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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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Animal Plant and Health Inspection Service

Title: Foreign Animal Disease (Emerging Disease Investigations (FAD/ED) Database).

OMB Control Number: 0579-0071.

Summary of Collection: The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), administers regulations intended to prevent foreign diseases of livestock or poultry from being introduced into the United States, conducts surveillance for the early detection of such foreign animal diseases, and conducts eradication programs if such foreign diseases are detected. Through the Foreign Animal Disease Surveillance Program, APHIS compiles essential epidemiological and diagnostic data that are used to define foreign animal diseases and their risk factors. APHIS' authority to investigate suspected occurrences of foreign animal diseases of livestock or poultry is delineated in Public Law 87-518 and 21 U.S.C. 111, 112, 113, 114, 114a, 120, and 134a. The regulations implementing these laws are found in part 53 of Title 9, Code of Federal Regulations.

Need and Use of the Information: APHIS collects information such as the purpose of the diagnostician's visit to the site, the name and address of the owner/manager, the type of operation being investigated, the number of and type of animals on the premises, the number of sick or dead animals, the results of post mortem examinations, and the name of the suspected disease. This information assists APHIS personnel in detecting and eradicating foreign animal disease incursions. Without the information, APHIS has no way to detect and monitor foreign animal disease outbreaks in the United States.

Description of Respondents: Farm; Business or other for profit.

Number of Respondents: 635.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 2,540.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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Rural Business Service

Title: Annual Survey of Cooperative Involvement in International Markets.

OMB Control Number: 0570-0020.

Summary of Collection: The mission of the Cooperative Services Program of Rural Business-Cooperative Service

(RBS) is to assist farmer-owned cooperatives in improving the economic well being of their farmer-members. To facilitate the program's mission and activities as authorized by the Cooperative Marketing Act of 1926, RBS collects, maintains, and analyzes data pertaining to farmer cooperatives. Information is collected through an annual survey mailed to all cooperatives.

Need and Use of the Information: The information collected by RBS will be used to comply with the agency's mission to acquire and report such information. In addition to monitoring and reporting the progress of cooperatives in global markets, RBS will use the data in economic/market research and will also produce educational materials about cooperatives.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 105.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 105.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Black Hills National Forest; South Dakota and Wyoming; Inyan Kara and Jewel Cave Mineral Withdrawal

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Black Hills National Forest proposes to recommend withdrawal of two areas of National Forest System lands from mineral entry. The proposed action would recommend the withdrawal of these lands from mineral exploration and development under the General Mining Law of 1872, as amended.

DATES: A public meeting will be held to explain the project and take public comment. The meeting will be held at the Black Hills National Forest Supervisor's Office on April 26, 2005, at 7 p.m. m.d.t.

ADDRESSES: The Supervisor's Office is located at 25041 North Highway 16, Custer, South Dakota.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information, mail correspondence to Alice Allen, Project Leader, Black Hills National Forest, 330

Mt. Rushmore Rd., Custer, South Dakota 57730; or, at aaallen@fs.fed.us.

Purpose and Need for Action

This action is needed to protect unique resource values (FSM 2761.03 (1)), *i.e.*, cave resources and prehistoric and historic cultural properties from disturbance and adverse effects associated with mineral extraction. Currently the Forest has no authority to deny mining projects in these areas. This proposal is consistent with direction in the Black Hills National Forest Revised Forest Plan to pursue mineral withdrawals where appropriate (Standard 1509).

Proposed Action

The Black Hills National Forest proposes to recommend withdrawal of two areas of National Forest system lands from mineral entry. The first area contains lands (~4,696 acres) adjacent to Jewel Cave National Monument in South Dakota. The Jewel Cave withdrawal area is located about 10 miles west of Custer, SD on the Hell Canyon Ranger District, Black Hills National Forest, South Dakota. The second area is a disjunct section of NFS lands (~1,278 acres) in the vicinity of Inyan Kara Mountain, Wyoming. The Inyan Kara withdrawal area is located about 12 miles south of Sundance, WY on the Bearlodge Ranger District, Black Hills National Forest, Wyoming.

Possible Alternatives

In addition to the proposed action, the Forest Service also evaluated two alternatives:

No Action Alternative—This alternative is required as a comparison to the action alternatives. Under the No Action alternative, the existing withdrawal at Jewel Cave would remain in effect. No additional area would be withdrawn. No withdrawal would take place at Inyan Kara. Mining activities could occur at either site.

Alternative 3—Under this alternative, only about 1,064 acres would be withdrawn near Jewel Cave. This alternative addresses public concerns that the withdrawal area under the Proposed Action is larger than necessary to protect the cave resources and would adversely affect mining opportunities. Fewer acres would be withdrawn allowing greater potential for mineral development. Under Alternative 3 the Inyan Kara withdrawal area would remain the same as the Proposed Action. All of Inyan Kara is considered sacred by Native Americans. Reducing the acreage of the proposed withdrawal would not meet the purpose of

protecting cultural, historic, and prehistoric resources at the site.

Lead and Cooperating Agencies

The USDA Forest Service is the lead agency for this action. The USDI Bureau of Land Management and USDI National Park Service are cooperating agencies.

Responsible Official

The Forest Service official who will make the recommendation to the BLM on this withdrawal proposal is the Rocky Mountain Regional Forester. The Responsible Officials for any USDI-BLM decision to withdraw lands from mineral entry are as follows. For the Jewel Cave withdrawal, the responsible Official is the Montana State Director, USDI Bureau of Land Management, Billings, MT. For the Inyan Kara withdrawal, the responsible Official is the Wyoming State Director, USDI Bureau of Land Management, Cheyenne, WY.

Nature of Decision To Be Made

The USDI Bureau of Land Management is a cooperating agency and is responsible for the final decision regarding this mineral withdrawal. Mineral withdrawals fall under the administrative responsibilities of the USDI Bureau of Land Management (43 CFR 2310.1). Section 104 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 gives the Secretary of the Interior general authority to make, modify, extend, or revoke most withdrawals on public or reserved Federal lands. The Forest Service must apply to the Secretary of the Interior for withdrawal actions on National Forest System lands (FSM 2761.01). The Forest Service initiates an application with the BLM for a mineral withdrawal. The BLM publishes notice of an application and withdrawal proposal in the **Federal Register**. The Forest Service then completes an environmental assessment (EA) and supporting specialist reports to meet the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (1969).

This EA is not a decision document. Based upon the effects of the alternatives, the Recommending FS official will recommend to the BLM an alternative to limit disturbance to protect the cave and archeological resources and provide supporting rationale. The Director of the BLM makes the final decision on the proposed withdrawal and publishes notice of the decision in the **Federal Register**. Thus, the Forest Service recommendation is not appealable (36 CFR 215.12(h)). The Recommending Forest Service official in this case will