Purpose and Need for Action

The purpose of the proposed action is to improve the health and sustainability of forested conditions on and surrounding Bill Williams Mountain by reducing hazardous fuels and moving vegetative conditions in the project area toward the future desired conditions. This work is needed to directly and indirectly improve the watershed conditions feeding the City of Williams water supply.

Proposed Action

To meet the purpose and need for action, the Kaibab National Forest proposes to treat stands surrounding Bill Williams Mountain with mechanized equipment and prescribed fire. A combination of commercial timber harvest treatments and non-commercial mechanical treatments is proposed on approximately 15,200 acres. Mechanized treatments include hand felling, ground-based logging systems, cable-logging systems and helicopter logging. Treatments would thin stands to meet or move toward the desired conditions and in some stands, non-commercial treatments may be the only treatments feasible/necessary to achieve resource objectives. Prescribed fire is also proposed to be used on approximately 15,200 acres of the project area. In some areas, prescribed fire would be used in conjunction with mechanical treatments to achieve restoration and fuel treatment objectives. In other areas where operability is limited and more costly, only prescribed burning may be used to meet resource objectives.

DATES: Comments concerning the scope of the analysis must be received by May 23, 2011. The draft environmental impact statement is expected September 2011 and the final environmental impact statement is expected December 2011.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Tom Mutz, Team Leader, Kaibab National Forest, Williams Ranger District, 742 S. Clover Road, Williams, AZ 86046. Comments may also be sent via e-mail (with subject, Bill Williams Mountain Restoration Project Scoping Comment) to comments-southwestern-kaibab-williams@fs.fed.us or via facsimile to (928) 635.5680. A public meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday May 11, 2011 at 6 p.m. at the Williams Ranger District Office, 742 South Clover Road, Williams, AZ.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tom Mutz at (928) 635.5661. 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:

Preliminary Issues

• Early in the development of the proposed action for this project the Williams Ranger District hosted six “brainstorming” sessions. Many comments received during these sessions were incorporated into the purpose and need for action and desired conditions for the project area. Other comments have helped to identify preliminary issues that need to be considered in the development of the environmental impact statement, such as:
  • The consequences and risks of a wildfire on the mountain;
  • The protection of the watershed and treatment of steep slopes;
  • The safety and protection of life and property on and within the vicinity of Bill Williams Mountain;
  • The potential effects to Mexican Spotted Owl habitat;
  • And, the potential effects to natural and cultural resources, including the protection of a Traditional Cultural Property.

Scoping Process

This notice of intent initiates the scoping process, which will guide the development of an environmental impact statement for this project. The Kaibab National Forest invites public comment and participation regarding this project and subsequent EIS through scoping efforts in the form of this notice in the Federal Register: the Schedule of Proposed Actions (SOPA); and letters sent to potentially interested persons, tribal governments, and State and other Federal agencies. A scoping meeting will also be hosted at the Williams Ranger District on Wednesday May 11, 2011 at 6 p.m. to discuss the proposed action and accept comments. The ranger station is located at 742 South Clover Road, Williams, AZ 86046. Information will be posted on the Kaibab National Forest Web site as the project progresses. Comments received during these scoping efforts will be used to determine the scope and significant issues to be analyzed in depth in the environmental impact statement.

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.

Authority: 40 CFR 1508.22 and 36 CFR 220.5(b).

Dated: April 14, 2011.

Martie Schramm,
District Ranger.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Forest Service

Central Montana Resource Advisory Committee; Correction

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting: correction.


FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ron Wiseman, 406–566–2292.

Correction

In the Federal Register of April 13, 2011, in FR Doc. 2011–9006, on page 20624, in the second column, correct the DATES caption to read: The meeting will be held April 28, 2011 and will begin at 7 p.m.

Dated: April 15, 2011.

Ron B. Wiseman,
Designated Federal Official.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Commission on Civil Rights

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Louisiana Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission), and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), that a meeting of the Louisiana Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene on Tuesday, May 10, 2011 at 2 p.m. andadjourn at approximately 6 p.m. at Southern University Law Center, Room 227, 1 Roosevelt Steptoe Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70813. The purpose of the meeting is to conduct a public briefing and planning meeting to identify a future civil rights project.

Members of the public are entitled to submit written comments. The comments must be received in the regional office by June 3, 2011. The address is U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 400 State Avenue, Suite 908, Kansas City, Kansas 66101. Persons wishing to e-mail their comments, or to present their comments verbally at the meeting, or who desire additional information should contact Farella E. Robinson, Regional Director, Central Regional Office, at (913) 551–1400, or for hearing impaired TDD 913–551–1414, or by e-mail to frobinson@usccr.gov.

Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Regional Office at least ten (10) working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

Records generated from this meeting may be inspected and reproduced at the Central Regional Office, as they become available, both before and after the meeting. Persons interested in the work of this advisory committee are advised to go to the Commission’s Web site, http://www.usccr.gov, or to contact the Central Regional Office at the above e-mail or street address.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission and FACA.

Dated in Washington, DC, April 15, 2011.

Peter Minarik,
Acting Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).


Title: Certification Requirements for NOAA’s Hydrographic Product Quality Assurance Program.

OMB Control Number: 0648–0507.

Number of Respondents: 5.

Average Hours per Response: Initial application, documentation to accompany an item submitted for certification, and request for reconsideration of a NOAA decision, 4 hours each; inquiries, 1 hour each.

Burden Hours: 16.

Needs and Uses: This request is for a regular submission (extension) of a current information collection.

NOAA was mandated to develop and implement a quality assurance program under which the Administrator may certify privately-made hydrographic products. NOAA has established procedures by which hydrographic products are proposed for certification; by which standards and compliance tests are developed, adopted, and applied for those products; and by which certification is awarded or denied. The application and recordkeeping requirements at 15 CFR 996 are basis for this collection of information.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent’s Obligation: Voluntary.

OMB Desk Officer: OIRA Submission@omb.eop.gov.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482–0266, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to OIRA Submission@omb.eop.gov.

Dated: April 15, 2011.

Gwennar Banks,
Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Census Bureau

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP) 2012 Re-engineered SIPP—Field Test

AGENCY: U.S. Census Bureau, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing