

Notices

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AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Notice of Public Information Collection Being Reviewed by the U.S. Agency for International Development; Comments Requested

SUMMARY: U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) is making efforts to reduce the paperwork burden. USAID invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act for 1995. Comments are requested concerning: (a) Whether the proposed or continuing collections of information are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the burden estimates; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Submit comments on or before July 30, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Beverly Johnson, Bureau for Management, Office of Administrative Services, Information and Records Division, U.S. Agency for International Development, Room 2.07-106, RRB, Washington, DC, 20523, (202) 712-1365 or via e-mail bjohnson@usaid.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB No.: OMB 0412-0536.

Form No.: AID 1420-62.

Title: AID Contractor Employee Physical Examination Form

Type of Review: Renewal of Information Collection.

Purpose: When USAID awards contracts that require contractor

employees to be assigned overseas, the contractor employees are required to obtain a physician's certification that they are physically qualified to engage in the type of activity for which they will be employed. Physicians who do not regularly deal with patients going to lesser-developed countries do not appreciate the difficulties of providing even the most basic medical services in many such areas. This form requests the minimum information needed in order to make a determination as to whether or not the individual should travel to the post in question. If problematic medical conditions are identified prior to overseas travel, the number of medical evacuations are reduced. In addition, the information on the form is used by the U.S. Embassy Health Unit to determine if the individual is eligible to receive access to and medical care from the Health Unit, if such access is routinely granted to individuals with the status of USAID contractor employees. The individual therefore receives a valuable benefit in that those posts with this policy typically do not have adequate medical care available in the local economy.

Annual Reporting Burden:

Respondents: 1,280. *Total annual responses:* 1,280. *Total annual hours requested:* 7,680 hours.

Dated: May 22, 2002.

Joanne Paskar,

Chief, Information and Records Division, Office of Administrative Services, Bureau for Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Information Collection; Day Use on the National Forests of Southern California

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Forest Service is seeking comments from all interested individuals and organizations on extending the agency's information collection regarding day use on the national forests of southern California.

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DATES: Comments must be received in writing on or before July 30, 2002. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: Comments concerning this notice should be addressed to Dr. Deborah J. Chavez, Pacific Southwest Research Station, 4955 Canyon Crest Drive, Riverside, CA 92507. Comments also may be submitted via facsimile to (909) 680-1501 or send an e-mail to dchavez@fs.fed.us.

The public may inspect comments received at the Pacific Southwest Research Station's Riverside Fire Lab at 4955 Canyon Crest Drive, Riverside, CA, during normal business hours (8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Pacific Standard Time, Monday through Friday). Visitors are encouraged to call (909) 680-1500 to facilitate entry to the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Deborah J. Chavez, Pacific Southwest Research Station, (909) 680-1558 or dchavez@fs.fed.us. Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Description of Information Collection

Title: Day Use on the National Forests of Southern California.

OMB Number: 0596-0129.

Expiration Date of Approval: 10/31/2002.

Type of Request: Extension.

Abstract: Users of national forests near urban areas in southern California come from a variety of ethnic/racial, income, age, educational, and other socio-demographic backgrounds. These socio-demographic differences affect the activities people pursue on national forest lands, the sources of information about national forests people utilize, and the site attributes people prefer. Past studies completed through the previously approved collection of information have provided baseline information from which managers have made decisions, revised forest plans, and renovated/redesigned recreation sites. Additional information is needed for the managers of national forests in southern California to validate previous results and to address the continuously changing profile of the visitor population recreating on the national

forests of southern California. In the absence of the information potentially gained from the proposed information collection, the Forest Service will be ill-equipped to implement management changes required to respond to the needs and preferences of day-use visitors.

