

October 16, 1997: Summit Middle School, 0156 Summit County Road 1030, Frisco, Co.

October 21, 1997: Inn at Aspen, 38750 Highway 82, Aspen Co.

Release and Review of the EIS

The DEIS is expected to be filed with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and be available for public comment in the fall of 1998. At that time, the EPA will publish a notice of availability for the DEIS in the **Federal Register**. The comment period of the DEIS will be 90 days from the date the EPA 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 the DEIS 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 DEIS stage but are not raised until after completion of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) 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 three-month 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 FEIS.

To assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering issues and concerns on the proposed actions, comments on the DEIS 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 DEIS or the merits of the alternatives formulated and discussed in the statements. 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.

After the comment period ends on the DEIS, comments will be analyzed, considered, and responded to by the Forest Service in preparing the Final EIS. The FEIS is scheduled to be

completed in the fall of 1999. The responsible official will consider the comments, responses, environmental consequences discussed in the FEIS, and applicable laws, regulations, and policies in making decisions regarding these revisions. The responsible official will document the decisions and reasons for the decisions in a Record of Decision for the revised Plan. The decision will be subject to appeal in accordance with 36 CFR 217.

Dated: July 30, 1997.

Elizabeth Estill,

Regional Forester, Rocky Mountain Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency

Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Farm Service Agency, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Farm Service Agency's (FSA) intention to request an extension for an information collection currently approved for FSA's regulation governing the Emergency Loan program. The regulations concerning this activity are published under the authority of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, as amended.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received on or before October 6, 1997 to be assured of consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steven R. Bazzell, Senior Loan Officer, Farm Loan Programs, Loan Making Division, Farm Service Agency, STOP 0522, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20250-0522. Telephone (202) 720-3889; e-mail sbazzell@wdc.fsa.usda.gov; or facsimile (202) 690-1117.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Emergency Loan Policies, Procedures, and Authorizations.

Expiration Date of Approval: August 31, 1997.

OMB Number: 0560-0159.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: The information collected under Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Number 0560-0159, as indicated above, is needed to enable FSA to carry

out its mission of providing emergency assistance to family-size farmers, who have suffered physical and/or production losses in a Presidential, Secretarial, or Administratively declared natural disaster, and who are unable to secure commercial credit to recover from the losses. This regulation outlines the process for determining an applicant's eligibility based on the nature and extent of the physical or production losses suffered.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated at 0.51 hours per response.

Respondents: Individuals or households and farms.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 3,100.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondents: 4.10.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 12,710.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of FSA, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of FSA's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions; (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. Comments may be sent to the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB, Washington, D.C. 20503, and to Steven R. Bazzell at the address listed above. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval.

All comments will become a matter of public record.

Signed at Washington, D.C., on July 31, 1997.

Bruce R. Weber,

Acting Administrator, Farm Service Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency

U.S. Warehouse Act Fees; Correction

AGENCY: Farm Service Agency, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; correction.

SUMMARY: The Farm Service Agency published a notice in the **Federal Register** on June 20, 1997 (62 FR 33582), which contained a schedule for increasing the fees to be charged under the United States Warehouse Act