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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request: FNS Computer System Access Request Form, FNS- 674

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice invites the general public and other public agencies to comment on proposed information collection for granting computer access to State agencies and Trust Territories.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before September 30, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be sent to John Rankin, Deputy Director, Information Technology Division, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the agency, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's 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; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection form and instruction should be directed to John Rankin, (703) 605-4433.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: FNS Computer System Access Request.

OMB Number: Not yet assigned.

Expiration: None.

Type of Request: New information collection.

Abstract: The FNS Computer System Access Request Form, FNS-674, is designed for use in all situations where access to an FNS computer system is required, where current access is required to be modified, or where access is no longer required and must be deleted. Users who access FNS systems are: State agencies, other Federal agencies, and FNS Regional, Field Office, and Compliance Office users.

In State agencies, the State Information Systems Security Officer (SISSO) acts as a liaison between the State agency and the Deputy Regional Information Systems Security Offices (DRISSOs) and the FNS Headquarters Information Systems Security Office. The SISSO is responsible for ensuring State users and entities comply with FNS Information Systems Security Policy and Procedures' Handbook 701 and 702 developed for State systems and that they maintain proper controls over FNS security features used by State clients. The SISSO will oversee completion of the FNS-674 forms and forward completed forms to the DRISSO.

The DRISSOs act on behalf of FNS Headquarters Information Systems Security Office to ensure that Regional, Field Office, and Compliance Office users comply with FNS handbook security policies developed for the regional environment. DRISSOs will forward completed FNS-674 forms to the FNS Headquarters Information Systems Security Office.

The Office of Management and Budget Circular No A-130, Appendix III (A) (3) Revised, dated February 8, 1996, requires that the information be collected.

Respondents: State agencies, other Federal agencies, FNS Regional, Field Office and Compliance Office users, and Trust Territories.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 5,000 (includes the 50 State and Trust Territories).

Estimate of Burden:
Number of responses per respondent: One.

Estimated total annual responses: 5000.

Hours per response: .16666.

Number of record keepers: 5000.

Estimated annual hours per record keeper: .03333.

Total annual record keeping hours: 166.65.

Total annual reporting hours: 833.3.

Total annual reporting and record keeping hours: 999.95.

Dated: May 16, 2002.

Eric M. Bost,

Under Secretary, Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Revision of the Land and Resource Management Plan for the Medicine Bow National Forest, Albany County, Carbon County, Converse County, Natrona County, Platte County, WY

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Revised Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement in conjunction with revision of the Land and Resource Management Plan for the Medicine Bow National Forest.

SUMMARY: The Forest Service will prepare an environmental impact statement in conjunction with the revision of the Land and Resource Management Plan (hereafter referred to as the Forest Plan or Plan) for the Medicine National Forest.

DATES: Comments concerning the issues, concerns and scope of the analysis with regard to the proposed action were requested to be received in writing by November 15, 1999. The Forest Service expects to file a Draft Environmental Impact Statement with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and make it available for public comment in December 2002. The agency expects to file the Final Environmental Impact Statement in December 2003.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to: Mary Peterson, Forest Supervisor, Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests,

2468 Jackson Street, Laramie, Wyoming 82070.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Dave Harris, Planning Team Leader, (307) 745-2403.

RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL: Rick D. Cables, Rocky Mountain Regional Forester at P.O. Box 25127, Lakewood, CO 80225-0127.

COOPERATING AGENCIES: State of Wyoming, through the Office of Federal Land Policy; Bureau of Land Management; and Conservation Districts.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a revised Notice of Intent for the prior notice promulgated in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 64, No. 194, on October 7, 1999 page 54609. The Notice of Intent is being revised for the following reasons:

(1) The draft EIS has been delayed two years. The original expected release date was October 2000; the new expected date is December 2002. The final EIS is expected to be published December 2003.

(2) Two cooperating agencies have been added. The Bureau of Land Management in Wyoming (USDI-BLM) will cooperate on the preparation of the EIS and decisions regarding mineral leasing. Seven Wyoming Conservation Districts (Little Snake River, Saratoga-Encampment-Rawlins, Medicine Bow, Converse County, Laramie County, and Laramie Rivers Conservation Districts and the Platte County Resource District, hereinafter referred to as County Conservation Districts) will cooperate in water quality monitoring, planning for impaired watersheds, socio-economic analysis, and public involvement.

