

South Lobby, Washington, DC 20002–8002, Attention: Public Affairs—Priorities Comment.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Courlander, Public Affairs Officer, Telephone: (202) 502–4590.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The United States Sentencing Commission is an independent agency in the judicial branch of the United States Government. The Commission promulgates sentencing guidelines and policy statements for Federal sentencing courts pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 994(a). The Commission also periodically reviews and revises previously promulgated guidelines pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 994(o) and submits guideline amendments to the Congress not later than the first day of May each year pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 994(p).

For the amendment cycle ending May 1, 2003, and possibly continuing into the amendment cycle ending May 1, 2004, the Commission has identified the following tentative priorities: (1) Continuation of its work on the 15 Year Study, which is composed of a number of projects geared toward analyzing the guidelines in light of the goals of sentencing reform described in the Sentencing Reform Act and the statutory purposes of sentencing set forth in 18 U.S.C. 3553(a)(2); (2) continuation of its policy work and possible guideline amendments relating to the USA PATRIOT ACT, Public Law 107–56, nuclear, biological, and chemical weapons offenses, and other terrorism offenses; (3) continuation of its research, policy work, and possible guideline amendments relating to Chapter Four (Criminal History and Criminal Livelihood), which may include (A) assessment of the calculation of criminal history points for first time offenders and offenders who are in the highest criminal history categories; (B) assessment of the criminal history rules for minor offenses, juvenile offenses, and expunged convictions; (C) assessment of the criminal history rules for related cases; and (D) consideration of other application issues relating to simplifying the operation of Chapter Four; (4) consideration of guideline amendment proposals to implement the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of 2002, Public Law 107–155, which may include addressing a number of application issues related to the public corruption guidelines in Chapter Two, Part C (Offenses Involving Public Officials); (5) implementation of other crime legislation enacted during the second session of the 107th Congress warranting a Commission response; (6) § 3E1.1 (Acceptance of Responsibility),

which may include an assessment of downward adjustments given for timely entry of a guilty plea prior to trial preparation, provision of information regarding the defendant's role in the offense, and the criteria for demonstrating acceptance of responsibility; (7) consideration, through the amendment cycle ending May 1, 2004, of amendment proposals pertaining to compassionate release programs; and (8) other miscellaneous and limited issues pertaining to the operation of the sentencing guidelines, including (A) offenses involving trafficking in oxycontin; (B) offenses involving the unlawful sale or transportation of drug paraphernalia; (C) § 5G1.3 (Imposition of a Sentence on a Defendant Subject to an Undischarged Term of Imprisonment); and (D) policies for voluntary disclosure of offense conduct by defendants (§ 5K2.16 (Voluntary Disclosure of Offense) and related guidelines).

The Commission hereby gives notice that it is seeking comment on these tentative priorities and on any other issues that interested persons believe the Commission should address during the amendment cycle ending May 1, 2003, including short- and long-term research issues. To the extent practicable, comments submitted on such issues should include the following: (1) A statement of the issue, including scope and manner of study, particular problem areas and possible solutions, and any other matters relevant to a proposed priority; (2) citations to applicable sentencing guidelines, statutes, case law, and constitutional provisions; and (3) a direct and concise statement of why the Commission should make the issue a priority.

Authority: 28 U.S.C. § 994(a), (o); USSC Rules of Practice and Procedure 5.2.

Diana E. Murphy,
Chair.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Rim of the World Scenic Trail on the San Bernardino National Forest, San Bernardino County, CA

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) DOT and U.S. Forest Service (USDA).

ACTION: Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: The Federal Highway Administration and the USDA Forest Service (joint lead agencies) will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on a proposal to construct approximately 44 miles of non-motorized, multi-use trails on National Forest land in San Bernardino County.

DATES: Submit comments on or before August 5, 2002. Public meeting/Open House dates are:

1. July 17, 2002, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Lake Arrowhead, CA.
2. July 18, 2002, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Fawnskin, CA.

The Draft EIS is expected to be filed with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and to be available for public review during the spring of 2003. At that time, EPA will publish a Notice of Availability of the Draft EIS in the **Federal Register**. The comment period on the Draft EIS will be 45 days from the date the EPA publishes the Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register**. The Final EIS is scheduled to be completed in the winter of 2003.

ADDRESSES: Address all comments concerning this notice to Gene Zimmerman, Forest Supervisor, San Bernardino National Forest, 1824 S. Commercenter Circle, San Bernardino, CA 92408. E-mail comments may be sent to rimoftheworldcomments@yahoo.com.

Meeting locations are:

1. Lake Arrowhead—Lake Arrowhead Resort, 27984 Highway 189, Lake Arrowhead, CA 92352
2. Fawnskin—Big Bear Discovery Center, 1020 Highway 38, Fawnskin, CA 92333

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tay Dam, Senior Transportation Engineer, Federal Highway Administration, (213) 202–3954 or Mike Florey, San Bernardino National Forest Engineer, (909) 884–6634.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Forest visitors and local residents have identified the need for additional non-motorized, multi-user trails in the Big Bear and Back Country Management Areas (MA's) of the San Bernardino National Forest. In addition, the San Bernardino National Forest Plan (Forest Plan) identified the need to increase the miles of trail in these MA's to offer improved non-motorized recreation opportunities. The purpose of this action is to develop a trail system from Silverwood Lake State Recreation Area to the Big Bear area, providing a primitive, backcountry experience with

moderate to difficult opportunities. The trail access would be located between Silverwood Lake Recreation Area and Big Bear.

The trail would be three to five feet in width and would provide varying degrees of difficulty. In some areas, the trail would utilize short sections of existing roads. Information and interpretive signs would be placed at appropriate locations along the trail corridor and at access points (e.g. road intersections, trailheads, parking lots, etc.). The trail would include construction of up to 12 trailheads, accommodating three to ten vehicles each. This proposal includes the construction of four spur trails that would provide access for the mountain communities and to several points of interest. These spurs would connect the trail to Green Valley Lake, Butler Peak, Tunnel Two ridge, and Valley of Enchantment/Breezy Point. Alternatives have not been identified at this time. The FHWA and the Forest Service invite public comments on potential alternatives for the trail.

Construction would begin in late fall of 2003 or spring of 2004, with completion of the entire system by 2005.

As additional funding becomes available, the Forest would consider enhancing interpretation opportunities on the trail. The actions would be subject to separate environmental review. Construction of facilities along the trail or at access points (e.g. water and toilets) is not planned at this time.

Authorization

National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321–4346), Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR parts 1500–1508); U.S. Department of Agriculture NEPA Policies and Procedures (7 CFR part 1b).

Reviewer's Obligation

The Forest Service believes, at this early stage, it is important to give reviewers notice of several court rulings related to public participation in the environmental review process. First, reviewers of draft environmental impact statements must structure their participation in the environmental review of the proposal so that it is meaningful and alerts the agency to the reviewer's position and contentions. *Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corp. v. NRDC*, 435 U.S. 519, 553 (1978). Also, environmental objections that could be raised at the draft environmental impact stage but that are not raised until after completion of the final environmental impact statement may be waived or dismissed by the courts. *City of Angoon*

v. Hodel, 803 F.2d 1016, 1022 (9th Cir. 1986) and *Wisconsin Heritages, Inc. v. Harris*, 490 F. Supp. 1334, 1338 (E.D. Wisc. 1980). Because of these court rulings, it is very important that those interested in this proposed action participate by the close of the comment period so that substantive comments and objections are made available to the Forest Service at the time when it can meaningfully consider them and respond to them in the final environmental impact statement.

To assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering issues and concerns on the proposed action, comments on the draft environmental impact statement should be as specific as possible. It is also helpful if comments refer to specific pages or chapters of the draft statement. Comments may also address the adequacy of the draft environmental impact statement or the merits of the alternatives formulated and discussed in the statement. Reviewer may wish to refer to the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act at 40 CFR 1503.3 in addressing these points.

[Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Research, Planning, and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this program.]

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD–2002–12529]

Information Collection Available for Public Comments and Recommendations

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Maritime Administration's (MARAD's) intentions to request extension of approval for three years of a currently approved information collection.

DATES: Comments should be submitted on or before August 20, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Copies of this collection can also be obtained from that office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of Collection: Shipbuilding Orderbook and Shipyard Employment.

Type of Request: Extension of currently approved information collection.

OMB Control Number: 2133–0029.

Form Numbers: MA–832.

Expiration Date of Approval: December 31, 2002.

Summary of Collection of Information: In compliance with the Merchant Marine Act of 1936, as amended, MARAD conducts this survey to obtain information from the shipbuilding and ship repair industry to be used primarily to determine if an adequate mobilization base exists for national defense and for use in a national emergency.

Need and Use of the Information: The collection of information is necessary in order for MARAD to perform and carry out its duties required by Sections 210 and 211 of the Merchant Marine Act of 1936.

Description of Respondents: Owners of U.S. shipyards who agree to complete the requested information.

Annual Responses: 800 responses.

Annual Burden: 400 hours.

Comments: Comments should refer to the docket number that appears at the top of this document. Written comments may be submitted to the Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL–401, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590. Comments may also be submitted by electronic means via the Internet at <http://dmses.dot.gov/submit>. Specifically address whether this information collection is necessary for proper performance of the functions of the agency and will have practical utility, accuracy of the burden estimates, ways to minimize this burden, and ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected. All comments received will be available for examination at the above address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. EDT (or EST), Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays. An electronic version of this document is available on the World Wide Web at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

Dated: June 18, 2002.