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- **Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery:** Please send four copies of your comment (an original and three copies) to Docket No. APHIS-2006-0176, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3A-03.8, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238. Please state that your comment refers to Docket No. APHIS-2006-0176.

**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:** Additional information about APHIS and its programs is available on the Internet at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information on an information collection associated with regulations for the importation of artificially dwarfed plants, contact Dr. Arnold Tschanz, Senior Import Specialist, Permits, Registrations, Imports and Manuals, PPQ, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 133, Riverdale, MD 20737; (301) 734-5306. 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:** Importation of Artificially Dwarfed Plants.

**OMB Number:** 0579-0176.

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

**Abstract:** The Plant Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 7701 *et seq.*) authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to prohibit or restrict the importation, entry, or interstate movement of plants, plant products, and other articles to prevent the introduction of plant pests into the United States or their dissemination within the United States. This authority has been delegated to the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

The regulations contained in "Subpart-Nursery Stock, Plants, Roots,

Bulbs, Seeds, and Other Plant Products" (7 CFR 319.37 through 319.37-14) prohibit or restrict the importation of living plants, plant parts, and seeds for propagation.

Among other things, the regulations require artificially dwarfed plants imported into the United States to be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate issued by the government of the country of origin. This certificate must contain declarations that certain conditions were met in the country of origin to protect against the infestation of the plants by longhorned beetles and other plant pests.

We are asking 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 0.2533 hours per response.

**Respondents:** Plant health officials of exporting countries.

**Estimated annual number of respondents:** 30.

**Estimated annual number of responses per respondent:** 5.

**Estimated annual number of responses:** 150.

**Estimated total annual burden on respondents:** 38 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 23rd day of March 2007.

**Kevin Shea,**

*Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Sawtooth National Forest; Supplement to the North Sheep Grazing Allotments Final Environmental Impact Statement

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to supplement an environmental impact statement.

**SUMMARY:** The Forest Service will prepare a supplement (Supplement) to the environmental impact statement (EIS) for the North Sheep Grazing Allotment Final EIS. The Supplement will include additional analyses and new information concerning Management Indicator Species (MIS), capable and suitable grazing lands, and adaptive management strategies.

**DATES:** Comments concerning the scope of the analysis must be received 45 days after publication of the draft Supplement. The draft Supplement is expected at the end of August 2007 and the final Supplement is expected to be available January 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments to Sawtooth National Forest; Attn: North Sheep Allotments Supplement; 5 North Fork Canyon Road, Ketchum, Idaho 83340; or via telephone at (208) 727-5000; or you may hand-deliver your comments to the Sawtooth National Recreation Office, located at 5 North Fork Canyon Road, Ketchum, during normal business hours from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding Federal holidays. Electronic comments must be submitted in a format such as an e-mail message, plain text (.txt), rich text format (.rtf), and Word (.doc) to: [comments-intermtn-sawtooth@fs.fed.us](mailto:comments-intermtn-sawtooth@fs.fed.us).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Carol Brown, Assistant Forest Planner, at the address above.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The original Notice of Intent for the North Sheep EIS was published in the **Federal Register** Vol. 68, No. 87, May 6, 2003. A revised Notice of Intent was published in the **Federal Register** Vol. 68, No. 145, July 9, 2003. On September 30, 2004, two Records of Decision were issued, based on the North Sheep Final EIS. These decisions were appealed in

2004. In 2005, the Appeal Deciding Officer affirmed both decisions.

#### Purpose and Need for Action

The Supplement will not change the purpose and need for the North Sheep Final EIS which was described on page 1–5.

#### Proposed Action

The Supplement will not change the proposed action for the North Sheep Final EIS which was described on pages 1–5 through 1–6.

#### Responsible Official

There are two Responsible Officials involved. For decisions regarding the Baker Creek and North Fork-Boulder allotments, the Responsible Official is the District Ranger, Ketchum Ranger District, P.O. Box 2356 (206 Sun Valley Road), Ketchum, Idaho 83340. For the Smiley Creek and Fisher Creek allotments, the Area Ranger of the SNRA is the Responsible Official—5 North Fork Canyon Road; Ketchum, ID 83340.

#### Nature of Decision To Be Made

Each Responsible Official will review the information on the Supplement and determine if their 2004 Record of Decision based on the North Sheep Final EIS should be modified or if the original decision is to remain in effect and unchanged.

#### Scoping Process

Public scoping for the Supplement will commence with the publication of this Notice of Intent. Public notices will be placed in local newspapers. Press releases will be distributed to the media.

#### Comment Requested

This notice of intent initiates the scoping process which guides the development of the Supplement to the North Sheep EIS. The comment period for scoping is 30 days from the date the EPA publishes this notice of intent in the **Federal Register**. A legal notice will be published in the newspaper of record and a Notice of Availability will be published in the **Federal Register** to inform the public when supplemental information is available for review and comment. The draft Supplement will be distributed to all parties that received the 2004 North Sheep Final EIS and record of decision and to those parties that filed an appeal of the 2004 North Sheep RODs.

#### Early Notice of Importance of Public Participation in Subsequent Environmental Review

A draft Supplement to the EIS will be prepared for comment. The comment

period on the draft Supplement will be 45 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. NRDC*, 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 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 Supplement. To assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering issues and concerns on the proposed action, comments on the draft Supplement should be as specific as possible. It is also helpful if comments refer to specific pages or chapters of the draft Supplement. Comments may also address the adequacy of the draft Supplement 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 1508.22; Forest Service Handbook 1909.15, Section 21)

Dated: March 6, 2007.

Jane Kollmeyer,

Sawtooth Forest Supervisor.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Rural Utilities Service

#### Household Water Well System Grant Program Announcement of Application Deadlines and Funding

**AGENCY:** Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of funding availability and solicitation of applications.

**SUMMARY:** USDA Rural Development administers rural utilities programs through the Rural Utilities Service. USDA Rural Development announces its fiscal year (FY) 2007 funding and application window for the Household Water Well System (HWWS) Grant Program. The HWWS Grant Program is authorized under Section 6012 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (The Act), Public Law 107–171. The Act authorizes USDA Rural Development to make grants to qualified private non-profit organizations to establish lending programs for household water wells. For FY 2007, the HWWS grant funding available is \$990,000. The non-profit organizations will use the grants to make loans to individual homeowners to construct or upgrade a household water well system for an existing home. The organizations must contribute an amount equal to at least 10 percent of the grant request to capitalize the loan fund. Applications may be submitted in paper or electronic format. The HWWS Grant Program regulations are contained in 7 CFR part 1776.

**DATES:** The deadline for completed applications for a HWWS grant is May 31, 2007. Applications in either paper or electronic format must be postmarked or time-stamped electronically on or before the deadline. Late applications will be ineligible for grant consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit electronic grant applications through <http://www.grants.gov> (Grants.gov), following the instructions on that Web site. Submit completed paper applications to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, USDA Rural Development Utilities Programs, Mail Stop #1570, Room 2233–S, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250–1570. Applications should be marked “Attention: Water and Environmental Programs.”

Application guides and materials for the HWWS Grant Program may be obtained electronically through <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/well.htm>. Call (202) 720–9589 to request paper copies of application guides and materials from the Water and Environmental Programs staff.