward with some of the recommendations made in the Slate Creek Watershed Assessment.

The Forest Service will consider a range of alternatives to the proposed action. One of these will be the "no action" alternative, in which none of the proposed action will be implemented. Additional alternatives will examine varying levels and locations for the proposed activities, including entry into the Roadless Area, to achieve the proposal's purposes, as well as to respond to the issues and other resource values.

Public participation is an important part of the project, commencing with the initial scoping process (40 CFR 1501.7), which starts with publication of this notice and continues for the next 30 days. In addition, the public is encouraged to visit with Forest Service officials at any time during the analysis and prior to the decision. The Forest Service will be seeking information, comments, and assistance from Federal, State, and local agencies, the Nez Perce Tribe, and other individuals or organizations who may be interested in or affected by the proposed action.

Comments from the public and other agencies will be used in preparation of the Draft EIS. The scoping process will be used to:

1. Identify potential issues.
2. Identify major issues to be analyzed in depth.
3. Eliminate minor issues or those which have been covered by a relevant previous environmental analysis, such

as the Nez Perce National Forest Plan EIS.

4. Identify alternatives to the proposed action.

5. Identify potential environmental effects of the proposed action and alternatives (i.e., direct, indirect, and cumulative effects).

While public participation in this analysis is welcome at any time, comments received within 30 days of the publication of this notice will be especially useful in the preparation of the draft EIS, which is expected to be filed with the Environmental Protection Agency and available for public review in May, 1997. A 45-day comment period will follow publication of a Notice of Availability of the draft EIS in the Federal Register. The comments received will be analyzed and considered in preparation of a final EIS, which is expected to be filed in [July,] 1997. A Record of Decision will be issued not less than 30 days after publication of a Notice of Availability of the final EIS in the Federal Register.

The Forest Service believes it is important at this early stage to give reviewers notice of several court rulings related to public participation in the environmental review process. First, reviewers of draft EISs must structure their participation in the environmental review of the proposal so that it is meaningful and alerts an agency to reviewer's position and contentions. *Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corp. v. NRDC*, 435 U.S. 519, 513 (1978). Also, environmental objections that could be raised at the draft EIS stage but that are not raised until after completion of the final EIS 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 very 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 available to the Forest Service at a time when it can meaningfully consider them and respond to them in the final EIS.

To assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering issues and concerns on the proposed action, comments should be as specific as possible. 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.

I am the responsible official for this environmental impact statement.

Dated: January 31, 1997.

Coy G. Jemmett,

*Forest Supervisor, Nez Perce National Forest, Route 2, Box 475, Grangeville, ID 83530.*

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### **Yakima Province Advisory Committee**

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Yakima Province Advisory Committee will meet on March 12, 1997, in the Cle Elum Ranger District office warehouse conference room, 803 W. 2nd Street, Cle Elum, Washington. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. and continue until 3:00 p.m. Agenda items to be covered will include agency updates and information relative to the development and role of an advisory subcommittee in providing advice on the Snoqualmie Pass Adaptive Management Area. All Yakima Province Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public. Interested citizens are welcome to attend.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Direct questions regarding this meeting to Paul Hart, Designated Federal Official, USDA, Wenatchee National Forest, 215 Melody Lane, Wenatchee, Washington 98801, 509-662-4335.

Dated: February 25, 1997.

Glenn Hoffman,

*Acting Forest Supervisor, Wenatchee National Forest.*

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### **ARCTIC RESEARCH COMMISSION**

#### **Notice of Meeting**

Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Research Commission will hold its 46th Meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, March 24, 1997, at the National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230. Agenda items include:

- (1) Call to order and approval of the Agenda
- (2) Approval of the minutes of the 45th Meeting
- (3) Reports of Congressional Liaisons
- (4) Agency Reports
- (5) Research News

The focus of the meeting will be on Arctic Ocean Research.

Any person planning to attend this meeting who requires special accessibility features and/or auxiliary aids, such as sign language interpreters must inform the Commission in advance of those needs.

Contact Person for More Information:  
Dr. Garrett W. Brass, Executive Director,  
Arctic Research Commission, 703-525-  
0111 or TDD 703/306-0090.

Garrett W. Brass,  
*Executive Director.*

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## ASSASSINATION RECORDS REVIEW BOARD

### Sunshine Act Meeting

**DATE:** March 13-14, 1997.

**PLACE:** ARRB, 600 E Street, NW,  
Washington, DC.

**STATUS:** Closed.

#### MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Review and Accept Minutes of Closed Meeting
2. Review of Assassination Records
3. Other Business

#### CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Eileen Sullivan, Assistant Press and  
Public Affairs Officer, 600 E Street, NW,  
Second Floor, Washington, DC 20530.  
Telephone: (202) 724-0088; Fax: (202)  
724-0457.

