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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Committee on Scientists; Meeting

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** A meeting of the Committee on Scientists is scheduled for April 22–23 in Missoula, Montana. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss planning issues on the National Forests in the Northern Region (Montana, Northern Idaho, North Dakota, and Northwestern South Dakota) and the Intermountain Region (Southern Idaho, Nevada, Utah, and Western Wyoming). The Committee will meet with representatives from federal, state, and local organizations to share information and ideas about Committee members assignments, to continue discussions on the scientific principles underlying land and resource management, and to conduct any other Committee business that may arise. The meeting is open to the public. On April 22, beginning at 4 p.m., citizens may address the Committee to present ideas on how to improve National Forest System land and resource management planning. Citizens who wish to speak must register at the meeting before 5 p.m., and each speaker will be limited to a maximum of 5 minutes. Persons may also written suggestions to the Committee.

**DATES:** A meeting is scheduled for April 22–23 in Missoula, MT.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Elks Lodge, 112 North Pattee Street, Missoula, Montana. On April 22, the meeting will begin at 9 a.m. and end at 7 p.m. On April 23, the meeting will begin at 8 a.m. and end at 4 p.m.

Written comments on improving land and resource management planning may be sent to the Committee on Scientists, P.O. Box 2140, Corvallis, OR 97339 or the Committee may be accessed via the

Internet at [www.cof.orst.edu/org/scicomm/](http://www.cof.orst.edu/org/scicomm/).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bob Cunningham, Designated Federal Official to the Committee of Scientists, Telephone: 202–205–2494.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Committee of Scientists was chartered to provide scientific and technical advice to the Secretary of Agriculture and the Chief of the Forest Service on improvements that can be made to the National Forest System land and resource management planning process (62 FR 43691; August 15, 1997). Notice of the members appointed to the Committee was published December 16, 1997, at 62 FR 65795. Agenda items and locations for future meetings will be published as separate notices in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: April 2, 1998.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Requested

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** In conjunction with new export application procedures, the Forest Service announces its intent to establish new recordkeeping and reporting requirements. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Forest Service is requesting public comment on the information collection requirements of the draft procedures prior to requesting Office of Management and Budget review and approval of the information collection requirements.

**DATES:** Comments must be received in writing on or before June 8, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments to: Bill Wilson, Forest Management, USDA Forest Service, PO Box 21628, Juneau, Alaska 99801–1628.

The public may inspect comments at the following office: Forest Management Staff, Room 559E, Federal Building, 709 W. 9th Street, Juneau, Alaska.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bill Wilson, Forest Management Staff, telephone: (907) 586–7915.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Description of Information Collection

*Title:* Alaska Log Export.

*OMB Number:* Application pending.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* Not applicable.

*Type of Request:* This is a new information collection requirement that has not received approval from the Office of Management and Budget.

*Type of Respondents:* Respondents are business or other for-profit entities, including small businesses.

*Abstract:* A purchaser of a National Forest System timber sale contract in Alaska may apply to the Regional Forester for a permit to export Western red cedar, utility logs, and/or chip logs. To strengthen an export application, a purchaser may provide documents to support arguments regarding the absence of an Alaskan market for such species, log grade, or product. This documentation may include a copy of a published advertisement or notice of the logs being available, signed letters from processors declining to purchase the available logs, price offers, or any other evidence demonstrating a lack of market. In addition, if an application is approved, the purchaser will be required to provide the contracting officer with the log scale summaries which document the actual volume of export. The specific information collection includes:

#### Western Red Cedar for Alaska Consumption

Purchasers with Western red cedar designated for consumption in Alaska may apply for an export permit to the Pacific Northwest if there is no bona fide Alaska market.

*Estimate of Burden:* 2 hours per response.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 10.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 20.

#### Surplus Western Red Cedar

Purchasers with Western red cedar designated for consumption in the Pacific Northwest may apply for an export permit to other countries if there