(3) The responsible official has changed. Rick D. Cables is the current Regional Forester for the Rocky Mountain Region and responsible official for the Medicine Bow Forest Plan Revision.

Pursuant to Part 36 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 219.10(g), the Regional Forester for the Rocky Mountain Region gives notice of the agency's intent to prepare an environmental impact statement for the revision effort described above. According to 36 CFR 219.10(g), land and resource management plans are ordinarily revised on a 10- to 15-year cycle. The existing Forest Plan was approved November 20, 1985.

The Forest Service is the lead agency in this revision effort. The State of Wyoming, by and through the Office of Federal Land Policy; USDI-BLM; and County Conservation Districts are cooperating agencies by virtue of special expertise and jurisdiction. The State of

Wyoming was listed as a cooperating agency in the 1999 Notice of Intent.

Forest Plans describe the intended management of National Forests. Agency decisions in the Plan will do the following:

- Establish multiple-use goals and objectives (36 CFR 219.1 1);
- Establish forestwide management requirements (standards and guidelines) to fulfill the requirements of 16 USC 1604 applying to future activities (resource integration requirements, 36 CFR 219.13 to 219.27);
- Establish management areas and management area direction (management area prescriptions) applying to future activities in that management area (resource integration and minimum specific management requirements) 36 CFR 219.11 (c);
- Establish monitoring and evaluation requirements (36 CFR 219.11 (d));
- Determine suitability and potential capability of lands for producing forage for grazing animals and for providing habitat for management indicator species (36 CFR 219.20), designate lands not suited for timber production, and, where applicable, establish allowable timber sale quantity (36 CFR 219.14, 219.15, and 219.21);
- Where applicable to oil and gas resources, determine the planning area leasing decision (lands administratively available for leasing) and the leasing decision for specific lands [36 CFR 228.102(4)(d)&(e)]. Where applicable, BLM will issue a decision document on leasing for federal minerals, both under Forest Service administered surface and under private surface.
- Where applicable, recommend Wild and Scenic River designations, in cooperation with the National Park Service, in accordance with 16 USC 1274; and
- Where applicable, recommend non-Wilderness allocations or Wilderness recommendations for roadless areas (36 CFR 219.17)

The authorization of project level activities within the planning area occurs through project decision-making, the second stage of forest and grassland planning. Project-level decisions must comply with National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) procedures and must include a determination that the project is consistent with the Management Plan, or the Plan must be amended according to the National Forest Management Act (NFMA).

Release and Review of the EIS: The DEIS is expected to be filed with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and to be available for public comment by December 2002. At that time, the EPA will publish a notice of availability

for the DEIS in the Federal Register. The comment period on the DEIS will be 90 days from the date the EPA publishes the notice of availability in the **Federal Register**.

Reviewers of the DEIS must structure their participation in the environmental review of the proposal so that it is meaningful and alerts an agency to the reviewer's position and contentions; *Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Com. v. NRDC*, 435 U.S. 519, 553 (1978). Also, environmental objections that could be raised at the DEIS stage but are not raised until after completion of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) 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. Wis. 1980). Because of these court rulings, it is very important that those interested in this proposed action participate by the close of the three-month comment period so that substantive comments and objections are made available to the Forest Service at a time when it can meaningfully consider them and respond to them in the FEIS.

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

After the comment period ends on the DEIS, comments will be analyzed, considered, and responded to by the Forest Service in preparing the Final EIS. The FEIS is scheduled to be completed in December 2003. The responsible officials will consider the comments, responses, environmental consequences discussed in the FEIS, and applicable laws, regulations, and policies in making decisions regarding these revisions. The responsible official will document his decision and reasons for the decisions in a Record of Decision for the revised Management Plan. The decision will be subject to appeal in accordance with 36 CFR 217.

(Authority: 40 CFR 1501.7 and 1508.22; Forest Service Handbook 1909-15, section 21.2)

Dated: July 26, 2002.

Richard P. Salazar,

Deputy Regional Forester, Rocky Mountain Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Forest Counties Payments Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Forest Counties Payments Committee will meet in Rhinelander, WI, on August 23, 2002. The purpose of the meeting is to receive comments from elected officials and the general public on the recommendations the committee must make to Congress as specified in Section 320 of the Fiscal Year 2001 Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act. The meeting will consist of a public input session from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m.

DATES: The Rhinelander, WI, meeting will be held on August 23, 2002. Persons who are interested in providing comments to the committee have until August 31, 2002, to submit their written comments. Comments received after this date will be considered to the extent possible.

ADDRESSES: The August 23 meeting will be held at the Rhinelander High School Auditorium, 665 Coolidge Avenue, Rhinelander, Wisconsin. Those who cannot be present may submit written responses to the questions listed in **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** in this notice to Randle G. Phillips, Executive Director, Forest Counties Payments Committee, P.O. Box 34718, Washington, DC 20043-4713, or electronically on the committee's website at <http://countypayments.gov/comments.html>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Randle G. Phillips, Executive Director, Forest Counties Payments Committee, (202) 208-6574 or via e-mail at rphillips01@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 320 of the 2001 Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act (Pub. L. 106-291) created the Forest Counties Payments Committee to make recommendations to Congress on a long term solution for making Federal payments to eligible States and counties in which Federal lands are situated. To formulate its recommendations to Congress, the committee will consider the impact on eligible States and

counties of revenues from the historic multiple use of Federal lands; evaluate the economic, environmental, and social benefits which accrue to counties containing Federal lands; evaluate the expenditures by counties on activities occurring on Federal lands which are Federal responsibilities; and monitor payments and implementation of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-393).

Questions for Comment

The Forest Counties Payments Committee asks that elected officials and others who wish to comment, either by mail or in person at the Rhinelander, WI, meeting, provide information in response to the following questions:

1. Do counties receive their fair share of Federal revenue sharing payments made to eligible States?
2. What difficulties exist in complying with and managing all of the Federal revenue sharing payments programs? Are some more difficult than others?
3. What economic, social, and environmental costs do counties incur as a result of the presence of public lands within their boundaries?
4. What economic, social, and environmental benefits do counties realize as a result of public lands within their boundaries?
5. What are the economic and social effects from changes in revenues generated from public lands over the past 15 years as a result of changes in management on public lands in your State or county?
6. What actions has your State or county taken to mitigate any impacts associated with declining economic conditions or revenue sharing payments?
7. What effects, both positive and negative, have taken place with education and highway programs that are attributable to the management of public lands within your State or county?
8. What relationship, if any, should exist between Federal revenue sharing programs, and management activities on public lands?
9. What alternatives exist to provide equitable revenue sharing to States and counties and to promote "sustainable forestry"?
10. What has been your experience regarding implementation of Public Law 106-393, the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act?
11. What changes in law, policies and procedures, and the management of public land have contributed to changes in revenue derived from the multiple use management of these lands?

12. What changes in law, policies and procedures, and the management of public land are needed in order to restore the revenues derived from the multiple use management of these lands?

Dated: July 25, 2002.

Elizabeth Estill,

Deputy Chief, Programs and Legislation.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Title: Alaska License Limitation Program for Groundfish, Crab, and Scallops.

Form Number(s): None.

OMB Approval Number: 0648-0334.

Type of Request: Regular submission.

Burden Hours: 544.

Number of Respondents: 244.

Average Hours Per Response: 1 hour for a transfer application; 4 hours for an appeal.

Needs and Uses: NOAA is seeking renewed Paperwork Reduction Act clearance for requirements currently cleared under OMB Numbers 0648-0420 (scallops) and 0648-0334 (groundfish and crab), but proposes to merge these requirements under the latter number. This collection now supports License Limitation Permit transfer activities for crab, scallops, and groundfish, and any appeals resulting from denied actions. The information is submitted to respond to requirements set forth in regulations at 50 CFR part 679.4. Paper applications are required from participants, and methods of submittal include facsimile transmission or mailing of paper forms.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations, individuals or households.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Madeleine Clayton, Departmental Paperwork