

National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan for Threatened, Endangered, and Sensitive Species. This amendment adds required Terms and Conditions from a Biological Opinion issued by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, to minimize impacts to the federally endangered Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*). The amendment also provides new standards to protect the federally threatened small whorled pogonia (*Isotria medeoloides*) and includes new direction on protection of Regional Forester Sensitive Species. This notice is required pursuant to National Forest System Land and Resource Management Planning regulations (36 CFR 219.35(b)).

DATES: On April 21, 2000, the White Mountain National Forest initiated scoping for the proposal to amend the White Mountain National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan). On January 22, 2001, White Mountain National Forest Supervisor Donna L. Hepp (Responsible Official) made available for public notice and comment an Environmental Assessment to amend the White Mountain National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan for Threatened, Endangered, and Sensitive species. The Environmental Assessment was available for public comment beginning January 22, 2001. Comments were accepted through February 21, 2001. A decision is expected in April of 2001.

ADDRESSES: The Forest Supervisor's address is Forest Supervisor, White Mountain National Forest, 719 North Main St., Laconia, NH 03246.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Leighlan Prout, Forest Biologist, at 603-528-8721 or TTY 603-528-8722.

Responsible Official: Donna L. Hepp, Forest Supervisor, 719 North Main Street, Laconia, NH 03246.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: New standards are being proposed for several reasons: (1) To officially adopt Terms and Conditions specified by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to minimize "take" (under the Endangered Species Act) of Indiana bats, as well as propose additional measures to aid in Indiana bat recovery; (2) To incorporate standards for protecting small whorled pogonia, a threatened species discovered after the approval of the original Forest Plan in 1986; and (3) To provide protective standards for Regional Forester Sensitive Species, the list of which was recently evaluated and updated in February 2000. This is a non-significant amendment.

Dated: March 9, 2001.

Donna L. Hepp,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

California Coast Provincial Advisory Committee (PAC)

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The California Coast Provincial Advisory Committee (PAC) will meet on March 28 and 29, 2001, at the US Fish and Wildlife Service Second Floor Conference Room in Arcata, California. The meeting will be held from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. on Wednesday, March 28, and from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday, March 29. The USFWS office is located at 1655 Heindon Road in Arcata. Agenda items to be covered include: (1) Update on the National Fire Plan; (2) discussion on the issue of anadromous fish populations and their habitat on federal lands in the Province; (3) report on watershed planning activities; (4) Regional Ecosystem Office (REO) update; (5) presentations on fire ecology history in the Province and hazardous fuels treatment opportunities; (6) update on legislation concerning federal Payments to Counties; (7) presentations on Mendocino and Six Rivers Forest fire management plans; (8) action plan for the Province comprehensive road work/fisheries and watershed restoration plan; (9) discussion of issue concerning a Provincial integrated fire strategy; (10) Mendocino NF Strategic Agenda; and (11) open public comment. All California Coast Provincial Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Direct questions regarding this meeting to James Fenwood, Forest Supervisor, or Phebe Brown, Province Coordinator, USDA, Mendocino National Forest, 825 N. Humboldt Avenue, Willows, CA 95988, (530) 934-3316.

Dated: March 7, 2001.

James D. Fenwood,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

National Tree-Marking Paint Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The National Tree-Marking Paint Committee will meet in Santa Fe, New Mexico on April 24-26, 2001. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss activities related to the use, improvements, concerns, and handling of tree marking paint within the Forest Service and the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Land Management. While certain segments of this meeting are open to the public, other portions are closed for federal government officials' participation only.

DATES: The meeting will be held April 24-26, 2001, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Courtyard Marriott, 3347 Cerrillos Road, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505.

Send written comments to Bob Monk, National Paint Committee Chair, USDA Forest Service, San Dimas Technology and Development Center, 444 East Bonita Avenue, San Dimas, California 91773.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bob Monk, Project Leader, Forest Service San Dimas Technology and Development Center, (909) 599-1267, extension 267.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Tree-Marking Paint Committee is comprised of representatives from the agency's national headquarters, each of the nine regions, the Forest Products Laboratory, the Forest Service's San Dimas California Technology and Development Center, and the Bureau of Land Management. The General Services Administration and the National Institute of Safety and Health are ad hoc members and may provide technical advice to the committee.

