

*Description of Respondents:* Business or other for profit; State, local or tribal government.

*Number of Respondents:* 3,058.

*Frequency of Responses:* Recordkeeping; Reporting; On occasion.

*Total Burden Hours:* 4,823.

### Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

*Title:* Collaboration in Animal Health, Food Safety, and Epidemiology (CAHFSE) Swine Study.

*OMB Control Number:* 0579-NEW.

*Summary of Collection:* The Collaboration in Animal and Health and Food Safety Epidemiology (CAHFSE) Swine Study, is a joint effort among three agencies within the Department of Agriculture: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS); the Agricultural Research Service (ARS); and the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS). The mission of this surveillance effort is twofold: to enhance overall understanding of bacteria that pose a food-safety risk by tracking these bacteria on-farm and through the harvesting process, over time; and to provide a means to routinely monitor critical diseases in food-animal production. To accomplish this mission, APHIS collects on-farm samples, FSIS collects slaughter plant data from plant managers, and ARS conducts laboratory examination of the samples collected on-farm or in-plant. 7 U.S.C. 391, the Animal Industry Act of 1884 and 21 U.S.C. 119, mandates collection and dissemination of animal and poultry health data and information.

*Need and Use of the Information:* APHIS will collect information using several forms. The collected information from the study will be disseminated to veterinary consultants/practitioners, industry and producers groups, and academia to monitor antimicrobial resistance and to identify problem areas in health management and feeding practices, which contribute to disease transmission. Without CAHFSE, the U.S.'s ability to detect trends in management, production, and the impact they have on animal health and food safety either directly or indirectly would be reduced or nonexistent.

*Description of Respondents:* Farms; Individuals or households; Federal government.

*Number of Respondents:* 530.

*Frequency of Responses:* Recordkeeping; reporting; on occasion; quarterly; monthly.

*Total Burden Hours:* 1,502.

**Sondra Blakey,**

*Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.*

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### DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

#### Black Hills National Forest Advisory Board

**AGENCY:** USDA Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Region.

**ACTION:** Black Hills National Forest Advisory Board re-charter.

**SUMMARY:** The USDA Forest Service is re-chartering the Black Hills National Forest Advisory Board to obtain advice and recommendations on a broad range of forest issues such as forest plan revisions or amendments, travel management, forest monitoring and evaluation, and site-specific projects having forest-wide implications.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Frances Reynolds, Legislative Affairs, Rocky Mountain Region, Forest Service, (303) 275-5357.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.), notice is hereby given that the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service Black Hills National Forest, is re-chartering the Black Hills National Forest Advisory Board. The Board provides advice and recommendations on a broad range of forest planning issues. The Board membership consists of individuals representing commodity interests, amenity interests, and state and local government.

The Black Hills National Forest Advisory Board has been determined to be in the public interest in connection with the duties and responsibilities of the Black Hills National Forest. National forest management requires improved coordination among the interests and governmental entities responsible for land management decisions and the public that the agency serves. The Board consists of 15 members that represent the following interests (this membership closely follows the membership outlined by the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Act for Resource Advisory Committees (16 U.S.C. 500, *et seq.*):

1. Economic development.
2. Developed outdoor recreation, off-highway vehicle users, or commercial recreation.
3. Energy and mineral development.
4. Commercial timber industry.

5. Permittee (grazing or other land use within the Black Hills area).

6. Nationally recognized environmental organizations.

7. Regionally or locally recognized environmental organizations.

8. Dispersed recreation.

9. Archeology or history.

10. Nationally or regionally recognized sportsmen's groups, such as anglers or hunters.

11. South Dakota elected office.

12. Wyoming elected office.

13. South Dakota or Wyoming county—or local-elected official.

14. Tribal government elected or appointed official.

15. South Dakota or Wyoming state natural resource agency official.

The Board members determine chair responsibility. The Forest Supervisor of the Black Hills National Forest serves as the designated Federal official under sections 10(e) and (f) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.).

The Black Hills National Forest provides notices as needed of additional actions that will be taken to complete the Board's function.

Equal opportunity practices are followed in all appointments to advisory committees. To ensure that the recommendations of the Board have been taken into account the needs of diverse groups the Black Hills National Forest serves, membership will include to the extent practicable individuals with demonstrated ability to represent minorities, women, and persons with disabilities.

Dated: December 13, 2004.

