

Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping; Reporting: Quarterly.
Total Burden Hours: 42.

Forest Service

Title: Special Use Administration.
OMB Control Number: 0596-0082.
Summary of Collection: Title 5 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA, P.L. 94-579), the Organic Administration Act of 1897, (30 Stat. 34) and the Secretary's Regulations at Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 251, Subpart B (36 CFR 251, Subpart B), provides for authorities and requirements for the application, issuance, and administration of special uses on National Forest System Lands. There is a basic obligation of the agency to ensure that the use of Federal lands is in the public interest; is compatible with the mission of the Forest Service (FS); and that environmental and social impacts are identified and mitigated and that a fee based on fair market value is received. The evaluation can only be accomplished with the cooperation and information furnished by the applicant or permit holder. The information is needed from those parties who seek special-use authorizations to conduct private or commercial operations or National Forest System land, or from those who are currently utilizing National Forest System lands for private or public use. FS will collect information using several forms.

Need and Use of the Information: FS will collect information on: (1) the identity of the applicant; (2) the nature of the request and project description; (3) location of National Forest System lands requested for use; (4) technical and financial capability of the requester; (5) alternatives considered, including use of nonfederal lands and; (6) anticipated environmental impacts and proposed mitigation of those impacts. The authorized forest officer evaluates this information and makes a decision to approve or disapprove the requested use. The information required to evaluate the merits of the applicant's request to use National Forest System lands that is not available elsewhere. The use of the forms helps reduce the burden on the applicant by providing a listing of the information that is required by law and tailored to the intended use proposed by the respondent. Use of the forms is of extreme benefit to applicants in that they do not have to refer to the regulations or policy manuals to determine what information is needed by the agency. Without the forms, the cost to the applicant would be increased.

Description of Respondents: Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; Farms; Federal Government; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 60,750.
Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion; Quarterly; Annually.
Total Burden Hours: 82,775.

Forest Service

Title: National Visitor Use Monitoring, and Customer and Use Survey Techniques for Operations, Management, Evaluation, and Research.

OMB Control Numbers: 0596-0110.
Summary of Collection: The National Forest Management Act (NFMA) of 1976 and the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Act (RPA) of 1974 require a comprehensive assessment of present and anticipated uses, demand for and supply of renewable resources from the nation's public and private forests and rangelands. The Forest Service (FS) is required to report to Congress and others in conjunction with these legislated requirements as well as the use of appropriated funds. An important element in the reporting is the number of visits to National Forests and Grasslands, as well as to Wilderness Areas that the agency manages. The Customer and Use Survey Techniques for Operations, Management, Evaluation and Research (CUSTOMER) study combines several different survey approaches to gather data describing visitors to and users of public recreation lands, including their trip activities, satisfaction levels, evaluations, demographic profiles, trip characteristics, spending, and annual visitation patterns. FS will use face-to-face interviewing for collecting information on-site as well as written survey instruments to be mailed back by respondents.

Need and Use of the Information: FS plans to collect information from a variety of National Forests and other recreation areas. Information gathered through the various Customer modules has been and will continue to be used by planners, researchers, managers, policy analysts, and legislators in resource management areas, regional offices, regional research stations, agency headquarters, and legislative offices.

Description of Respondents: Individuals or households.
Number of Respondents: 66,000.
Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Quarterly; Annually.
Total Burden Hours: 9,000.

Food and Nutrition Service

Title: Child Nutrition Labeling Program.

OMB Control Number: 0584-0320.
Summary of Collection: The Child Nutrition Labeling Program is a voluntary technical assistance program administered by the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS). The program is designed to aid schools and institutions participating in the National School Lunch Program, the School Breakfast Program, the Child and Adult Care Food Program, and the Summer Food Service Program in determining the contribution a commercial product makes towards the meal pattern requirements. By requiring that companies that sell food to the government for use in nutrition program to identify the contribution of a product to the established meal pattern requirements. The Child Nutrition Labeling Program is implemented in conjunction with existing label approval programs administered by the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), and the U.S. Department of Commerce. In addition to an application for approval of a Child Nutrition label, companies must include a separate statement on how the product satisfies meal pattern requirements. All information is submitted to FSIS on form FSIS 7234-1, Application for Approval of Labels, Marking or Device.

Need and Use of the Information: FNS uses the information collected by FSIS to aid school food authorities and other institutions participating in child nutrition programs in determining the contribution a commercial product makes towards the established meal pattern requirements.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 946.
Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Other (as needed).
Total Burden Hours: 1,938.

