

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Food and Nutrition Service****Agency Information Collection****Activities: Proposed Collection;****Comment Request: Status of Claims Against Households (Form FNS-209)**

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice invites the general public and other public agencies to comment on proposed information collections. The proposed collection is an extension of a currently approved collection.

The purpose of the Status of Claims Against Households is to provide a standardized format for State agencies submitting reports to the Food and Nutrition Service. Sections 11, 13, and 16 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (the Act) are the basis for the information collected on Form FNS-209, Status of Claims Against Households. Section 11 of the Act requires that State agencies submit reports and other information that are necessary to determine compliance with the Act and its implementing regulations. Section 13 of the Act requires State agencies to establish claims and collect overpayments against households. Section 16 of the Act authorizes State agencies to retain a portion of what is collected. The FNS-209 is used as the mechanism for State agencies to report the claim establishment, collection and retention amounts.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before January 20, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) 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; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) 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.

Comments may be sent to Karen Peko, Assistant to the Director, Program Accountability and Administration

Division, Food and Nutrition Service, USDA, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 818, Alexandria, Virginia 22302.

Comments may also be submitted via fax to the attention of Karen Peko at 703-605-0795. Comments will also be accepted through the Federal eRulemaking Portal. Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and follow the online instructions for submitting comments electronically.

All written comments will be open for public inspection at the office of the Food and Nutrition Service during regular business hours (8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday) at 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 818, Alexandria, Virginia 22302.

All comments to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of this information collection should be directed to Karen Peko at (703) 305-2481.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Status of Claims Against Households.

OMB Number: 0584-0069.

Form Number: FNS-209.

Expiration Date: May 31, 2009.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection with no change in burden hours.

Abstract: The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) regulations at 7 CFR 273.18 require that State agencies establish, collect and efficiently manage SNAP claims. These processes are required by Sections 11, 13 and 16 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, 7 U.S.C. 2020, 2022 and 2025. Regulations at 7 CFR 273.18(m)(5) require State agencies to submit at the end of every quarter the completed Form FNS-209, Status of Claims Against Households. The information required for the FNS-209 report is obtained from a State accounting system responsible for establishing claims, sending demand letters, collecting claims and managing other claim activity. In general, State agencies must report the following information on the FNS-209: the current outstanding aggregate claim balance; claims established; collections; any balance and collection adjustments; and the amount to be retained for collecting non-agency error claims. The burden associated with establishing claims (demand letters) and the Treasury Offset Program, both of which are also used to complete the FNS-209, are already approved under OMB burden numbers

0584-0492 and 0584-0446 respectively. The estimated annual burden is 742 hours. This is the same as the currently approved burden. This estimate includes the time it takes each State agency to accumulate and tabulate the data necessary to complete the report four times per year.

Affected Public: State agencies.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 53.

Number of Responses per

Respondent: 4.

Total Responses: 212.

Estimated Time per Response: 3 hours.

Reporting Burden: 636.

Total Number of Recordkeepers: 53.

Estimated Annual hours per

Recordkeeper: 2.

Recordkeeping Burden: 106.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 742.

Dated: November 12, 2008.

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Acting Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Forest Service****Payette National Forest, Idaho, Golden Hand #1 and #2 Lode Mining Claims Plan of Operations**

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: The USDA Forest Service will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the proposed Plan of Operations (POO) for the Golden Hand #1 and #2 lode mining claims in the Frank Church—River of No Return (FC-RONR) Wilderness on the Krassel Ranger District, Payette National Forest. The purpose of the POO is to allow for collection of subsurface geological information on the claims. The EIS will disclose the environmental effects of the POO submitted by American Independence Mines and Minerals, Inc. The Forest Service now invites comments on the scope of the Analysis and the issues to address.

DATES: Comments concerning the scope of the analysis must be received by the Payette National Forest within 30 days following the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. The Draft EIS (DEIS) for the Golden Hand #1 and #2 Lode Mining Claims Plan of Operations is expected to be available for public review in April, 2009 and the Final EIS (FEIS) and a Record of Decision are expected to be completed in July, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on this notice maybe mailed or hand-delivered to Payette National Forest, Attn: Golden Hand #1 and #2 Lode Mining Claims Plan of Operations, 800 West Lakeside Avenue, McCall, Idaho 83638.

