DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service


AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA; Bureau of Land Management, USDI and National Park Service, USDI.

ACTION: Notice of availability

SUMMARY: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended, the Forest Service (FS), with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and National Park Service (NPS) as cooperating agencies, has prepared a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Tropic to Hatch 138 kV Transmission Line Project and a Proposed Management Plan Amendment (PMPA) for the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, and by this notice is announcing its availability.

DATES: BLM planning regulations state that any person who meets the conditions as described in the regulations may protest the BLM’s PMPA/FEIS. A person who meets the conditions and files a protest must file the protest within 30 days of the date that the Environmental Protection Agency publishes this Notice of Availability in the Federal Register.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the Tropic to Hatch 138 kV Transmission Line Project FEIS/PMPA for the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument have been sent to affected Federal, State, and local government agencies and to other stakeholders. Copies of the FEIS/PMPA are available for public inspection at the following BLM offices: Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Headquarters, 190 E. Center Street, Kanab, UT; Kanab Field Office, 318 N 100 E, Kanab, UT; Utah State Office, 440 W 200 S, Salt Lake City, UT. Interested persons may also download and/or review the FEIS/PMPA on the Internet at http://fs.usda.gov/goto/dixie/projects.

All protests related to the Grand Staircase Escalante National Monument PMPA must be in writing and mailed to one of the following addresses:

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<td>BLM Director (210), Attention: Brenda Williams, P.O. Box 71383, Washington, DC 20035.</td>
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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Susan Baughman, Dixie National Forest, USDA Forest Service, Tropic to Hatch 138kV Transmission Line Project EIS Project Leader, 1789 N. Wedgewood Lane, Cedar City, Utah 84720 or; Matthew Betenson, Assistant Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Manager—Planning and Support Services, 190 E Center, Kanab, Utah 84741/phone (435) 644–4309.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FEIS/PMPA evaluates the environmental effects of the construction, operation, and maintenance of the Tropic to Hatch 138 kV Transmission Line proposed by Garanke Energy Cooperative in Garfield County, Utah, on lands currently managed by the U.S. Forest Service, Dixie National Forest; U.S. Bureau of Land Management, Kanab Field Office, Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument; State of Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration; and potentially the National Park Service, Bryce Canyon National Park. The transmission line would be approximately 30 miles long, beginning in Tropic, Utah and extending west to Hatch, Utah.

Associated Federal actions include Dixie National Forest issuance of a special use easement, Bureau of Land Management issuance of a right-of-way, proposed amendment to the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Management Plan and issuance of a right-of-way, potential Bryce Canyon National Park issuance of a special park permit for a right-of-way, and Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration issuance of a right-of-way for construction and operation of the project. The Preferred Alternative in the FEIS/PMPA would amend the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Management Plan (2000) by: (a) Designating a 300-foot wide Passage Zone along an approximate three and three-quarter mile path through an area currently designated as Primitive Zone in the Monument Management Plan, and (b) changing the existing VRM Class designation from Class II to Class III within this linear area. The plan amendment decisions would be necessary to accommodate the potential new transmission line.

Comments on the Draft RMP/Draft EIS Plan Amendment were received from the public and from internal interagency governmental review. These comments were considered and incorporated as appropriate into the FEIS/PMPA. Public comments resulted in the addition of clarifying text, but did not significantly change the FEIS/PMPA. This final document is expected to be used in conjunction with the Draft EIS published in December 2009. The two documents, together, make up the FEIS/PMPA for the Tropic to Hatch 138 kV Transmission Line.

Instructions for filing a protest with the Director of the BLM regarding the FEIS/PMPA may be found in the “Dear Reader Letter” of the Tropic to Hatch 138 kV Transmission Line FEIS and at 43 CFR 1610.5–2. E-mail and faxed protests will not be accepted as valid protests unless the protesting party also provides the original letter by either regular or overnight mail postmarked by the close of the protest period. Under these conditions, the BLM will consider the e-mail or faxed protest as an advance copy and it will receive full consideration. If you wish to provide the BLM with such advance notification, please direct faxed protests...
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP) 2011 Re-engineered SIPP—Field Test

AGENCY: U.S. Census Bureau, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: To ensure consideration, written comments must be submitted on or before June 7, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Patrick J. Benton, Census Bureau, Room HQ–6H045, Washington, DC 20233–8400, (301) 763–4618.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

I. Abstract

The Census Bureau plans to conduct a field test for the Re-engineered SIPP from January to May of 2011. The SIPP is a household-based survey designed as a continuous series of national panels. The SIPP is molded around a central “core” of labor force and income questions that remain fixed throughout the life of the panel and then supplemented with questions designed to address specific needs. Examples of these types of questions include medical expenses, child care, retirement and pension plan coverage, marital history, and others.

The 2011 Re-engineered SIPP instrument is a revision of the 2010 Re-SIPP test instrument, in which respondents were interviewed during the 2010 Dress Rehearsal Re-SIPP Field Test. The Re-engineered SIPP will interview respondents in one year intervals, using the previous calendar year as the reference period. The content of the Re-engineered SIPP will match that of the 2008 Panel SIPP very closely. The Re-engineered SIPP will not contain free-standing topical modules. However, a portion of the 2008 Panel topical module content will be integrated into the Re-engineered SIPP interview. The Re-engineered SIPP will use an Event History Calendar (EHC) which records dates of events and spells of coverage. The EHC should provide increased accuracy to dates reported by respondents.

The SIPP represents a source of information for a wide variety of topics and allows information for separate topics to be integrated to form a single, unified database so that the interaction between tax, transfer, and other government and private policies can be examined. Government domestic policy formulators depend heavily upon the SIPP information concerning the distribution of income received directly as money or indirectly as in-kind benefits and the effect of tax and transfer programs on this distribution. They also need improved and expanded data on the income and general economic and financial situation of the U.S. population, which the SIPP has provided on a continuing basis since 1983. The SIPP has measured levels of economic well-being and permitted changes in these levels to be measured over time.

Approximately 4,000 households will be selected for the 2011 Re-engineered SIPP field test, of which, 3200 households are expected to be interviewed. We estimate that each household contains 2.1 people aged 15 and above, yielding approximately 6,720 person-level interviews in this field test. Interviews take 60 minutes on average. The total annual burden for 2011 Re-engineered SIPP field test interviews would be 6,720 hours in FY 2011.

II. Method of Collection

The 2011 Re-engineered SIPP field test instrument will consist of one household interview which will reference the calendar year 2010. The interview is conducted in person with all household members 15 years old or over using regular proxy-respondent rules.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0607–0957.

Form Number: SIPP/CAPI Automated Instrument.

Type of Review: Regular.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 6,720 people.

Estimated Time per Response: 60 minutes per person on average.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 6,720.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: The only cost to respondents is their time.

Respondent’s Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title 13, United States Code, Section 182.

IV. Request for Comments

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 shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (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 respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.