Sondra Blakey,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Elk and Forest Counties, PA; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

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

SUMMARY: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, notice is hereby given that the Forest Service, Allegheny National Forest (ANF), Marienville Ranger District will prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement to disclose the environmental consequences of the proposed Brush Creek Project. The purpose of this project is to move the ANF from the existing condition towards the desired condition, as detailed in the Allegheny National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan).

The Forest Plan provides for management of forest resources. Management objectives include producing a sustainable supply of high-quality saw timber and wood products, developing and maintaining a wide array of wildlife habitats, and providing a range of recreation settings and experiences. The Allegheny National Forest is divided into specific zones or Management Areas. Specific objectives are defined for each Management Area, and the Brush Creek Project Area contains Management Areas 1.0, 3.0, 6.1, and 6.3. MA 3.0 emphasizes timber harvest as a means for making desired changes to forest vegetation and satisfying the public demand for timber products. Management Area 1.0 emphasizes habitat conditions in early successional forest stages and those wildlife species dependent on such habitat. Management Area 6.1 emphasizes management of forest vegetation as mature or over mature forest. Management Area 6.3 is a special management area designated for waterfowl and associated riparian habitat management.

In order to move toward the Desired Condition proposed activities include: (1) Regeneration harvests consisting of shelterwood seed/removal cuts, overstory removal cuts, clearcuts, and two-age harvests; (2) Intermediate harvest consisting of thinning/improvement cuts, single tree and group selection, salvage harvests, and release cuts (pre-commercial timber stand improvement); (3) Reforestation treatment consisting of herbicide application, site preparation, fertilization, fencing, release, and, planting; (4) Wildlife habitat improvement consisting of (a) restoring/improving aquatic habitat through planting and controlling aquatic, shrub, and conifer and streamside vegetation species and rehabilitating erosion prone areas and placing aquatic structures and coarse woody debris, (b) restoring/reestablishing/improving terrestrial habitat vegetation through planting and releasing native trees and shrubs, prescribed burning, and opening

management through planting and seeding of native herbaceous vegetation, (c) restoring/improving terrestrial habitat structure through aspen management, creating snag and providing coarse woody debris, and placing nest structures; (5) Transportation activities consisting of road construction, reconstruction, eliminating unnecessary roads, limestone surfacing, maintaining roads to high standards, and pit expansion/construction; (6) Recreation activities including trail realignment, construction of parking areas, and efforts to curb illegal Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) use.

During project analysis issues will be identified that focus on the management of the area. Alternatives will be developed to show various ways to address the issues. This process is driven by comments received from the public, other agencies, and internal Forest Service concerns. To assist in commenting, a scoping letter providing more detailed information on the project proposal has been prepared and is available to interested parties.

DATES: The public comment period will be for 30 days from the date this notice is published in the **Federal Register**. Comments and suggestions concerning the scope of the analysis should be submitted within this timeframe to ensure consideration.

ADDRESSES: Submit written, oral, or e-mail comments by:

- (1) Mail—Brush Creek Project, ID Team Leader, Marienville Ranger District, Ridgway Office, 1537 Montmorenci Road, Ridgway, PA 15953;
- (2) Phone—814-776-6172;
- (3) E-mail—r9_allegheny_nf@fs.fed.us (please note: when commenting by e-mail be sure to list *Brush Creek EIS* in the subject line and include a U.S. Postal Service address so we may add you to our mailing list).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kevin Treese or Chris Thornton, Marienville Ranger District, at 814-776-6172.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Preliminary Issues were developed based on past projects in the area (environmental analysis), issues developed for similar projects, and Forest Service concerns and opportunities identified in the Project Area. These issues are listed below:

1. *Road Management*—The Forest Service will complete a Roads Analysis, which includes evaluating all roads in the Roads Analysis Area for effects to the ecosystem. This effort is being undertaken within the Brush Creek project area. The proposed action

requires examining the road system to determine if the existing road system is adequate (or if improvements are needed), and if any roads need to be closed for resource protection or other reasons (e.g., water quality, wildlife, or recreation opportunities).

2. *Even-Aged/Uneven-Aged Management*—The Forest Plan provides direction regarding the primary silvicultural system to be used in each management area; for Management Area 3.0 it is even-aged management. However, uneven-aged management is an option considered for inclusions such as riparian areas, wet soils, or visually sensitive areas.

These issues may be modified as additional issues are identified during scoping. A range of alternatives will be considered after public comments are received and analyzed. One of these will consider No Action for the Project Area. Another alternative will be the proposed action. Management actions within the alternatives will respond to the issues in different ways by varying the size and intensity of the treatments and projects proposed. The amount of even and uneven-aged management, wildlife, recreation development, road management, watershed rehabilitation and other activities may differ within the alternatives. The combinations of proposed activities are likely to be adjusted after all comments are reviewed.

