DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Information Collection; Research Data Archive Use Tracking

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 currently approved information collection, Research Data Archive Use Tracking.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing on or before December 13, 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 USDA Forest Service, Dave Rugg, 1 Gifford Pinchot Drive, Madison, WI 53726–2366. Comments also may be submitted via e-mail to: drugg@fs.fed.us.

The public may inspect comments received at Forest Service—Forest Products Laboratory, 1 Gifford Pinchot Drive, Madison, WI, during normal business hours. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead to 608–231–9234 to facilitate entry to the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dave Rugg, Forest Service, Northern Research Station, 608–231–9234.

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: Research Data Archive Use Tracking.

OMB Number: 0596–0210.

Expiration Date of Approval: 04/30/2011.

Type of Request: Extension with no Revision.

Abstract: The Forest Service Research and Development (FS R&D) group has created a data archive to store and disseminate data collected in the course of its scientific research. Preparing data sets for the archive requires significant effort from researchers. The Forest Service has an obligation to encourage ethical use of archived FS R&D data sets and needs to know how others are using the archived data sets. This information assists FS R&D personnel in evaluating the research program. Information about the use of the products of a scientist’s research is of significant importance in scientist performance evaluations.

When a member of the public requests a copy of a data set, FS R&D will collect the following information: Name; affiliation; contact information (including e-mail address); Statement of Intended Use; and Data Use Agreement. The Data Use Agreement and associated information collection closely follow the data access structure used by the National Science Foundation’s Long Term Ecological Research network. FS R&D managers believe that this structure provides a sound balance between meeting obligations to its scientific staff and ease-of-access by the research community. The Statement of Intended Use will not determine access to a particular data set. A form at the archive web site will collect the information and the data set author will use the Data Use Agreements to describe the impact of research accomplishments prior to performance appraisals.

The collection of Data Use Agreements will be evaluated by the data archiving program to identify opportunities for improving the archive’s function and offerings. The FS R&D communications office will use the agreements to assist in assessing the effectiveness of FS R&D research and technology transfer.

The FS R&D data archive is a new activity and participation is voluntary. This information collection is a critical component in the campaign to encourage Forest Service scientists to deposit their research data in the archive system. Sharing research data is very useful to the broader research community and sharing of well documented FS R&D data sets via the archive will be impossible without this information collection.

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.


Carlos Rodriguez-Franco, Acting Deputy Chief, Research and Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Apalachicola National Forest; Florida; City of Tallahassee 230kV Southwestern Transmission Line

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

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

SUMMARY: The U.S. Forest Service, Apalachicola National Forest intends to prepare an environmental impact statement under a 3rd party agreement with the City of Tallahassee, Florida to...
issue a special use authorization for the construction, occupancy and use of national forest system land for a 230kV electric transmission line. The addition of an east-west 230kV transmission line would connect the Hopkins—Crawfordville 230kV transmission line south of the Tallahassee Regional Airport (near the intersection of Springhill and Bice Roads), with the existing Substation BP–5 (southwest of the Capital Circle S.W./Woodville Highway intersection). The proposed transmission line would be approximately 8 miles long with approximately 6.4 miles located within the Apalachicola National Forest. The transmission line would parallel the existing Florida Gas Transmission Company’s natural gas lines from the Hopkins—Crawfordville line until the forest boundary south of Substation BP–5. Once off the forest it would parallel an existing 115kV electric transmission line to its terminus at Substation BP–5.

DATES: Comments concerning the scope of the analysis must be received by November 19, 2010 in order to be considered in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. A Draft Environmental Impact Statement is expected in April 2011. A Final Environmental Impact Statement is expected in October 2011. A Public Workshop will be held in Tallahassee, Florida on October 28, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Susan Jeheber-Matthews, Forest Supervisor, National Forests in Florida, 325 John Knox Road Suite F–100, Tallahassee, FL 32303. Comments may also be sent via e-mail to comments-southern-florida@fs.fed.us., or via facsimile to (850) 523–8505.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Harold Shenk, U.S. Forest Service, 57 Taft Drive, Crawfordville, FL 32327. Telephone: (850) 926–3561.

Possible Alternatives
Two additional routes were evaluated during development of the proposed transmission line. The first alternative route follows Springhill Road, passes through a smaller undisturbed area of the Apalachicola National Forest, and then parallels Capital Circle SW. The second route, consisting of a minor deviation of the first route, would follow Springhill Road all the way to Capital Circle SW., reducing impact to the national forest, but would not meet FAA safety regulations (FAR Part 77) for structure height near the runway at the Tallahassee Regional Airport.

