

techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments should be sent to the address stated in the preamble.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Done at Washington, DC, this 20th day of April, 2000.

Charles W. Laughlin,

Administrator, Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Intergovernmental Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Meeting.

SUMMARY: The Intergovernmental Advisory Committee will meet on May 4, 2000, at the Embassy Suites Portland Downtown, 319 SW Pine Street, Portland, Oregon 97204-2726. The purpose of the meeting is to continue discussions on the implementation of the Northwest Forest Plan. The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. and continue until 3:30 p.m. Agenda items to be discussed include, but are not limited to: briefings and discussion on Monitoring efforts, the President's Roadless Area initiative, continued discussion on integrating the forest plan into the management landscape, the Survey and Manage Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement, and progress reports on ongoing implementation issues. The IAC meeting will be open to the public and is fully accessible for people with disabilities. Interpreters are available upon request in advance. Written comments may be submitted for the record at the meeting. Time will also be scheduled for oral public comments. Interested persons are encouraged to attend.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions regarding this meeting may be directed to Curt Loop, Acting Executive Director, Regional Ecosystem Office, 333 SW 1st Avenue, P.O. Box 3623, Portland, OR 97208 (Phone: 503-808-2180).

Dated: April 21, 2000.

Curtis A. Loop,

Acting Designated Federal Official.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Olympic Provincial Interagency Executive Committee (PIEC) Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Meeting.

SUMMARY: The Olympic PIEC Advisory Committee will meet on May 19, 2000. The meeting will be held at the Olympic Natural Resource Center's conference room in Forks, Washington. The meeting will begin at 9:00 AM and end at approximately 3:30 PM. Agenda topics are: (1) Survey and Manage Forest Management Strategy; (2) Intergovernmental Advisory Committee Update; (3) Regional Ecosystems Office Update; (4) Olympic Discovery Trail Proposal; (5) Open forum; and (6) Public comments.

All Olympic Province Advisory Committee Meetings are open to the public. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Direct questions regarding this meeting to Ken Eldredge, Province Liaison, USDA, Olympic National Forest Headquarters, 1835 Black Lake Blvd., Olympia, WA 98512-5623, (360) 956-2323 or Dale Hom, Forest Supervisor, at (360) 956-2301.

Dated: April 17, 2000.

Dale Hom,

Forest Supervisor, Olympic National Forest.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

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Forest Transportation System

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; extension of public comment period.

SUMMARY: On March 3, 2000, in Part III, of the **Federal Register**, the Forest Service published a proposed administrative policy concerning the development, use, maintenance, and management of the national forest transportation system (65 FR 11684). A number of organizations have requested an extension of the public comment period. In considering these requests, the agency has determined that the public initially had difficulty obtaining a copy of the proposed policy and accompanying documents.

Additionally, the agency has concluded that a limited extension will not impede adoption of the final policy. Therefore, the agency is extending the comment period for 15 calendar days. Because the proposed administrative policy was accompanied by a related proposed rule regarding the Forest Transportation System, the agency, by separate notice in today's **Federal Register**, also is extending the comment period on the proposed rule for 15 calendar days.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing by May 17, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to USDA, CAET, Attention: Roads, P.O. Box 221090, Salt Lake City, UT 84122.

Send comments electronically to roads/wocaet_slc@fs.fed.us.

All comments received, including names and addresses when provided, are placed in the record and are available for public inspection and copying at Forest Service, 201 14th Street SW., Washington, D.C. 20250. Persons wishing to inspect the comments are encouraged to call 202-205-1400 to facilitate building entrance.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Heidi Valetkevitch, Office of Communication, 202-205-0914.

Dated: April 24, 2000.

James R. Furnish,

Deputy Chief, National Forest System.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.

ACTION: Proposed collection; Comments requested.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Rural Business-Cooperative Service's (RBS) intention to request an extension for a currently approved information collection in support of the program for the Annual Survey of Farmer Cooperatives, as authorized in the Cooperative Marketing Act of 1926.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by June 27, 2000 to be assured of consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Charles A. Kraenzle, Director, Statistics Staff, RBS, U.S. Department of Agriculture, STOP 3256, 1400

Independence Avenue, SW,
Washington, DC 20250-3256,
Telephone (202) 720-3189 or send an e-mail message to
charles.kraenzle@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Annual Survey of Farmer Cooperatives.

OMB Number: 0570-0007.

Expiration Date of Approval: August 31, 2000.

Type of Request: Intent to extend and revise a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: The primary objective of Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS) is to promote understanding, use and development of the cooperative form of business as a viable option for enhancing the income of agricultural producers and other rural residents. RBS' direct role is providing knowledge to improve the effectiveness and performance of farmer cooperative businesses through technical assistance, research, information, and education. The annual survey of farmer cooperatives collects basic statistics on cooperative business volume, net income, members, financial status, employees, and other selected information to support RBS' objective and role. Cooperative statistics are published in various reports and used by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, cooperative leaders, educators and others in planning and promoting the cooperative form of business.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1 hour per response.

Respondents: Farmer cooperatives.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2,649.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 2,404 Hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Cheryl Thompson, Regulations and Paperwork Management Division, at (202) 692-0043.

Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of RBS, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the RBS' 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 those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical or other technological collection techniques or forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to Cheryl Thompson, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, Support Services Division, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, STOP 0742, Washington, DC 20250-0742. 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.

Dated: April 21, 2000.

Dayton J. Watkins,

Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Southern Intertie Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Extension for the Southern Intertie Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: The Rural Utilities Service (RUS), as lead Federal agency, is preparing an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Southern Intertie Project, a proposal by six electric utilities that are collectively known as the Intertie Participants Group (IPG). The project consists of the construction and operation of a 230 kV transmission line and associated facilities to be located between Anchorage and a location on the Kenai Peninsula in Alaska. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and Army Corps of Engineers-Alaska District (ACE) are both cooperating agencies. A notice of intent to prepare an EIS was announced in the **Federal Register** on Wednesday, October 9, 1996, at 61 FR 52908.

The route proposed by the IPG would cross portions of the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge. On August 5, 1999, the IPG submitted an application for a right-of-way pursuant to Title XI of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act of 1980 (Pub. L. 96-487, U.S.C. 668dd) and its implementing regulations (43 CFR part 36). The application was accepted by the RUS, FWS, and ACE.

Regulations at 43 CFR 36.6(a)(2) require the lead agency to publish notification of an extension with reasons for the extension of a nine-month period to complete the draft EIS. Due to the magnitude and complexity of the proposed project and the number of resources that will potentially be impacted, the evaluation of the data compiled by the applicant's consultants is taking longer than expected. Because of the additional time needed to evaluate the data, RUS is providing notice that an additional four months is required to complete the draft EIS.

DATES: The draft EIS is expected to be available for public review in September of 2000. Public hearings on the draft EIS will be scheduled in Soldotna and Anchorage, Alaska, and Washington, DC in September/October of 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Lawrence R. Wolfe, Senior Environmental Protection Specialist, RUS, Engineering and Environmental Staff, Stop 1571, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20250-1571, telephone (202) 720-5093 or e-mail: lwolfe@rus.usda.gov.

Dated: April 25, 2000.

Mark S. Plank,

Acting Director, Engineering and Environmental Staff.

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List; Addition and Deletions

AGENCY: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

ACTION: Addition to and Deletions from the Procurement List.

SUMMARY: This action adds to the Procurement List a service to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities, and deletes from the Procurement List commodities previously furnished by such agencies.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 30, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Crystal Gateway 3, Suite 310, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202-4302.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Louis R. Bartalot (703) 603-7740.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On March 17, 2000, the Committee for Purchase