

Programs in the Wildland-Urban Interface.

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Type of request: New.

Abstract: Forest Service and university researchers will contact recipients of a mail-phone-mail questionnaire to solicit information designed to help forest and fire managers understand value trade-offs regarding fire hazard reduction programs in the wildland-urban interface. Through those contacts researchers will evaluate the responses of Florida residents to different scenarios related to fire hazard reduction programs, determine how effective residents think the programs are, and calculate how much residents would be willing to pay to implement the alternatives presented to them. This will help researchers provide better information to natural resource, forest, and fire managers when they are contemplating the kind and type of fire hazard reduction program to implement to achieve forest land management planning objectives.

To gather the information, a stratified random sample of Florida residents will be contacted through a random digit dialing process to seek participation in the research study. Those who agree to participate will then be informed that a questionnaire will be sent to them and asked to provide an address to which to mail the questionnaire; they will be asked to answer a minimal set of questions to determine their pre-existing knowledge of fuels reduction treatments. They will also be asked to agree to a date and time for an in-depth interview related to the questionnaire mailed to them. Once the in-depth interview is completed no further contact will take place with participants.

The information will be collected by a university research survey center and will be analyzed by a Forest Service researcher and a researcher at a cooperating university who are experienced in applied economic nonmarket valuation research and survey research.

At present the Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Indian Affairs, National Park Service, Fish and Wildlife Service, and many State agencies with fire protection responsibilities are planning to embark on an ambitious and costly fuels reduction program for fire risk reduction without a clear understanding of the public's opinion on which treatments are most effective or even desirable. Information collected in this research will help natural resource and fire

managers to better understand the public's opinions on fuels reduction activities.

Estimate of Annual Burden: The average annual burden estimated per respondent is 30 minutes, based on 1000 respondents at 5 minutes for the initial screener interview and 25 minutes of the in-depth interview.

Type of Respondents: Respondents will be a stratified random sample of heads of households.

Estimated Annual Number of Responses per Respondent: Only one response per respondent will be requested.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: The annual burden on respondents that is estimated for this information collection is 30 minutes.

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 function 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 submission request toward Office of Management and Budget approval.

Dated: June 18, 2004.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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Forest Service

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Correction to Notice of a Call for Nominations for the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Advisory Committee

AGENCIES: Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Department of the Interior; Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice of correction; this notice was previously published in the Federal Register: Vol. 69, No. 94, Friday, May 14, 2004.

SUMMARY: The Federal Register Notice incorrectly identified positions open for nomination. The call for nominations for a representative of the Winter Park Authority is withdrawn. The current Winter Park Authority position expires in 2005. This **Federal Register** notice will open the call for nominations for a representative with expertise in the natural science and research selected from a regional college or university, for a 3-year term starting in November 2004 and ending in November 2007.

DATES: Submit nomination packets for the natural science position to the address listed below by August 9, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Request nomination packets and send completed nomination packets to: Advisory Committee Nominations, Ms. Danella George, Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 581260, North Palm Springs, California 92258-1260.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Danella George, Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Manager, (760) 251-4800.

Dated: June 17, 2004.

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Dated: June 16, 2004.

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Rogue/Umpqua Resource Advisory Committee (RAC)

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.