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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.

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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).