A field trip will be held on April 24 to observe forest management activities on the Santa Fe National Forest. This trip is open to public attendance for those participating in the public meeting on April 25. Transportation for non-government individuals is not provided.

The main session of the meeting, which is open to public participation, will be held on April 25 and, if needed, the public participation session may be extended into the morning of April 26. Persons who wish to bring tree-marking paint proposals to the attention of the committee may file written statements

with the project leader before or after the meeting. Following the open session, the committee will hold two closed sessions.

The first closed session, reserved for individual presentations by paint manufacturers, will provide an opportunity for them to present products and information about tree marking paint for consideration in future testing or for use by the agency. Companies may also provide comments on tree-marking paint specifications or other requirements. This portion of the meeting is open only to the representative(s) of the company, their guests, and government representatives to ensure that trade secrets will not be disclosed to other paint companies or to the public. Companies or corporations wishing to make presentations to the Tree-Marking Paint Committee during the closed session should contact the project leader at the telephone number listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. The second closed session is reserved for federal government employees only and will be held April 26.

Any person with special access needs should contact the project leader to make those accommodations. Space for individuals who are not members of the National Tree-Marking Paint Committee is limited and will be available to the public on a first-come, first-served basis.

Dated: March 14, 2001.

James R. Furnish,

Deputy Chief, National Forest System.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Housing Service

Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Rural Housing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Proposed collection; comments requested.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Rural Housing Service's intention to request an extension for a currently approved information collection in support of the program for Fire and Rescue Loans.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by May 21, 2001 to be assured of consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Andrea Barnett, Loan Specialist, Community Programs Division, RHS, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Stop

0787, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-0787. Telephone (202) 720-0487.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Fire and Rescue Loans.

OMB Number: 0575-0120.

Expiration Date of Approval: July 31, 2001.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: The Fire and Rescue Loan program is authorized by Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1926) to make loans to public entities, nonprofit corporations, and Indian tribes for the development of community facilities for public use in rural areas and is covered by 7 CFR 1942-C. The primary regulation for administering the Community Facilities program is 7 CFR 1942-A (OMB Number 0575-0015) that outlines eligibility, project feasibility, security, and monitoring requirements.

The Community Facilities fire and rescue program has been in existence for many years. This program has financed a wide range of fire and rescue projects varying in size and complexity from construction of a fire station with fire fighting and rescue equipment to financing a 911 emergency system. These facilities are designed to provide fire protection and emergency rescue services to rural communities.

Information will be collected by the field offices from applicants, borrowers, and consultants. This information will be used to determine applicant/borrower eligibility, project feasibility, and to ensure borrowers operate on a sound basis and use funds for authorized purposes. Failure to collect proper information could result in improper determination of eligibility, improper use of funds, and/or unsound loans.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 2.22 hours per response.

Respondents: Not-for-profit institutions, State, local, or tribal governments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,100.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 5.89.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 6,482 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Tracy Gillin, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, (202) 692-0039.

Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information

is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Rural Housing Service (RHS), including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of RHS' 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 other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to Tracy Gillin, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, STOP 0742, 1400 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20250. 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: March 13, 2001.

James C. Alsop,

Acting Administrator, Rural Housing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Coastal Zone Management: Federal Consistency Appeal by John T. Keegan From an Objection by the Puerto Rico Planning Board

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

ACTION: Notice of Appeal and Request for Comments.

By letter dated October 26, 1999, John T. Keegan (Appellant) filed with the Secretary of Commerce a notice of appeal pursuant to section 307(c)(3)(A) of the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA). The appeal is taken from an objection by the Puerto Rico Planning Board (PRPB) to Appellant's consistency certification for a permit to install 50 helix-screw anchor moorings at Guanica Bay, Guanica, Puerto Rico. The purpose of the project, as stated in Appellant's application, is to provide moorings to boat owners for storm protection during hurricane season. The PRPB's concerns, as stated in the Board's objection letter, include the potential for (1) increases in watercraft collisions with endangered manatees; (2) water quality deterioration