**Brad Exton,**

*Acting Forest Supervisor.*

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### DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

#### Forest Service

#### Sierra National Forest, California, Kings River Project

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Revised notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement. This notice of intent was previously filed on September 22, 2004; pages 56743 & 56744 and is revised to reflect a further defined proposed action.

**SUMMARY:** Forest Service will prepare an environmental impact statements on a proposal to conduct a sustainable forest ecosystem study that examines the response of an array of ecosystem

elements to uneven-aged, small group selection and prescribed fire. The intention is to implement these activities in suitable locations over time and to monitor and perform research studies on the response of physical, chemical, and biological features of the Big Creek and Dinkey Creek watersheds. The study is a collaborative effort between the Sierra National Forest and the Pacific Southwest Research Station.

**DATES:** Comments concerning the scope of the analysis must be received by January 24, 2005. Mail comments to: Ray Porter District Ranger, High Sierra Ranger District, PO Box 559 (29688 Auberry Road), Prather, CA 93651.

The draft environmental impact statement is expected June 2005 and the final environmental impact statement is expected October 2005.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ross Peckinpah, Acting Kings River Project Coordinator, (559) 855-5355 x3350.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Purpose and Need for Action**

The Kings River Project is a key part of the adaptive management program for the Sierra Nevada designed to address questions that relate to the uncertainties associated with management activities and their effects on wildlife habitat, watershed condition and modified wildfire behavior.

**Proposed Action**

The Sierra National Forest proposes to implement the Kings River Project that initially involves analyzing in detail eight management units for treatment between 2006 and 2008. Analysis will include an additional 71 management units for examination based on existing conditions and the potential for cumulative effects (of which 10 are no treatment-controls units and the remaining 61 units for implementation between 2011 and 2033). Thus, the EIS will be programmatic for the entire project with a focused piece for the initial eight management units. The EIS will address the five planned research studies (Kings River experimental watershed, California spotted owl, fisher, air quality, and uneven-aged management) while incorporating the National Fire Plan objectives (April 2000), USDA Forest Service Strategic Plan and the Sierra Nevada Framework for Conservation and Collaboration Record of Decision (January 2001), as amended on January 21, 2004.

**Lead and Cooperating Agencies**

The Kings River Project is a collaborative effort between the Sierra National Forest and the Pacific

Southwest Research Station (PSW). The Sierra National Forest is the lead agency.

**Responsible Official**

Ed Cole, Forest Supervisor, Sierra National Forest, 1600 Tollhouse Ave., Clovis, CA 93612.

**Nature of Decision To Be Made**

The decision to be made is whether to implement the planned treatment and associated studies, an alternative or select no action.

**Scoping Process**

The Sierra National Forest will conduct a public scoping period that coincides with this notice.

**Comment Requested**

This revised notice of intent initiates the scoping process which guides the development of the environmental impact statement. The Sierra National Forest is seeking comments regarding this proposal to identify issues that may be presently unknown to the agency.

*Early Notice of Importance of Public Participation in Subsequent Environmental Review:* A draft environmental impact statement will be prepared for comment. The comment period on the draft environmental impact statement will be 60-days from the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes the notice of availability in the **Federal Register**.

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 an agency to the reviewer's position and contentions. *Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corp. v. MRDC*, 435 U.S. 519, 553 (1978). Also, environmental objections 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 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 60-day 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 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. Reviewers 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.

Comments received, including the names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record on this proposal and will be available for public inspection.

(Authority: 40 CFR 1501.7 and 1508.2; Forest Service Handbook 1909.15, Section 21)

Dated: December 14, 2004.

**Jane Fertig,**

*Acting Forest Supervisor.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

**Forest Service**

**Mendocino Resource Advisory Committee**

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Mendocino County Resource Advisory Committee will meet January 21, 2005, (RAC) in Willits, California. Agenda items to be covered include: (1) Approval of minutes (2) Public Comment, (3) Sub-committees (4) Old Business. (5) Non Attendance/ Informational/action item (6) Discussion/approval of projects, (7) Matters before the group (8) hand outs (9) next agenda items and meeting date.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on January 21, 2005, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Mendocino County Museum, located at 400 E. Commercial St., Willits, California.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Roberta Hurt, Committee Coordinator, USDA, Mendocino National Forest, Covelo Ranger District, 78150 Covelo Road, Covelo CA 95428. (707) 983-8503; e-mail [rhurt@fs.fed.us](mailto:rhurt@fs.fed.us).