

Management Plan to use prescribed fire within the BWCAW. U.S.D.A. Forest Service, Eastern Region, may request the project be considered an emergency under CFR 215.10(d)(1) in order to allow for implementation during the appeal period. The use of motorized and mechanized tools were not allowed by the general public and flights below 4,000 feet above sea level on National Forest System lands within the BWCAW would also require approval.

Lead and Cooperating Agencies

The Superior National Forest manages approximately 800,000 acres within the boundaries of the BWCAW. It is the lead agency for preparation of this document. The State of Minnesota manages approximately 279,000 acres within the boundaries of the BWCAW. In order to achieve the best arrangement of prescribed burn treatment units to minimize the risk of an escaped wildfire it may be necessary to treat State lands. The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is a cooperating agency on this project. They will provide direction and approval regarding fuels treatment on State lands.

Responsible Official

James W. Sanders, Forest Supervisor, Superior National Forest, is the responsible official. In making the decision, the responsible official will consider the comments; responses; disclosure of environmental consequences; and applicable laws, regulations, and policies. The responsible official will state the rationale for the chosen alternative in the Record of Decision.

Dated: March 20, 2000.

James W. Sanders,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Notice of Proposed Changes to Section IV of the Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG) of the Natural Resources Conservation Service in North Dakota

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability of proposed changes in Section IV of the FOTG of the NRCS in North Dakota for review and comment.

SUMMARY: It is the intention of the NRCS in North Dakota to issue a revised

conservation practice standard, Wetland Restoration (Code 657), in Section IV of the FOTG. This practice may be used in conservation systems that treat wetlands.

DATES: Comments will be received on or before April 26, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Address all requests and comments to Myron P. Senechal, State Resource Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, P.O. Box 1458 Bismarck, ND 58502-1458. Copies of this standard will be made available upon written request. You may submit electronic requests and comments to Myron.Senechal@nd.usda.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Myron P. Senechal, (701) 530-2085.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 343 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 states that revisions made after enactment of the law to NRCS state technical guides used to carry out highly erodible land and wetland provisions of the law, shall be made available for public review and comment. For the next 30 days, the NRCS in North Dakota will receive comments relative to the proposed changes. Following that period, a determination will be made by the NRCS in North Dakota regarding disposition of those comments and a final determination of changes will be made.

Dated: March 16, 2000.

Thomas E. Coleman

Assistant State Conservationist (Operations, Bismarck, North Dakota.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of the Census

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RIN Number 0607-XX55

Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories and Orders (M3) Supplement: Unfilled Orders Benchmark Survey

AGENCY: Bureau of the Census, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of determination.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Bureau of the Census (Census Bureau) will conduct a survey, the Unfilled Orders Benchmark survey, to supplement the monthly Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories, and Orders survey for 1999. The Census Bureau has

determined that it needs to collect data covering unfilled orders in manufacturing. The data received from this supplement will provide the information necessary to benchmark the monthly estimates of unfilled orders in manufacturing.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lee Wentela, Chief, Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories, and Orders Branch, Manufacturing and Construction Division, on (301) 457-4832.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Census Bureau is authorized to conduct surveys necessary to furnish current data on subjects covered by the major censuses authorized by Title 13, United States Code, Sections 182, 224, and 225. The Unfilled Orders Benchmark survey will provide continuing and timely national statistical data for the period between the economic censuses. The next economic census will occur in 2002. Data collected in this survey will be within the general scope, type, and character of those inquiries covered in the economic census.

This survey is a supplement to the Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories, and Orders survey and will request end-of-year unfilled orders and annual sales data for 1999. The unfilled orders series is an important indicator of economic activity and has significant application to the needs of the public and industry. These data are not available from nongovernmental or other governmental sources.

The survey will require a selected sample of manufacturing companies, classified in industries for which unfilled orders are normally maintained longer than one month, to report in the 1999 Unfilled Orders Benchmark survey. We will furnish report forms and instruction manuals to the firms covered by this survey and will require their submissions within 45 days after receipt. The resulting unfilled orders estimates will be used to revise the levels currently being published for the monthly survey and will improve the accuracy of the data. The current estimates are based on a small sample and are subject to error. The survey is especially critical because of the conversion to the new North American Industry Classification System.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall a person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) unless that collection of information displays a current valid Office of Management and

Budget (OMB) control number. In accordance with the PRA, 44 United States Code, Chapter 35, the OMB approved the 1999 Unfiled Orders Benchmark survey under OMB Control Number 0607-0868. We will furnish report forms to companies included in the survey, and additional copies are available on written request to the Director, U.S. Census Bureau, Washington, DC 20233-0101.

Based on the foregoing, I have directed that a survey be conducted for the purpose of collecting these data.

Dated: March 21, 2000.

Kenneth Prewitt,

Director, Bureau of the Census.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection Comment Request

TITLE: Internet Export Finance Matchmaker.

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 26, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms, Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3272, Email Lengelme@doc.gov, Department of Commerce, Room 5027, 14th & Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Request for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to: John Shuman, Office of Finance, Room 1800. The U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th & Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20230; Phone number: (202) 482-3277.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Office of Finance assists U.S. firms in identifying trade finance

opportunities and promotes the competitiveness of U.S. financial services in international trade. The Office of Finance interacts with private financial institutions in insurance, banking, leasing, factoring, barter, and counter trade; U.S. financing agencies, such as the Export-Import Bank and the Overseas Private Investment Corporation; and multilateral development banks, such as the World Bank, Asian Development Bank, and others. To facilitate contact between exporters and financial institutions, the Office of Finance is developing an interactive INTERNET trade finance match-making program to link exporters seeking trade finance with banks and other financial institutions. The information collected from financial institutions regarding the trade finance products and services they offer will be compiled into a database. An exporter will be able to electronically submit a one page form identifying the potential export transaction and type of financing requested. This information will be electronically matched with the financial institution(s) that meet the requirements of the exporter. After a match has been made, a message will be electronically sent to both the exporter and the financial institution containing information about the match, and contact information for either party to initiate communication. This program is designed to implement the Department of Commerce's goal of improving access to trade financing for small business exporters.

II. Method of Collection

Electronic submission to the International Trade Administration, Office of Finance.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0625-0232.

Form Number: N/A.

Type of Review: Regular Submission.

Affected Public: Business or other for profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2,000.

Estimated Time Per Response:
Exporters: 10 minutes, Financial Institution: 30 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 350 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Costs:
\$21,000 (Government \$8,750, Respondents \$12,250).

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have

practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and costs) of the proposed collection of information; (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 through the use of automated collection techniques or forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: March 21, 2000.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Extension of Time Limit for Preliminary Results of Full Five-Year Reviews

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of extension of time limit for preliminary results of full five-year ("sunset") reviews.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce is extending the time limit for the preliminary results of two full sunset reviews initiated on December 1, 1999 (64 FR 67247), covering an antidumping and countervailing duty order. Based on adequate responses from domestic and respondent interested parties, the Department of Commerce is conducting full sunset reviews to determine whether revocation of the antidumping duty order on aramid fiber formed of poly para-phenylene terephthalamide from the Netherlands and the countervailing duty order on grain-oriented electrical steel from Italy would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping and countervailable subsidy, respectively. As a result of these extensions, the Department of Commerce intends to issue its preliminary results not later than June 19, 2000.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 27, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Martha V. Douthit or Melissa G. Skinner, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW,