

Abstract: The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), United States Department of Agriculture, is responsible for preventing the introduction and dissemination of plant pests, noxious weeds, and communicable livestock and poultry diseases. APHIS is also responsible for eradicating plant pests, noxious weeds, and livestock and poultry diseases when eradication is feasible.

The introduction or establishment of new plant pests, noxious weeds, and communicable diseases of livestock and poultry in the United States could cause multimillion dollar losses to American agriculture.

To prevent the introduction and dissemination of plant pests, noxious weeds, and communicable diseases of livestock and poultry, APHIS engages in a number of information collection activities designed to allow us to determine whether shipments of regulated articles (such as certain plants and soil) that may be imported into the United States or moved interstate present a risk of introducing plant pests, noxious weeds, or communicable diseases of livestock and poultry.

Our primary means of obtaining this vital information is requiring individuals to apply to us for a permit to import regulated articles or to move these articles interstate. The permit application contains such information as the nature and amount of items to be imported or moved interstate, the country or locality of origin and the intended destination, and the intended port of entry in the United States.

This data enables us to evaluate the risks associated with the proposed importation or interstate movement of regulated articles, and also enables us to develop risk-mitigating conditions, if necessary, for the proposed importation or movement.

We also require owners or operators of certain garbage-handling facilities to apply to us for a permit so that they can be approved to process regulated garbage in such a way that it no longer poses a threat of disseminating plant pests or livestock and poultry diseases within the United States.

We are asking the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve the continued use of these information collection activities.

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: The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .80966 hours per response.

Respondents: Importers and shippers of plant pests, noxious weeds, and other regulated articles; State plant health authorities; owners or operators of regulated garbage-handling facilities.

Estimated annual number of respondents: 40,912.

Estimated annual number of responses per respondent: 1.1361.

Estimated annual number of responses: 46,480.

Estimated total annual burden on respondents: 37,633 hours. (Due to rounding, the total annual burden hours may not equal the product of the annual number of responses multiplied by the average reporting burden per response.)

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 3rd day of March 1998.

Craig A. Reed,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Establishment of Lake Tarleton Purchase Unit

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Establishment of Lake Tarleton Purchase Unit.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Agriculture created the 2,514-acre Lake Tarleton Purchase Unit in Grafton County, New Hampshire. A copy of the establishment document, which includes the legal description of the lands within the

purchase unit, appears at the end of this notice.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Establishment of this purchase unit was effective January 7, 1998.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the map depicting the lands within the purchase unit is on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Director, Lands Staff, 201 14th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jack Craven, Lands Staff, Forest Service, USDA, P.O. Box 96090, Washington, D.C. 20090-6090, telephone: (202) 205-1248.

Dated: February 26, 1998.

Gloria Manning,

Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest System.

Lake Tarleton Purchase Unit—Warren & Piermont Townships, Grafton County, New Hampshire

Pursuant to the Secretary of Agriculture's authority under Section 17, P.L. 94-588 (90 Stat. 2949), the lands as described hereto are within the Lake Tarleton Purchase Unit:

A tract of land lying and being in Warren and Piermont Townships, Grafton County, New Hampshire, being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the corner common to the Towns of Piermont, Haverhill, Benton and Warren.

Thence southerly with the Town Line common to Piermont and Warren and with Proclamation Boundary #1449 (May 16, 1918) 2700 feet.

Thence leaving said Piermont/Warren Town Line and continuing with said Proclamation Boundary #1449 in the Town of Benton southeasterly and southerly to an intersection with the centerline of State Route #25C.

Thence with said centerline of Route 25C northwesterly, at 4200 feet pass the Warren/Piermont Town Line, in all 6500 feet to an intersection with the centerline of a stream flowing out of Lake Armington.

Thence up said out flow of Lake Armington to the natural high water mark of Lake Armington.

Thence with said natural high water mark of Lake Armington as it meanders southerly to lands of Nardone Family Trust.

Thence westerly with said lands of Nardone Family Trust and lands of Roy 300 feet to lands of Meadows End Timberlands, Ltd.

Thence northwesterly with said lands of Meadows End Timberlands 8700 feet to lands of Rodimon.

Thence northeasterly with said lands of Rodimon to an intersection with the centerline of said Route 25C.

Thence northwesterly with said centerline of Route 25C 3200 feet to lands of Shields.