Comments may also be submitted by facsimile to (208) 634-0744 and by electronic mail (e-mail) to *comments-intermtn-payette@fs.fed.us*. E-mail and facsimile comments must include the words "Golden Hand #1 and #2 Lode Mining Claims Plan of Operations."

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jim Egnew, Minerals and Geology Program Manager, in writing at Payette National Forest, 800 West Lakeside Avenue, McCall, Idaho 83638, or by telephone at (208) 634-0700.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose and Need for Action

American Independence Mines and Minerals, Inc. (AIMMCO) has proposed a Plan of Operations (POO) to allow for collection of subsurface geological information on the Golden Hand #1 and #2 mining claims. The mining claims are located in the Frank Church—River of No Return Wilderness (FC-RONRW), approximately 50 miles northeast of McCall, Idaho in section 26, T22N, R9E, Boise Meridian. The claims encompass approximately 20 acres each adjacent to Coin Creek, a tributary of Beaver Creek, which flows into Big Creek, a tributary of the Salmon River.

Proposed Action

The Forest Service proposes to authorize AIMMCO to perform core drilling at up to 13 locations and excavate up to 2500 feet of trenches. This proposed action would not include mining extraction or transporting of minerals for processing. Access to the claims would be on Forest Service (FS) roads to the FC-RONR Wilderness boundary at Pueblo Summit, north of the town of Edwardsburg. Proposed access would then require vehicle passage for approximately 3 miles past the wilderness boundary on FS trail #13. Within the boundary is a roadbed that existed before creation of the wilderness. The roadbed was converted to use as a trail upon establishment of the wilderness. Vehicle access would require clearing slough, downed trees, and other obstacles to maintain a safe width for equipment transport. The proposed operation would require reconstructing approximately 2000 feet of pre-existing roadbed on each claim. These roads would access 13 drill locations from which up to core holes would be drilled. Approximately 2500 feet of trench would be excavated in the

roadbed to allow collection of rock chip samples. The Ella Mine, inaccessible since the 1930s, would be opened and retimbered to allow underground mapping and sampling.

Equipment proposed for use includes 4-wheel drive pickup trucks, a 3 cubic yard tracked or rubber-tired loader, tracked excavator, buggy or track mounted drill rig, D-7-size bulldozer, an air compressor, chainsaws, gasoline-powered generator, jackhammer, and hand tools. Waste rock would be placed on an existing dump at the Ella portal site. Fuel would be transported in sealed containers and stored in a leak-proof containment.

Responsible Official

The responsible official is Suzanne Rainville, Forest Supervisor of the Payette National Forest, 800 West Lakeside Avenue, McCall, Idaho 83638.

Nature of Decision To Be Made

The nature of the Forest Service decision to be made in response to the POO submitted by American Independence Mines and Minerals, Inc. is: (1) Approve the project as proposed, or (2) Notify the operator of changes or additions to the POO necessary to minimize or eliminate adverse environmental impacts from mineral activities on National Forest System (NFS) lands, as required by Forest Service regulations (36 CFR Part 228A). The Payette National Forest Supervisor has determined that preparation of the EIS is required for approval of the POO under Forest Service regulations governing locatable mineral activities on National Forest System Lands (36 CFR part 228A) and CEQ regulations implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (40 CFR parts 1501-1508).

Scoping Process

Public participation will be important at several points during the analysis, particularly during scoping of issues and review of the draft environmental impact statement (DEIS). This notice of intent initiates the scoping process, which guides the development of the EIS. The scoping process will identify potential issues and issues to be analyzed in detail, and will lead to the development of alternatives to the proposal. Comments received in response to this notice, including the names and addresses of those who comment, will be part of the project record and available for public review. The second major opportunity for public input is with the DEIS. The DEIS will analyze a range of alternatives to

the proposed action, including the no-action alternative.

Preliminary Issues

Preliminary issues identified by the Forest Service interdisciplinary team include use of mechanized equipment in wilderness, protection of wilderness character, effects to threatened and endangered species, and effects to aquatic species and water quality.