Comments that are site-specific in nature are most helpful to resource professionals when trying to narrow and address the public's issues and concerns.

Commenting: Comments received, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record and may be subject to public disclosure. Any person may request the Agency to withhold a submission from the public record by showing how the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) permits such confidentiality.

The Draft EIS is expected to be filed with the Environmental Protection Agency and available for public review by October 2003. At that time the Environmental Protection Agency will publish a Notice of Availability of the document in the **Federal Register** (this will begin the 45-day comment period on the Draft EIS). After the comment period ends on the Draft EIS, the comments will be analyzed and considered by the Forest Service in preparing the final environmental impact statement. The Final EIS is scheduled for release in April 2004.

The Forest Service believes it is important to give reviewers notice at

this early stage 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 an agency to the reviewer's position and contentions (*Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corp. v. NRDC*, 435 U.S. 519 553 [1978]). Also, environmental objection that could be raised at the draft environmental impact statement stage but that are not raised until after completion of the final environmental impact statement stage 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 the court rulings, it is very important that those interested in this proposed action participate by the close of the 45-day comment period so that substantive comments are made available to the Forest Service at a time when they can be meaningfully considered and responded to in the final environmental impact statement. To assist the Forest Service in identifying and consider 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, sections, 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. Reviewers may wish to refer to Council on Environmental Quality *Regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act* at CFR 1503.3 in addressing these points.

This decision will be subject to appeal under 36 CFR 215. The responsible official is Leon F. Blashock, Marienville Ranger District, Ridgway Office, 1537 Montmorenci Road, Ridgway, PA 15853 at (814) 776-6172.

Dated: February 28, 2003.

Kevin B. Elliott,
Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Yakutat Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Yakutat Resource Advisory Committee will meet in Yakutat, Alaska. The purpose of the meeting is continue business of the Yakutat Resource Advisory Committee. The committee was formed to carry out the requirements of the Secure Rural Schools and Self-Determination Act of 2000. The agenda for this meeting is to review submitted project proposals and consider recommending projects for funding. Project proposals are due by March 17, 2003 to be considered at this meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held April 4, 2003 from 6-9 p.m. and will continue on April 5, 2003 from 9-12 a.m., if necessary.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Kwaan Conference Room, 712 Ocean Cape Drive, Yakutat, Alaska. Send written comments to Tricia O'Connor, c/o Forest Service, USDA, PO Box 327, Yakutat, AK 99689, (907) 784-3359 or electronically to poconnor@fs.fed.us.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tricia O'Connor, District Ranger and Designated Federal Official, Yakutat Ranger District, (907) 784-3359.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public. Council discussion is limited to Forest Service staff and Council members. However, persons who wish to bring resource projects or other Resource Advisory Committee matters to the attention of the Council may file written statements with the Council staff before or after the meeting. Public input sessions will be provided and individuals who made written requests by March 28, 2003 will have the opportunity to address the Council at those sessions.

Dated: February 28, 2003.

Patricia M. O'Connor,
District Ranger, Yakutat Ranger District,
Tongass National Forest.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Notice of Proposed Changes to Section IV of the Tennessee Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG)

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability of proposed changes in the Tennessee NRCS Field Office Technical Guide, Section IV, for review and comment.

SUMMARY: It has been determined by the NRCS State Conservationist for Tennessee that changes must be made in the NRCS Field Office Technical Guide, specifically in practice standards Contour Farming (Code 330) and Conservation Crop Rotation (Code 328) to account for improved technology. These practice standards can be used in systems that treat highly erodible cropland.

DATES: Comments will be received for a 30-day period commencing with the date of this publication.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Inquire in writing to James W. Ford, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), 675 U.S. Courthouse, 801 Broadway, Nashville, Tennessee, 37203, telephone number (615) 277-2531. Copies of the practice standards will be made available upon written request.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 343 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 states that revisions made after enactment of the law to NRCS state technical guides used to perform highly erodible land and wetland provisions of the law shall be made available for public review and comment. For the next 30 days, the NRCS in Tennessee will receive comments relative to the proposed changes. Following that period, a determination will be made by the NRCS in Tennessee regarding disposition of those comments and a final determination of change will be made to the subject practice standards.

Dated: February 28, 2003.

James W. Ford,
State Conservationist.

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List; Proposed Additions

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

ACTION: Proposed additions to Procurement List.

SUMMARY: The Committee is proposing to add to the Procurement List services to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

Comments Must Be Received On or Before: April 6, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely