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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 97-015-1]

Notice of Request for Approval of an Information Collection

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: New information collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's intention to request approval of an information collection which it utilizes in regulating the interstate movement of horses that have tested positive for equine infectious anemia.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by June 10, 1997 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Send comments regarding the accuracy of burden estimate, ways to minimize the burden (such as the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology), or any other aspect of this collection of information to: Docket No. 97-015-1, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, suite 3C03, 4700 River Road, Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238. Please send an original and three copies, and state that your comments refer to Docket 97-015-1. Comments received may be inspected at USDA, room 1141, South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Persons wishing to inspect comments are requested to call ahead on (202) 690-2817 to facilitate entry into the comment reading room.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: For information regarding regulations for the interstate movement of horses that

have tested positive for equine infectious anemia, contact Dr. Tim Cordes, Senior Staff Veterinarian, National Animal Health Programs, VS, APHIS, 4700 River Road, Unit 39, Riverdale, MD 20737-1231, (301) 734-3279; or e-mail: tcordes@aphis.usda.gov. For copies of more detailed information on the information collection, contact Ms. Cheryl Jenkins, APHIS' Information Collection Coordinator, at (301) 734-5360.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Communicable Diseases in Horses.

Type of Request: Approval of an information collection.

Abstract: APHIS regulates the interstate movement of horses that have tested positive for equine infectious anemia (EIA) in order to prevent the spread of this disease (9 CFR 75.4). Enforcing these regulations requires us to engage in a number of information gathering activities that enable us to accurately identify and track EIA reactors as they move interstate.

Specifically, this regulatory program requires the use of an official EIA test, a certificate allowing the interstate movement of an EIA reactor, and identification of the reactor. The program also involves the services of accredited veterinarians, State veterinary officials, laboratory/diagnostic/research facility personnel, and stockyard personnel, all of whom must engage in various recordkeeping and information collection activities.

We are seeking approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to use these forms and other information collection tools that make our EIA program possible.

The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments from the public (as well as affected agencies) concerning our information collection activity. We need this outside input to help us:

(1) Evaluate 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;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through use, as appropriate, of automated, electronic, mechanical, and other collection technologies, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .0905 hours per response.

Respondents: State and Federal veterinarians, accredited veterinarians, laboratory/diagnostic/research facility personnel, stockyard personnel.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 10,053.

Estimated Numbers of Responses per Respondent: 101.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 91,925 hours.

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

Done in Washington, DC, this 7th day of April 1997.

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Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Sandpoint Ranger District Packsaddle Final Environmental Impact Statement—Idaho Panhandle National Forests, Bonner County, Idaho

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to supplement an environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: The USDA Forest Service (Sandpoint Ranger District) will supplement the Packsaddle Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) to disclose the potential environmental effects of a new alternative (Alternative 8) based on new information. The Project Area is within the Pend Oreille Ecosystem, Sandpoint Ranger District, Idaho Panhandle National Forests, Bonner County, Idaho and includes the Packsaddle Inventoried Roadless Area.