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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Extension of Currently Approved Information Collection for Locatable Minerals

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA. **ACTION:** Notice: request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Forest Service announces its intent to extend the existing information collection found in 36 CFR Part 228, Subpart A, for locatable minerals. The current information collection will expire July 31, 1998.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing on or before July 27, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Director, Minerals and Geology Management, mail stop 1126, Forest Service, USDA, P.O. Box 96090, Washington, D.C. 20090–6090.

The public may inspect comments in the Office of the Director. To facilitate entrance into the building, visitors are encouraged to call ahead (202) 205–1042.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sam Hotchkiss, Minerals and Geology Management, telephone: (202) 205– 1535.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Description of Information Collection

Title: Locatable Minerals.

OMB Number: 0596–0022.

Expiration Date of Approval: July 31, 1998.

Type of Request: Extension of an existing information collection.

Abstract: Locatable mineral operators must conduct their operations in accordance with the mineral regulations at 36 CFR Part 228, Subpart A, to ensure that the environmental impacts are minimized to the extent practicable.

When submitting a notice of intent, a plan of operations, or a notice of

cessation of operations, the operator may use any format to submit the required information. To facilitate this process, the Forest Service has developed a plan of operations form to collect the information required in the locatable mineral regulations. Although use of the form is optional by the operator, it was used about 1,000 times last year. The Forest Service uses the information to review and evaluate a mining proposal. Without an established procedure for joint Forest Service and operator planning, adverse impacts such as a significant soil loss, water pollution, and adverse impacts to plants and animals will likely occur. The types of activities that will cause severe impacts to surface resources include an improperly located access road, unplanned disposal of waste rock and mill tailings, inadequate water drainage controls in disturbed areas, and a failure to reclaim disturbed areas after operations are complete. Public safety would also be a major concern if operators were allowed to leave shafts, cuts, and adits uncovered, unfenced, and unmarked.

Estimate of Burden: 2 hours.

Type of Respondents: Locatable mineral operators.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1000.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 2000.

Comment Is Invited

The agency invites comments on the following: (a) 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; (b) the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (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 on respondents, including the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Use of Comment

All comments, including name and address when provided, will become a matter of public record. Comments received in response to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval.

Dated: May 21, 1998.

Darrel L. Kenops,

Acting Deputy Chief, National Forest Systems. [FR Doc. 98–14131 Filed 5–27–98; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 3410–11–M

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Diamond Lake Drawdown, Umpqua National Forest, Douglas, OR

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA. **ACTION:** Cancellation of an environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: On February 2, 1998, a Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Diamond Lake Drawdown on the Diamond Lake Ranger District of the Umpqua National Forest was published in the **Federal Register** (63 FR 5350). The February 2 NOI is being withdrawn because the Forest Service is no longer the lead agency for the EIS. The Forest Service NOI is hereby rescinded.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Direct questions regarding this cancellation to Jim Leoni, Interdisciplinary Team Leader, Umpqua National Forest, P.O. Box 1008, Roseburg, Oregon 97470, phone 541–957–3391.

Dated: May 18, 1998.

Don Ostby,

Forest Supervisor.

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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: 1999 New York City Housing and Vacancy Survey.

Form Number(s): H–100, –105, –108, –100(L).

Agency Approval Number: 0607–0757.

Type of Request: Reinstatement, with change, of an expired collection.

Burden: 11,200 hours.

Number of Respondents: 17,200. Avg Hours Per Response: 35 minutes. Needs and Uses: The Census Bureau plans to conduct the 1999 New York City Housing and Vacancy Survey (NYCHVS) under contract for the City of New York. The purpose of the survey is to measure the supply, condition, and vacancy rate of housing in the City. Vacancy rate is the primary factor in determining the continuation of rent control regulations. Other survey information is used by city and state agencies for planning purposes as well as the private sector for business decisions. The laws of New York require

such a survey to be conducted every

three years.

Census Bureau interviewers will conduct personal visit interviews at a sample of housing units in the city, the vast majority of which are apartments in apartment buildings. Basic demographic information will be collected from residents along with information about living conditions (rent. facilities. maintenance, neighborhood, etc.). This information will be collected from rental agents or other knowledgeable persons in the case of vacant units. A small number of reinterviews with agents or landlords will be conducted for quality assurance purposes. We will also determine, by observation only, if a sample of units known to have been lost from the housing inventory have been reconverted for residential use.

Affected Public: Individuals or households, businesses or other forprofit.

Frequency: Every 3 years.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title 13 USC, Section

3.

OMB Desk Officer: Nancy Kirkendall, (202) 395–7313.

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 5327, 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 Nancy Kirkendall, OMB Desk Officer, room 10201, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: May 21, 1998.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.
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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: Census 2000 Dress Rehearsal: Integrated Coverage Measurement and Post Enumeration Survey Activities (Person Follow-up Interview and Evaluation Interview) and Initial Phase Evaluation Activities (Administrative Record Coverage and Multiple Response).

Form Number(s): DX-1301, DX-1301.EI, DX-1301.PSA, and DX-1301(P).

Agency Approval Number: None. Type of Request: New collection. Burden: 6,173 hours. Number of Respondents: 20,190.

Avg Hours Per Response: 18 and a half minutes.

Needs and Uses: In the Census 2000 Dress Rehearsal, the Census Bureau will conduct a dress rehearsal of both its **Integrated Coverage Measurement (ICM)** and Post Enumeration Survey (PES) methodologies that can be used alternatively to measure coverage of the census for housing units and people. During Person Follow-up, we reconcile differences between ICM/PES person interview phase and the census initial enumeration. The result will be the information needed to produce the final estimates of the coverage for the Census 2000 Dress Rehearsal. The evaluation activities include analyzing the effectiveness of the ICM/PES data collection process and the potential coverage improvement from utilizing alternate response options and administrative records in census operations.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Frequency: One time.
Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.
Legal Authority: Title 13, United
States Code, Section 141.

OMB Desk Officer: Nancy Kirkendall, (202) 395–7313.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by

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Dated: May 21, 1998.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 25-98]

Foreign-Trade Zone 124—LaPlace, Louisiana, Foreign-Trade Subzone 124B—North American Shipbuilding, Inc.; Application for Expansion

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board (the Board) by the South Louisiana Port Commission, grantee of FTZ 124, requesting authority to expand Subzone 124B, which currently covers the main shipyard facility of North American Shipbuilding, Inc. (NASI) located in LaFourche Parish, Louisiana, adjacent to the Gramercy Customs port of entry, to include two new sites located in Terrebonne and Lafourche Parishes. The application was submitted pursuant to the provisions of the Foreign-Trade Zones Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), and the regulations of the Board (15 CFR Part 400). It was formally filed on May 19, 1998.

Subzone 124B was approved on October 29, 1991 (Board Order 539, 56 F.R. 56627, 11/6/91). The subzone currently consists of one site (14 acres) located at 800 Industrial Park Road and Highway 308, Lafourche Parish, one mile north of Larose, Louisiana.

The applicant is now requesting authority to expand the subzone to include two additional sites: proposed *Site 2* (27 acres)—North American Fabricators, LLC, 208 North American Court, Houma (Terrebonne Parish); and, proposed *Site 3* (26 acres)—C-Port, LLC, 106 9th Street, Port Fourchon (Lafourche Parish).

The NASI facility is used for the construction and repair of commercial, military and research vessels under zone procedures within Subzone 124B.