

approval will expire on November 30, 2010, and because FSIS has revised its total annual burden estimate from 8,400 hours to 8,600 hours.

FSIS has established procedures for notifying the Agency of any new technology intended for use in official establishments and plants (68 FR 6873). To follow the procedures, establishments, plants, and firms that manufacture and sell technology to official establishments and plants notify the Agency by submitting documents describing the operation and purpose of the new technology. The documents should explain why the new technology will not (1) adversely affect the safety of the product, (2) jeopardize the safety of Federal inspection personnel, (3) interfere with inspection procedures, or (4) require a waiver of any Agency regulation. If use of the new technology will require a waiver of any Agency regulation, the notice should identify the regulation and explain why a waiver would be appropriate. If the new technology could affect FSIS regulations, product safety, inspection procedures, or the safety of inspection program personnel, the establishment or plant would need to submit a written protocol for an in-plant trial as part of a pre-use review. FSIS expects the submitter of a written protocol to provide data to the Agency throughout the duration of the in-plant trial.

FSIS has made the following estimates based upon an information collection assessment:

Estimate of Burden: FSIS estimates that it will take respondents an average of 8 hours to complete a notification of intent to use new technology if no in-plant trial is necessary. If an in-plant trial is necessary, FSIS estimates that it will take an average of 80 hours to develop a protocol and an average of 80 more hours to collect data and keep records during the in-plant trial.

Respondents: Official establishments and plants; firms that manufacture or sell technology to official establishments and plants.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 75 respondents will submit notifications of intent to use new technology; 50 respondents will develop a protocol for and conduct an in-plant trial.

Estimated Numbers of Annual Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 8,600 hours.

Copies of this information collection assessment can be obtained from John O'Connell, Paperwork Reduction Act Coordinator, Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA, 1400 Independence, SW., Room 6065, South Building, Washington, DC 20250, (202) 720-0345.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of FSIS's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of FSIS'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, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques, or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent both to FSIS, at the addresses provided above, and to the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20253.

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.

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Done at Washington, DC, on: August 6, 2010.

Alfred V. Almanza,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest; Wisconsin, Phelps Vegetation and Transportation Management Project

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

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

SUMMARY: The Eagle River-Florence Ranger District intends to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) to disclose the environmental consequences of proposed land management activities. The Phelps Vegetation and Transportation Management Project area is approximately 53,055 acres in size; about 24,500 acres of this is National Forest System land, 19,100 acres are other ownerships, and 9,020 acres are water. The project area is located in Vilas County, directly south of the Wisconsin-Michigan border, east of State Highway 45, and north of County Highway A, Wisconsin. The legal description is T41N, R11E; T41N, R12E; T42N, R11E; and T42N, R12E. See the

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section for the purpose and need for the action.

DATES: Comments concerning the scope of the analysis must be received by September 13, 2010. The draft environmental impact statement is expected January 2011 and the final environmental impact statement is expected May 2011.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to District Ranger Joel Skjerven, Eagle River-Florence Ranger District, Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest, 1247 East Wall Street, Eagle River, WI 54521. Comments may also be sent via e-mail to the district ranger through the project leader at cbrunner@fs.fed.us, or via facsimile to 715-479-6407.

It is important that reviewers provide their comments at such times and in such a way that they are useful to the Agency's preparation of the EIS. Therefore, comments should be provided prior to the close of the comment period and should clearly articulate the reviewer's concerns and contentions.

Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be part of the public record for this proposed action. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered, however.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christine Brunner, NEPA Coordinator, Eagle River-River-Florence Ranger District, Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest, 1247 East Wall Street, Eagle River, WI 54521. Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern Time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose and Need for Action

Two major areas of focus were identified for this project—vegetation and transportation. Based on the Forest Plan desired future conditions for the area, the following eight needs were identified by the Interdisciplinary Team: (1) Move northern hardwood stands in MA 2A toward an uneven-aged condition consistent with the Forest Plan; (2) promote healthy forests; (3) improve the aspen age class distribution; (4) improve upland forest type composition; (5) maintain adequate openings to provide habitat for wildlife species dependent on early successional forest; (6) reduce hazardous fuels and reintroduce fire as a disturbance regime in the Wildland Urban Interface west of Lac Vieux Desert; (7) contribute toward satisfying the demand for wood

products; (8) provide a safe, efficient, and effective transportation system.

Proposed Action

In order to address the vegetation needs identified above, approximately 8430 acres of various forest types would be harvested using selection, overstory removal, shelterwood, clearcut, and thin methods. As a result of clearcutting portions of four contiguous stands in order to convert them to less fire-prone species, a 44-acre temporary opening would be created. Other proposed actions include 240 acres of mechanical site preparation for regeneration, 54 acres of burning for regeneration, 35 acres of planting, and 237 acres of wildlife opening improvement.

The proposed action includes the following to address need 8 above: Decommission approximately 31 miles of unauthorized road, close 6 miles of system road closed, reconstruct 12 miles of road, and construct 0.8 miles of new road.

Possible Alternatives

One alternative to the Proposed Action that was developed in response to a public comment would result in the following changes: Approximately 6,455 fewer acres of harvest, 58 fewer acres of opening improvement, and 8.3 fewer miles of road reconstruction.

Responsible Official

The responsible official is District Ranger Joel Skjerven.

Nature of Decision To Be Made

The decision will be limited to answering the following questions based on the environmental analysis: (1) Will the proposed action proceed as proposed, as modified, or not at all; (2) what mitigation measures and monitoring requirements are needed, if any; (3) will the decision require a Forest Plan amendment?

Preliminary Issues

The following issues will be analyzed in the EIS: Effects of the proposed action and alternatives on soil, water, Regional Forester Sensitive Species, and non-native invasive species.

Scoping Process

This notice of intent initiates the scoping process, which guides the development of the environmental impact statement. The District began the scoping process for this project as an environmental assessment during March 2010. Approximately 345 persons and organizations were sent information packages, and a notice was placed in the newspaper of record. The project is also

listed in the Chequamegon-Nicolet Schedule of Proposed Actions, and is viewable on the Forest Web page at <http://fs.usda.gov/goto/cnnf/nepa> and click on "View a Listing of all Under Analysis," then select Phelps Vegetation and Transportation Management Project."

It is important that reviewers provide their comments at such times and in such manner that they are useful to the agency's preparation of the environmental impact statement. Therefore, comments should be provided prior to the close of the comment period and should clearly articulate the reviewer's concerns and contentions.

Dated: August 2, 2010.

Paul I.V. Strong,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Amador County Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Amador County Resource Advisory Committee will meet in Sutter Creek, California. The committee is meeting as authorized under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (Pub. L. 110-343) and in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The RAC will review project proposals submitted by the Forest Service and the public, listen to project proponents explain their projects, deliberate and vote on projects to recommend for approval and implementation, and conduct RAC management business.

DATES: The meetings will be held on August 30, 2010 and September 13, 2010 beginning at 6 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at 10877 Conductor Blvd., Sutter Creek, CA. Written comments should be sent to Frank Mosbacher; Forest Supervisor's Office; 100 Forni Road; Placerville, CA 95667. Comments may also be sent via e-mail to fmosbacher@fs.fed.us, or via facsimile to 530-621-5297.

All comments, including names and addresses when provided, are placed in the record and are available for public inspection and copying. The public may inspect comments received at 100 Forni Road; Placerville, CA 95667. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead to 530-622-5061 to facilitate entry into the building.