Thence northwesterly with said lands of Shields 700 feet to lands of Fagnant

Thence northeasterly with said lands of Fagnant 3840 feet to an intersection with the Haverhill/Piermont Town Line.

Thence with said Haverhill/Piermont Town Line 9500 feet to the PLACE OF THE BEGINNING.

Containing 2,514 acres, more or less; the boundary to be consistent with the surveys of Tracts #1067 and #1067a. These lands are well suited for watershed protection and meet the requirements of the Act of March 1, 1911, as amended.

Technical and clerical corrections to the above description may be made as necessary.

Dated: January 7, 1998.

Brian Eliot Burke,

Deputy Under Secretary, Natural Resources and the Environment.

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ASSASSINATION RECORDS REVIEW BOARD

Sunshine Act Meeting

FEDERAL REGISTER CITATION OF PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENT: Sunshine Act Meeting Notice, 62 FR 24635 (5-6-97).

PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED TIME AND DATE OF THE MEETING: March 10, 1998, ARRB, 600 E Street, NW, Washington, DC.

CHANGES IN THE MEETING: This closed meeting has been canceled and will be rescheduled on a future date.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Eileen Sullivan, Press and Public Affairs Officer, 600 E Street, NW, Second Floor, Washington, DC 20530. Telephone: (202) 724-0088; Fax: (202) 724-457.

T. Jeremy Gunn,

Executive Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Export Administration

President's Export Council Subcommittee on Export Administration; Notice of Recruitment of Private-Sector Members

SUMMARY: The President's Export Council Subcommittee on Export Administration (PECSEA) advises the U.S. Government on matters and issues pertinent to implementation of the

provisions of the Export Administration Act and the Export Administration Regulations, as amended, and related statutes and regulations. These issues relate to U.S. export controls as mandated by law for national security, foreign policy, non-proliferation, and short supply reasons. The PECSEA draws on the expertise of its members to provide advice and make recommendations on ways to minimize the possible adverse impact export controls may have on U.S. industry. The PECSEA provides the Government with direct input from representatives of the broad range of industries that are directly affected by export controls.

The PECSEA is composed of high-level industry and Government members representing diverse points of view on the concerns of the business community. PECSEA industry representatives are selected from firms producing a broad range of goods, technologies, and software presently controlled for national security, foreign policy, non-proliferation, and short supply reasons or that are proposed for such controls, balanced to the extent possible among large and small firms.

PECSEA members are appointed by the Secretary of Commerce and serve at the Secretary's discretion. The membership reflects the Department's commitment to attaining balance and diversity. PECSEA members must obtain secret-level clearance prior to appointment. These clearance are necessary so that members can be permitted access to relevant classified information needed in formulating recommendations to the President and the U.S. Government. The PECSEA meets 4 to 6 times per year. Members of the Subcommittee will not be compensated for their services. The PECSEA is seeking approximately eight private-sector members with senior export control expertise and direct experience in one or more of the following industries: machine tools, semiconductors, commercial communication satellites, high performance computers, telecommunications, aircraft, pharmaceuticals, and chemicals. Please send a fact sheet on your company that details your activity in the areas listed above, as well as a short biographical sketch on the individual who wishes to become a candidate. Materials may be faxed to the number below.

DEADLINE: This request will be open for 15 days from date of publication in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Lee Ann Carpenter on (202) 482-2583. Materials may be faxed to (202) 501-

8024, to the attention of Ms. Lee Ann Carpenter.

Dated: March 3, 1998.

William V. Skidmore,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Export Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Information on Articles for Physically or Mentally Handicapped Persons Imported Free of Duty

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burdens, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before May 8, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th & Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230. Phone number: (202) 482-3272.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Request for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to: Faye Robinson, Statutory Import Programs Staff, Room 4211, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230; Phone number: (202) 482-3526, and fax number: (202) 482-0949.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

Congress, when it enacted legislation to implement the Nairobi Protocol to the Florence Agreement, included a provision for the Departments of Commerce and Treasury to collect information on the import of articles for the handicapped. Form ITA-362P, Information on Articles for Physically or Mentally Handicapped Persons Imported Free of Duty, is the vehicle by which statistical information is obtained to assess whether the duty-free treatment of articles for the handicapped has had a significant adverse impact on a domestic industry (or portion thereof) manufacturing or