David G. Marwell,

*Executive Director.*

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## BROADCASTING BOARD OF GOVERNORS

### Sunshine Act Meeting

**DATE AND TIME:** March 11, 1997; 9:30  
a.m.

**PLACE:** Cohen Building, Visitor's Center,  
First Floor, 330 Independence Ave.,  
S.W., Washington, D.C. 20547.

**OPEN MEETING:** The members of the  
Broadcasting Board of Governors (BBG)  
will meet in open session to address a  
variety of issues relating to U.S.  
Government-funded non-military  
international broadcasting. Among the  
subjects on the agenda are the following:  
opening remarks by the BBG Chairman;  
approval of minutes of a previous  
meeting; remarks by Kevin Klose,  
Director-designate of the International  
Broadcasting Bureau; remarks by Evelyn  
Lieberman, new Director of the Voice of  
America; and miscellaneous subjects  
relating to the Board's responsibilities  
such as the annual report to the  
President and the Congress.

#### CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Persons interested in obtaining more  
information about the meeting should

contact Brenda Thomas at (202) 401-  
3736.

Dated: March 4, 1997.

David W. Burke,

*Chairman.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

DOC has submitted 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:* Bureau of the Census.

*Title:* 1997 Economic Censuses  
General Classification Schedule.

*Form Number(s):* NC-9923.

*Agency Approval Number:* None.

*Type of Request:* New collection.

*Burden:* 50,000 hours in FY98.

*Number of Respondents:* 300,000.

*Avg. Hours Per Response:* 10 minutes.

*Needs and Uses:* The 1997 Economic  
Census will cover virtually every sector  
of the U.S. economy. The Census  
Bureau will implement the new North  
American Industry Classification  
System (NAICS) in the 1997 Economic  
Census. The implementation of the  
NAICS as a replacement for the 1987  
Standard Industrial Classification (SIC)  
system will require contacting  
businesses to collect classification  
information to update the 1997  
Economic Census mailing lists.

Accurate and reliable industry and  
geographic codes are critical to the  
Bureau of Census statistical programs.  
New businesses are assigned industry  
classification by the Social Security  
Administration (SSA). However,  
approximately 22 percent of these  
businesses cannot be assigned industry  
codes because insufficient information  
is provided on Internal Revenue Service  
(IRS) Form SS-4. Since the 1992  
Economic Censuses, the number of  
unclassified businesses has grown to  
almost 500,000.

In order to provide detailed industry  
data reflecting NAICS for the 1997  
Economic Censuses and the Standard  
Statistical Establishment List (SSEL),  
these unclassified businesses must be  
assigned industry codes. The Census  
Bureau has contracted with the Bureau  
of Labor Statistics (BLS) to receive  
classification information for  
unclassified businesses. However,  
differences in NAICS implementation  
schedules, coverage, and updating

procedures between the two agencies  
and our further attempts to assign  
industry codes to these businesses based  
on their name will still leave some  
300,000 unclassified businesses on the  
1997 Economic Censuses mail list. This  
data collection, Form NC-9923, is  
designed to obtain classification  
information for different types of  
industries including reflecting changes  
from the SIC to NAICS and provide  
current information on physical  
locations.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-  
profit, Not-for-profit institutions.

*Frequency:* Every five years.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Mandatory.

*Legal Authority:* Title 13 USC,  
Sections 131 and 224.

*OMB Desk Officer:* Jerry Coffey, (202)  
395-7314.

Copies of the above information  
collection proposal can be obtained by  
calling or writing Linda Engelmeier,  
DOC Forms Clearance Officer, (202)  
482-3272, Department of Commerce,  
room 5312, 14th and Constitution  
Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

Written comments and  
recommendations for the proposed  
information collection should be sent  
within 30 days of publication of this  
notice to Jerry Coffey, OMB Desk  
Officer, room 10201, New Executive  
Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: February 27, 1997.

Linda Engelmeier,

*Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office  
of Management and Organization.*

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### Submission For OMB Review; Comment Request

DOC has submitted 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:* Bureau of the Census.

*Title:* Annual Capital Expenditures  
Survey.

*Form Number(s):* ACE-1, ACE-1(l),  
ACE-2, ACE-2(l).

*Agency Approval Number:* 0607-  
0782.

*Type of Request:* Revision of a  
currently approved collection.

*Burden:* 114,000 hours.

*Number of Respondents:* 46,000.

*Avg. Hours Per Response:* 2.5 hours.

*Needs and Uses:* The Census Bureau  
plans the continuing information  
collection for the 1996 and 1997 Annual  
Capital Expenditures Survey (ACES)  
measuring capital investment in new