

mitigate effects of these actions and will determine when and how monitoring of effects will take place. In making his decision, the Forest Supervisor will consider how well each alternative meets the purpose and need, the manner in which each alternative responds to key issues raised and public comments received during the analysis, and the impacts of proposed project activities to National Forest System land and resources.

Scoping Process

Public participation will be sought at several points during the analysis, including listing of this project in the Winter 2006 and subsequent issues of the Okanogan and Wenatchee National Forests Schedule of Proposed Action; letters to Indian Tribes, agencies, organizations and individuals who may be interested in or affected by the proposed activities; and a legal notice in *The Wenatchee World* newspaper. A public meeting will be scheduled in January 2007 to describe the proposed action and identify public issues. Other meetings will be scheduled as needed. The scoping process will also include identifying major issues to be analyzed in depth, exploring alternatives to the proposed actions, and identifying potential environmental effects of the proposed action and alternatives (*i.e.*, direct, indirect and cumulative effects).

Preliminary Issues

Preliminary issues identified include the potential effect of the proposed action on soils, water quality and fish habitat, snags and down wood, and threatened, endangered and sensitive terrestrial and plant species; disturbance to cultural resources; potential for noxious weed expansion; potential loss of economic value of trees damaged by the wildfire; and the safety and use of the area by the public.

Comment Opportunity

This notice of intent initiates the scoping process which guides development of the EIS. The Forest Supervisor is seeking public and agency comment on the proposed action to determine if any additional issues arise. Additional issues may lead either to other alternatives, or additional mitigation measures and monitoring requirements. Comments and data may be submitted electronically by sending electronic mail (e-mail) to: comments-pacificnorthwest-okanogan-methowvalley@fs.fed.us. Include the project name in the e-mail subject line and submit comments either as part of the e-mail message or an attachment in one of the following three formats:

Microsoft Word, rich text format (rtf) or Adobe Portable Document Format (pdf).

Early Notice of Importance of Public Participation in Subsequent Environmental Review

A draft EIS will be prepared for comment. The comment period on the draft EIS will be 30 days from the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes the notice of availability in the **Federal Register**. The draft EIS is expected to be filed with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and to be available for public review in March 2007 and the final EIS is expected to be completed by June 2007.

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. NRDC*, 435 U.S. 519, 553 (1978). Also, environmental objections that could be raised at the draft EIS stage but that are not raised until after completion of the final EIS may be waived or dismissed by the courts. *City of Angoon v. Harris*, 490 F. Supp. 1334, 1338 (E.E. Wis. 1980). Because of these 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 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 EIS.

To assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering issues and concerns on the proposed action, comments on the draft EIS 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 EIS 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 in response to this notice, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record on this Proposed Action and will be available for public inspection.

Dated: December 21, 2006.

Anita Spargur,

Human Resources Officer and Acting Forest Supervisor.

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CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Information Collection; Submission for OMB Review, Comment Request

AGENCY: Corporation for National and Community Service.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Corporation for National and Community Service (hereinafter the "Corporation"), has submitted a public information collection request (ICR) entitled the President's Volunteer Service Award (PVSA) application, Parts A, B, C, D, and E to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13, (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). Copies of this ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by calling the Corporation for National and Community Service, Shannon Maynard at 202-606-6713. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TTY-TDD) may call (202) 565-2799 between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. eastern time, Monday through Friday.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted, identified by the title of the information collection activity, to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: Ms. Katherine Astrich, OMB Desk Officer for the Corporation for National and Community Service, by any of the following two methods within 30 days from the date of publication in this **Federal Register**:

- (1) By fax to: (202) 395-6974, Attention: Ms. Katherine Astrich, OMB Desk Officer for the Corporation for National and Community Service; and
- (2) Electronically by e-mail to: Katherine_T._Astrich@omb.eop.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The OMB is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Corporation, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

- Propose ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Propose ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

Comments

A 60-day public comment Notice was published in the **Federal Register** on September 8, 2006. This comment period ended November 20, 2006. No public comments were received from this notice.

Description: Currently, the Corporation is soliciting comments concerning the proposed renewal of its President's Volunteer Service Award (PVSA) application, Parts A, B, C, D, and E. These applications must be completed by any organization that is interested in presenting the President's Volunteer Service Award. The President's Volunteer Service Award was established in 2003 as a recognition program to honor Americans who have answered the President's call to service and have made a sustained commitment to giving back to their communities and country through volunteer service. The President's Volunteer Service Award (PVSA) is one initiative that grew out of the USA Freedom Corps office at the White House, and the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation. In the past three years of the program, more than 500,000 Americans have received this honor. The PVSA application is completed by any organization interested in honoring their volunteers with the President's Volunteer Service Award. The application may be completed electronically using an on-line form at www.presidentialserviceawards.gov or by printing off and submitting the form via mail.

Type of Review: Renewal.

Agency: Corporation for National and Community Service.

Title: President's Volunteer Service Award Applications.

OMB Number: 3045-0086.

Agency Number: None.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit, and private sector organizations.

Total Respondents: 40,000.

Frequency: On occasion.

Average Time Per Response: 15 minutes.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 10,000 hours.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): None.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance): None.

Dated: December 19, 2006.

Nicola Goren,

Chief of Staff, Office of the CEO.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[DoD-2006-OS-0177]

Manual for Courts-Martial; Proposed Amendments

AGENCY: Department of Defense, Joint Service Committee on Military Justice (JSC).

ACTION: Notice of summary of public comment received regarding proposed amendments to the Manual for Courts-Martial, United States (2005 ed.).

SUMMARY: The JSC is forwarding final proposed amendments to the Manual for Courts-Martial, United States (2005 ed.) (MCM) to the Department of Defense. The proposed changes, resulting from the JSC's 2005 and 2006 annual reviews of the MCM, concern the rules of procedure applicable in trials by courts-martial and offenses that may be charged under the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ). The proposed changes have not been coordinated within the Department of Defense under DoD Directive 5500.1, "Preparation and Processing of Legislation, Executive Orders, Proclamations, and Reports and Comments Thereon" May 21, 1964, and do not constitute the official position of the Department of Defense, the Military Departments, or any other government agency.

ADDRESSES: Comments and materials received from the public are available for inspection or copying at the Office of The Judge Advocate General of the Army, Criminal Law Division, 1777 N. Kent Street, 10th Floor, Rosslyn, Virginia 22209-2194 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lieutenant Colonel Pete Yob, Executive Secretary, Joint Service Committee on Military Justice, 1777 N. Kent Street, Rosslyn, Virginia 22209-2194, (703) 588-6744, (703) 588-0144 fax.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On August 10, 2006 (71 FR 45780), the JSC published a notice of Proposed

Amendments to the Manual for Courts-Martial and a Notice of Public Meeting to receive comment on this proposal. The public meeting was held on 18 September 2006. One individual provided oral comment at the public meeting. The JSC received three sets of written comments from one individual, and two documents containing written comments from an organization. One anonymous poster submitted a comment through the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) (DoD-2006-OS-0177).

Purpose

The proposed changes concern the rules of procedure applicable in trials by courts-martial and offenses that can be charged under the UCMJ. More specifically, the proposed changes: Allow a military judge to sua sponte enter a finding of not guilty to an offense at any time prior to authentication of the record of trial, if prior to entering such finding the military judge holds an Article 39(a) session giving the parties an opportunity to be heard on the matter; require any sentence that must be approved by the President of the United States to be forwarded from the Service Secretary concerned through the Secretary of Defense; provide a definition of "clergyman's assistant" as used in the Military Rule of Evidence concerning communications to clergy; provide definitions of the terms "child of either" and "temporary physical custody" as used in the Military Rule of Evidence concerning the husband-wife privilege; amend Article 120 to incorporate some sex offenses currently charged under Article 134 of the UCMJ, change the elements of rape and add other sexual assault offenses, include all sex offenses against children, change the offense of carnal knowledge to aggravated sexual assault of a child, and change all Rules for Courts-Martial and Military Evidence to be consistent with the new Article 120 offense; and adds a new offense of child endangerment under Article 134;

Discussion of Comments and Changes

In response to request for public comment the JSC received oral comments from one individual and written comments from this same individual, one organization, and one anonymous person posting to FDMS. The JSC considered the public comments and is satisfied that the proposed amendments are appropriate to implement without modification. The JSC will forward the public comments and proposed amendments to the Department of Defense.