Responsible Official
Susan Jeheber-Matthews, Forest Supervisor, 325 John Knox Road, Suite F–100, Tallahassee, FL 32303.

Permits or Licenses Required
Leon County Environmental Management Permit.
Florida Department of Environmental Protection, National Discharge Elimination permit.

Scoping Process
This notice of intent initiates the scoping process, which will guide the development of the environmental impact statement. A Public Workshop will be held in Tallahassee, Florida on October 28, 2010 (Woodville Elementary
School Cafeteria, 9373 Woodville Highway, 5–7 p.m.) to provide citizens an opportunity to learn about the project and to provide comments. Letters requesting comments on the proposed action will be mailed to the public involvement mailing list for the Apalachicola National Forest and local citizens that may be affected by the 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.

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, anonymous comments will not provide the Agency with the ability to provide the respondent with subsequent environmental documents.

Susan Jeheber-Matthews,
Forest Supervisor.

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Forest Service

Yavapai County Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Yavapai County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will meet in Prescott, Arizona. 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 purpose of the meeting is to discuss RAC Timeline, Grants and Agreements Workshop, Discuss Financial Status, and Project Evaluation Criteria.

DATES: The meeting will be held October 29, 2010; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Prescott Fire Center, 2400 Melville Dr., Prescott, AZ 86301.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Debbie Manoey, RAC Coordinator, Prescott National Forest, 344 S. Cortez, Prescott, AZ 86301; (928) 443–8130 or dmanoey@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public. The following business will be conducted: (1) Approve September meeting minutes; (2) discuss possible Grants and Agreements workshops; (3) financial reporting; (4) RAC timeline; (5) create project evaluation criteria; (6) followup on bin items from last meeting; (7) next meeting agenda, location, and date.

Alan Quan,
Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

National Institute of Food and Agriculture

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Solicitation of Input From Stakeholders Regarding Administration of the Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program (VMLRP)

AGENCY: National Institute of Food and Agriculture, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting and request for stakeholder input.

SUMMARY: The National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) is soliciting stakeholder input on the recent implementation of the Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program (VMLRP) authorized under section 1415A of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3151a). The purpose of this program is for the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to enter into agreements with veterinarians under which the veterinarians agree to provide, for a specific period of time as identified in the agreement, veterinary services in veterinarian shortage situations. As part of the stakeholder input process, NIFA is conducting a public meeting to solicit comments regarding the processes developed and implemented for the first application cycle that concluded with the first group of awards under this program in September 2010. Input collected will be used to modify and improve processes for subsequent calls of shortage situation nominations and request for applications.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Monday, November 8, 2010, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. All comments must be received by close of business Monday, November 15, 2010, to be considered.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in room 1410 A–B–C–D of the Waterfront Centre Building, National Institute of Food and Agriculture, United States Department of Agriculture, 800 9th St., SW., Washington, DC 20024. Meeting participants will need to provide photo identification to be admitted to the building. Please allow sufficient time to go through security. You may submit comments, identified by NIFA–2011–0001, by any of the following methods:

Federal eRulemaking Portal: http://www.regulations.gov. Follow the instructions for submitting comments. E-mail: vmlrp@nifa.usda.gov. Include NIFA–2011–0001 in the subject line of the message.

Fax: 202–720–6486.


Hand Delivery/Courier: VMLRP; Plant and Animal Systems (PAS) Unit, National Institute of Food and Agriculture, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 3153, Waterfront Centre, 800 9th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20024.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and NIFA–2011–0001. All comments received will be posted to http://www.regulations.gov, including any personal information provided.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Lisa Stephens, (202) 401–6438, or lstephens@nifa.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Additional Meeting and Comment Procedures

Because of the diversity of subjects, and to aid participants in scheduling their attendance, the following schedule is anticipated for the November 8, 2010, meeting:

9–9:30 a.m.—Introduction and Background of VMLRP.
9:30–12 p.m.—Identification and prioritization of veterinarian shortage situations.
1–3:30 p.m.—Administration of the VMLRP, including application forms; timing and length of VMLRP application period; application prioritization and review; execution of VMLRP agreements; agreement terms and conditions; and monitoring and oversight of VMLRP agreements.

Persons wishing to present oral comments at this meeting are requested...