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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 04-061-1]

Notice of Request for Extension of Approval of an Information Collection

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Extension of approval of an information collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's intention to request an extension of approval of an information collection in support of regulations allowing the importation of wheat seed, straw, and other products from the Mexicali Valley of Mexico into the United States.

DATES: We will consider all comments that we receive on or before September 10, 2004.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery:* Please send four copies of your comment (an original and three copies) to Docket No. 04-061-1, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3C71, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238. Please state that your comment refers to Docket No. 04-061-1.

- *E-mail:* Address your comment to regulations@aphis.usda.gov. Your comment must be contained in the body of your message; do not send attached files. Please include your name and address in your message and "Docket No. 04-061-1" on the subject line.

- *Agency Web site:* Go to <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppd/rad/cominst.html> for a form you can use to submit an e-mail comment through the APHIS Web site.

Reading Room. You may read any comments that we receive on this docket in our reading room. The reading room is located in room 1141 of the USDA South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC. Normal reading room hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 690-2817 before coming.

Other Information: You may view APHIS documents published in the **Federal Register** and related information, including the names of groups and individuals who have commented on APHIS dockets, on the Internet at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppd/rad/webrepor.html>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information on the regulations allowing the importation of wheat seed, straw, and other products from the Mexicali Valley of Mexico into the United States, contact Mr. Robert Spaide, Senior Program Advisor, Pest Detection and Management Programs, PPQ, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 134, Riverdale, MD 20737; (301) 734-3769. For copies of more detailed information on the information collection, contact Mrs. Celeste Sickles, APHIS' Information Collection Coordinator, at (301) 734-7477.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Mexicali Valley, Karnal Bunt.
OMB Number: 0579-0132.

Type of Request: Extension of approval of an information collection.

Abstract: The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is responsible for preventing plant pests from entering the United States and controlling and eradicating plant pests in the United States. The Plant Protection Act authorizes the Department to carry out this mission. The Plant Protection and Quarantine (PPQ) program of USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service is responsible for implementing the regulations that carry out the intent of this Act.

To prevent the introduction and spread of various wheat diseases, including Karnal bunt, a fungal disease, the regulations in "Subpart-Wheat Diseases" (7 CFR 319.59 through 319.59-2) prohibit the importation of wheat seed, straw, and other products into the United States from certain parts

of the world. Section 319.59-2(b)(3) recognizes a wheat-growing area within the Mexicali Valley of Mexico as being free from Karnal bunt and allows wheat seed, straw, and other products from the Mexicali Valley to be imported into the United States under specified conditions.

Because the remainder of Mexico is not designated as free of Karnal bunt, we require that a phytosanitary certificate accompany wheat seed, straw, and other products imported from the Karnal bunt free area of the Mexicali Valley. The certificate is issued by the Mexican national plant protection organization and states that the wheat or wheat-related articles were grown in the designated Karnal bunt free area of the Mexicali Valley and remained in the Mexicali Valley prior to and during their movement to the United States.

We are asking the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve our use of this information collection activity for an additional 3 years.

The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments from the public (as well as affected agencies) concerning our information collection. These comments will help us:

- (1) Evaluate whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- (2) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the information collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- (3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- (4) Minimize the burden of the information collection on those who are to respond, through use, as appropriate, of automated, electronic, mechanical, and other collection technologies, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Estimate of burden: The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1.2 hours per response.

Respondents: Mexican plant health authorities and growers and exporters of wheat products in the Mexicali Valley, Mexico.

Estimated annual number of respondents: 20.

Estimated annual number of responses per respondent: 5.

Estimated annual number of responses: 100.

Estimated total annual burden on respondents: 120 hours. (Due to averaging, the total annual burden hours may not equal the product of the annual number of responses multiplied by the reporting burden per response.)

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.

Done in Washington, DC, this 6th day of July 2004.

Kevin Shea,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Intergovernmental Advisory Committee Meeting, Northwest Forest Plan

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Intergovernmental Advisory Committee (IAC), Northwest Forest Plan (NWFP), will meet on July 21, 2004, in the Florence Events Center located at 715 Quince Street, Florence, Oregon. The meeting will begin at 8 a.m. and adjourn at approximately 12 noon. The purpose of the meeting in general is to continue committee discussions related to NWFP implementation. Meeting agenda items include, but are not limited to the 10-year monitoring report process, Northern Spotted Owl status analysis, stewardship contracting, and several status reports related to ongoing implementation improvement activities. The meeting is open to the public and fully accessible for people with disabilities. A 15-minute time slot is reserved for public comments at 8:15 a.m. Interpreters are available upon request at least 10 days prior to the meeting. Written comments may be submitted for the meeting record. Interested persons are encouraged to attend.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions regarding this meeting may be directed to Kath Collier, Management Analyst, Regional Ecosystem Office, 333 SW., First Avenue, PO Box 3623, Portland, OR 97208 (telephone: 503-808-2165).

Dated: June 24, 2004.

Anne Badgley,

Designated Federal Official.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Southwest Oregon Provincial Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting

Summary: The Siskiyou Resource Advisory Committee will meet on Tuesday, July 27, 2004 for (1) updates from working groups; (2) a report on the May NW Forest Plan Implementation monitoring field review on the Umpqua NF; (3) a presentation from the Oregon Caves National Monument; (4) an overview of the National Fire Plan; and (5) an update on interagency fire management plans. The meeting will be held at the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest's Illinois Valley Ranger District office in Cave Junction. It begins at 9 a.m., ends at 5 p.m. and the open public forum begins at 11:30 a.m. with a 4-minute limitation per individual presentation. Written comments may be submitted prior to the meeting and delivered to Designated Federal Official Scott Conroy at the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest, PO Box 520, Medford, OR 97501.

For Further Information Contact: Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest Public Affairs Officer Mary T. Marrs at (541) 858-2211, email: mmarrs@fs.fed.us, or USDA Forest Service, PO Box 520, 333 West 8th Street, Medford, OR, 97501.

Dated: July 6, 2004.

Virginia Grilley,

Acting Forest Supervisor, Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

South Gifford Pinchot National Forest Resource Advisory Committee Meeting Notice

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The South Gifford Pinchot National Forest Resource Advisory Committee will meet on Wednesday, July 21, 2004 at the Skamania County Public Works Department basement located in the Courthouse Annex, 170 N.W. Vancouver Avenue, Stevenson,

WA 98610. The meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. and continue until 5 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to review proposals for Title II funding of Forest projects under the Secure Rural Schools and County Self-Determination Act of 2000.

All South Gifford Pinchot National Forest Resource Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend. The "open forum" provides opportunity for the public to bring issues, concerns, and discussion topics to the Advisory Committee. The "open forum" is scheduled to occur at 8:45 a.m. Interested speakers will need to register prior to the open forum period. The committee welcomes the public's written comments on committee business at any time.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Direct questions regarding this meeting to Roger Peterson, Public Affairs Specialist, at (360) 891-5007, or write Forest Headquarters Office, Gifford Pinchot National Forest, 10600 NE. 51st Circle, Vancouver, WA 98682.

Dated: July 6, 2004.

Claire Lavendel,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Task Force on Agricultural Air Quality

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Agricultural Air Quality Task Force (AAQTF) will meet to continue discussions on critical air quality issues in relation to agriculture. Special emphasis will be placed on obtaining a greater understanding about the relationship between agricultural production and air quality. The meeting is open to the public and a draft agenda of the meeting is attached.

DATES: The meeting will convene on Wednesday, July 21, 2004, at 8 a.m., and continue until 5 p.m.; resume Thursday, July 22, 2004, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Individuals with written materials, and those who have requests to make oral presentations, should contact the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), at the address below on or before July 12, 2004.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Best Western Coeur d'Alene Inn, 414