

Notices

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Information Collection; Overcoming Barriers to Wildland Fire Defensible Space Behaviors

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Forest Service is seeking comments from all interested individuals and organizations on the new information collection, Overcoming Barriers to Wildland Fire Defensible Space Behaviors.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing on or before November 23, 2010 to be assured of consideration.

Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: Comments concerning this notice should be addressed to James Absher, Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 4955 Canyon Crest Drive, Riverside, CA 92507. Comments also may be submitted via e-mail to: jabsher@fs.fed.us.

The public may inspect comments received at Forest Service Reception, 4955 Canyon Crest Drive, Riverside, CA during normal business hours. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead to 951-680-1500 to facilitate entry to the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

James Absher, Pacific Southwest Research Station, Forest Service, 951-680-1500. Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern Standard time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Overcoming Barriers to Wildland Fire Defensible Space Behaviors.

OMB Number: 0596-New.

Type of Request: New.

Abstract: Recent wildfires in the Western United States highlight the need for understanding the human dimensions of wildfire management, especially for policies and programs that affect property losses in the wildland urban interface (WUI). Because the impacts of wildland fire extend beyond public land boundaries into the private communities lying on their periphery, understanding the public's response to the loss of both public and private property is important.

Information will be collected through a mail survey of WUI residents. Initial surveys will focus on Colorado Front Range homeowners. Respondents will be chosen to reflect a variety of setting attributes such as distance from wildlands, recent fire history, community preparedness actions, and local fire code differences. The survey will provide information regarding barriers to participating in fire hazard reduction programs in the wildland-urban interface and basic socio-demographics. Participation in the survey will be strictly voluntary.

The survey is necessary to identify obstacles that prevent residents from adopting defensible space behaviors and understand residents' perceptions of their roles and responsibilities. This information collected will help wildland fire managers and researchers (1) identify practical steps for reducing barriers to implementing defensible space behaviors at an individual and neighborhood level and (2) develop future risk reduction programs.

A Forest Service or cooperating researcher will collect and analyze the data. Additionally, in order to ensure anonymity, personal information will not be stored with contact information at any time, and contact information will be purged from researcher files once data collection is complete.

Estimate of Annual Burden: 20 minutes per respondent.

Type of Respondents: Individual homeowners who currently live in the wildland-urban interface, age 18 or older.

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 3,000.

Estimated Annual Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 1,000 hours.

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Comment Is Invited

Comment is invited on: (1) Whether this collection of information is necessary for the stated purposes and the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical or scientific utility; (2) the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

All comments received in response to this notice, including names and addresses when provided, will be a matter of public record. Comments will be summarized and included in the submission request toward Office of Management and Budget approval.

Dated: September 17, 2010.

Carlos Rodriguez-Franco,

Acting Deputy Chief, Forest Service, Research and Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Notice of Central Idaho Resource Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the authorities in the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463) and under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 110-343), the Salmon-Challis National Forest's Central Idaho Resource Advisory Committee will conduct a business meeting which is open to the public.

DATES: Thursday, October 7, 2010, beginning at 1 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Public Lands Center, 1206 South Challis Street, Salmon, Idaho.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Agenda topics will include review of RAC 2010

projects, planning for the 2011 project approval meetings and other RAC business. The meeting is an open public forum. Some RAC members may attend the meeting by conference call, telephone, or electronically.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Frank V. Guzman, Forest Supervisor and Designated Federal Officer, at 208-756-5111.

Dated: September 10, 2010.

Frank V. Guzman,

Forest Supervisor, Salmon-Challis National Forest, Public Lands Center, 1206 South Challis Street, Salmon, Idaho.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Revision of the Shoshone National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to revise the Shoshone National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan and prepare an environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: As directed by the National Forest Management Act (NFMA), the USDA Forest Service is preparing the Shoshone National Forest's revised land management plan (forest plan) and an environmental impact statement (EIS) for this revised forest plan. This notice briefly describes the nature of the decision to be made, the need for change and proposed action, and information concerning public participation. It also provides estimated dates for filing the EIS and the name and address of the responsible agency official and the individual who can provide additional information.

Finally, this notice briefly describes the applicable planning rule and how plan revision work completed under the 2008 planning rule will be used or modified for completing this plan revision.

The revised land management plan will supersede the 1986 forest plan, as amended. The amended plan will remain in effect until the revision takes effect.

DATES: Comments concerning the need for change and the proposed action provided in this notice will be most useful in the development of the draft revised plan and draft EIS if received by November 19, 2010. The agency expects to release a draft revised forest plan and draft EIS for formal comment by May 2012 and a final revised plan and final

environmental impact statement by April 2013.

Public meetings to gather additional input on potential alternatives to the proposed action are scheduled for winter/spring 2011. The dates, times, and locations of these meetings will be announced and sent to members of the plan revision mailing list and posted on the Shoshone National Forest Web site at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/shoshone>.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Forest Plan Revision, Shoshone National Forest, 808 Meadow Lane Avenue, Cody, WY 82414. Comments may also be sent via e-mail to shoshone_forestplan@fs.fed.us.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Olga Troxel, acting planning team leader, 808 Meadow Lane Avenue, Cody, WY 82414, telephone 307.578.5164. Information on this revision is also available on the Shoshone National Forest Web site at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/shoshone>.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Name and Address of the Responsible Official

The responsible official who will approve the Record of Decision is Rick Cables, Regional Forester, USDA Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Region, 740 Simms Street, Denver, CO 80401.

Cooperating Agencies

Cooperating Agencies include the State of Wyoming, Fremont County, Hot Springs County, Park County, Cody Conservation District, Dubois-Crowheart Conservation District, Hot Springs Conservation District, Lower Wind River Natural Resource District, Meeteetse Conservation District, Popo Agie Conservation District, and Teton Conservation District. Cooperating Agencies funded the social and economic assessments. They also work with Forest Service officials to address state and local government interests in the planning process and the development of plan direction.

Nature of the Decision To Be Made

The Forest Service is preparing an EIS to revise the 1986 forest plan. The EIS process is meant to inform the regional forester when deciding which alternative best meets the need to achieve quality land management under the sustainable multiple-use management concept to meet the

diverse needs of people while protecting the Shoshone National Forest's resources, as required by the NFMA and the Multiple Use Sustained Yield Act.

The revised forest plan describes the strategic intent of managing the Shoshone National Forest for 10 to 15 years. The revised forest plan provides management direction in the form of goals (desired conditions), objectives, suitability determinations, standards, guidelines, and a monitoring plan. It also makes special area recommendations for wilderness, research natural areas, and other special areas.

It is also important to identify the types of decisions that will not be made within the revised forest plan.

Authorization of project-level activities on the Shoshone National Forest is not a decision made in the forest plan, but occurs through subsequent project specific decision making. The designation of routes and trails for specific uses is not considered during plan revision, but will be addressed through subsequent planning processes.

Some issues, although important, are beyond the authority or control of the Shoshone National Forest or the Forest Service and will not be considered. Additionally, some decisions and determinations, such as management direction, Canada lynx conservation, and the Clarks Fork of the Yellowstone Wild River corridor, have been accomplished through separate forest plan amendment processes that occurred recently and will not be reconsidered in revision.

Applicable Planning Rule

Preparation of a revised plan is governed by the requirements of the NFMA and the associated regulations (or rule) at 36 CFR 219. The Shoshone plan revision was underway when the 2008 rule was enjoined on June 30, 2009, by the United States District Court for the Northern District of California (*Citizens for Better Forestry v. United States Department of Agriculture*, 632F. Supp. 2d 968 (N.D. Cal. June 2009)).

On December 18, 2009, the Department reinstated the previous planning rule, commonly known as the 2000 planning rule, in the **Federal Register** (74 FR 242, pages 67059 through 67075 [Friday, December 18, 2009]). The transition provisions of the reinstated rule allow the Forest Service to follow the procedures of a previous 1982 rule. The Shoshone National Forest has elected to use the provisions of the 1982 rule, including the requirement to prepare an ETS to complete the revised plan.