Comment Requested

This notice of intent initiates the scoping process which guides the development of the environmental impact statement. The Forest Service encourages the public to express issues, concerns, and suggestions they may have about this proposed action.

Comments should be directly related to issues associated with the proposed action, rather than general advocacy of or opposition to the project, to best assist us in the NEPA analysis.

Although comments are welcome at any time during this NEPA analysis, they will be most useful to us if they are received within 30 days following the publication of this notice.

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 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 (RD. 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 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 1508.22; Forest Service Handbook 1909.15, Section 21)

Dated: October 30, 2008.

Suzanne C. Rainville,

Payette National Forest Supervisor.

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List; Additions and Deletions

AGENCY: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

ACTION: Additions to and Deletions from Procurement List.

SUMMARY: This action adds to the Procurement List services to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities, and deletes from the Procurement List products previously furnished by such agencies.

DATES: *Effective Date:* 12/21/2008.

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Jefferson Plaza 2, Suite 10800, 1421 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia, 22202-3259.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION (OR TO SUBMIT COMMENTS) CONTACT: Patricia Briscoe, Telephone: (703) 603-7740, Fax: (703)

603-0655, or e-mail CMTEFedReg@AbilityOne.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Additions

On 9/19/2008 and 10/03/2008, the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notice (73 FR 183, page 54366 and 73 FR 193, page 57590 respectively) of proposed additions to the Procurement List.

After consideration of the material presented to it concerning capability of qualified nonprofit agencies to provide the services and impact of the additions on the current or most recent contractors, the Committee has determined that the services listed below are suitable for procurement by the Federal Government under 41 U.S.C. 46-48c and 41 CFR 51-2.4.

Regulatory Flexibility Act Certification

I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were:

1. The action will not result in any additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities other than the small organizations that will furnish the services to the Government.

2. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the services to the Government.

3. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 46-48c) in connection with the services proposed for addition to the Procurement List.

End of Certification

Accordingly, the following services are added to the Procurement List:

Services

Service Type/Location: Materials Coordinator/Supplies Technician Warehouse located at Federal Highway Administration Bldg., Warehouse, Vancouver, WA.

NPA: Portland Habilitation Center, Inc., Portland, OR.

Contracting Activity: Department of Transportation.

Service Type/Location: IRS Document Destruction, Carmel, INIRS Office, Carmel, IN, 12900 North Meridian, Carmel, IN.

Service Type/Location: IRS Document Destruction, Greenwood, INIRS Office, Greenwood, IN, 1111 South Park Drive, Greenwood, IN.

NPA: Shares Inc., Shelbyville, IN.

Contracting Activity: Internal Revenue Service, Dept of Treasury.

Deletions

On 9/12/2008 and 9/19/2008, the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notice (73 FR 178, page 52948 and 73 FR 183, page 54366 respectively) of proposed deletions to the Procurement List.

After consideration of the relevant matter presented, the Committee has determined that the products listed below are no longer suitable for procurement by the Federal Government under 41 U.S.C. 46-48c and 41 CFR 51-2.4.

Regulatory Flexibility Act Certification

I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were:

1. The action will not result in additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities.

2. The action may result in authorizing small entities to furnish the products to the Government.

3. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 46-48c) in connection with the products deleted from the Procurement List.

End of Certification

Accordingly, the following products are deleted from the Procurement List:

Products

Tape, Electronic Data

NSN: 7045-01-391-0947—Tape, Electronic Data Processing.

NPA: North Central Sight Services, Inc., Williamsport, PA.

Contracting Activity: Defense Supply Center Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA.

Tape, Electronic Data Processing

NSN: 7045-01-354-3517—Tape, Electronic Data Processing.

NPA: North Central Sight Services, Inc., Williamsport, PA.

Contracting Activity: Defense Supply Center Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA.

CRT and Keyboard Cleaner

NSN: 7045-01-247-6020—CRT and Keyboard Cleaner.

NPA: North Central Sight Services, Inc., Williamsport, PA.

Contracting Activity: Defense Supply Center Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA.

Data Cartridge, Travan

NSN: 7045-01-438-6297—Data Cartridge, Travan.

NPA: North Central Sight Services, Inc., Williamsport, PA.

Contracting Activity: Defense Supply Center