Data will be collected from visitors at outdoor recreation day-use sites (these include developed picnic areas, general forest day-use sites, off-road staging areas, trails, etc.) on national forests in southern California. Sites, dates of data collection, and individuals participating in the study will be randomly selected for inclusion in the study. Survey instruments will be available in English and Spanish and bilingual research teams will collect the data. Participation in this study is voluntary. The amount of time for completion of a survey is estimated at approximately 15 minutes or less. Participants will answer questions on the following topics: socio-demographic profile, national forest visitation history and patterns, activity patterns, information and communication, site amenities/characteristics, knowledge of place, sense of place/perceptions of place, and general comments. In addition to adjusting management of forests in southern California, results have been presented at local, national, and international meetings. If the Forest Service continues to gather this information, it will be utilized in a similar manner as in previous studies. In addition, the information collected will provide opportunities for comparisons of visitor profiles and use over time. Data will be evaluated and analyzed at the Pacific Southwest Research Station. The consequences of not collecting this data would be: (1) Decreased service delivery due to decreased quality and breadth of information provided to resource managers on the socio-demographic profile of visitors, visitation history and patterns, information and communication, site amenities/characteristics, knowledge of place, and sense of place/perceptions of place; (2) decreased ability of the research unit to continue and expand approved and assigned study topics such as understanding visitor profiles; (3) an increase in the amount of time the research unit needs to answer inquiries from managers and university contacts; (4) increased dependency on cooperators availability to carry out the research unit mission; and (5) loss of information represented in follow-up longitudinal studies.

Estimate of Annual Burden: 15 minutes per respondent.

Type of Respondents: Recreation visitors to national forests near urban areas in southern California.

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 600 per year.

Estimated Annual Number of Responses per Respondent: 1 per year.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 150 hours.

Comment Is Invited

Comment is invited on: (1) Whether this collection of information is necessary for the stated purposes and the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical or scientific utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) 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.

All comments received in response to this notice, including names and addresses when provided, will be a matter of public record. Comments will be summarized and included in the Department's submission to the Office of Management and Budget for approval.

Dated: May 24, 2002.

Robert Lewis, Jr.,

Deputy Chief, Research & Development.

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rehabilitation at this time. The USDA Forest Service will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) to disclose the potential environmental effects of implementing vegetative restoration activities within the project area.

DATES: Written comments and suggestions should be received no later than 45 days from the date of publication of this notice.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments and suggestions on the proposal, or requests to be placed on the project mailing list, to the Coeur d'Alene River Ranger District, Attn: Ponderosa Pine Restoration Project, 2502 E. Sherman Avenue, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Sarah Jerome, Project Team Leader, Coeur d'Alene River Ranger District, (208) 664-2318.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose and need for this project is derived from the National Fire Plan, the Upper Columbia River Basin Ecosystem Management Project, and the Coeur d'Alene River Basin Geographic Assessment. Each of these provide documentation of the currently dense, fire-prone state of dry-site ecosystems across the Idaho Panhandle National Forests and in the Coeur d'Alene Basin, and the marked change these ecosystems have undergone over the past century. Site-specific information indicates that these same conditions are occurring on the stand level in the Deerfoot Ridge watershed. Key objectives are to: restore historical conditions in ponderosa pine stands based on the fire ecology of these forest types; trend vegetative species composition toward seral species more resistant to insects and disease; reduce the incidence of noxious weeds; reduce the risk of wildlife in the urban interface; reduce the overall risk of high-intensity, stand-replacing fires; and reduce fragmentation to improve wildlife habitat.

The Forest Service will consider a range of alternatives. One of these will be the "no action" alternative, under which there would be no change from current management of the area. Additional alternatives will represent a range of strategies to manage natural resources in the area. The Idaho Panhandle National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan provides guidance for management objectives within the potentially affected area through its goals, objectives, standards and guidelines, and management area direction. Inland Native Fish Strategy guidelines (USDA Forest Service, 1995)

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

P-Pine Project; Coeur d'Alene River Ranger District; Idaho Panhandle National Forests; Kootenai and Shoshone Counties, ID

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: Coeur d'Alene River Ranger District of the Panhandle National Forest is proposing vegetation rehabilitation in the Deerfoot Ridge watershed located east of Hayden Lake, Idaho in Kootenai County (identified as the Ponderosa Pine Restoration Area for the purpose of this assessment). Only dry-site ecosystems within the watershed are proposed for