Communities in the Western United States.

OMB Number: 0596–0186.
Expiration Date of Approval: July 31, 2011.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Forest Service and university researchers will contact community residents within or adjacent to national forests in the Western United States. Those to invite contacts, researchers will evaluate concerns about fire and fire risk, knowledge about fire, values focused on fire management, personal experiences with fire, stressors associated with fire and fire risk, responsibility and accomplishments for fire management, sources of concern about fire, future orientation, and sociodemographics.

The results will help researchers improve ability to provide information to natural resource managers on public perceptions of fire and fire management. To gather the information, residents within or adjacent to national forests in the Western United States will be contacted through mailed or e-mail correspondence, or by telephone, inviting their participation in a focus group study. Willing or interested parties will contact the researcher and be scheduled into sessions in their community. Those agreeing to participate will be involved in a focus group discussion and complete a self-administered survey.

A Forest Service researcher and analyst/technician will collect and analyze the information with the assistance of a cooperating university researcher. The primary researcher is an expert in applied social psychology and survey research. The cooperators will be experienced in conducting community based focus groups.

Participants will first complete a questionnaire focused on concern about fire, knowledge about fire, values similarity with the Forest Service, trust, objectives for fire management, personal experience with fire, stressors of fire and fire risk, responsibility for risk reduction, accomplishment of risk reduction, sources of concern about fire, future orientation, and sociodemographics. Participants will then participate in a discussion on the following topics: objectives, values, and concerns in fire management; alternatives for accomplishing objectives; values/goals and trust; and information needs and interests. Invitations are sent by mail, e-mail, or telephone to individuals aged 18 or older residing in the selected communities. When possible, multiple sessions will be held in each community to accommodate as many participants as are interested. Responses will be voluntary and anonymous.

Responses will be used to evaluate the values linked to fire and fire management among forest community residents; personal experiences with fire and how participants have addressed fire risk; perceived responsibility and accomplishments in addressing fire risk; and personal characteristics that might influence these responses. The data collected will assist researchers in determining public perception and expectations regarding fire management and risk, as well as providing information on how residents address these issues. Such data is valuable to forest resource managers, who use the information when selecting long and short-term fire management strategies, and in developing public information strategies on fire and fire management. Without this information, managers will have to rely on the scant information otherwise available on current and changing public views regarding fire and fire management, and the anecdotal information collected through direct experiences with the public regarding impacts of fire and fire risk. The intent is to share the collected data with other researchers studying fire management, and other natural resource management values and objectives.

Estimate of Annual Burden: 2.3 hours.

Type of Respondents: Respondents are community residents in various locations within or adjacent to national forests in the Western United States.

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 200.

Estimated Annual Number of Responses per Respondent: 2.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 460.

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 request for Office of Management and Budget approval.

Dated: June 1, 2011.

Jimmy L. Reaves,
Deputy Chief, Research & Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Wrangell-Petersburg Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Wrangell-Petersburg Resource Advisory Committee will meet by video-teleconference in Petersburg, Alaska and Wrangell, Alaska. The committee is meeting as authorized under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (Pub. L. 110–343) (the Act) and in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The purpose of the committee is to improve collaborative relationships and to provide advice and recommendations to the Forest Service concerning projects and funding consistent with the title II of the Act. The meeting is open to the public. The purpose of the meeting is to review project proposals and make project funding recommendations.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Saturday, June 25, 2011 from 8 a.m. to Noon.

ADDRESSES: Committee members will meet at the Wrangell Ranger District office at 525 Bennett Street in Wrangell, Alaska and at the Petersburg Ranger District office at 12 North Nordic Drive in Petersburg, Alaska. Written comments may be submitted as described under SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.

All comments received in response to this notice, 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 the Petersburg Ranger District office at 12 North Nordic Drive or the Wrangell Ranger District office at 525 Bennett Street during regular office hours (Monday through Friday 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christopher Savage, Petersburg District
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648–XA484

Endangered Species; Permit No. 16439

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice; receipt of application.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, 21 South Putt Corners Rd., New Paltz, NY 12561 [Responsible Party: Kathryn Hattala] has applied in due form to take shortnose sturgeon (Acipenser brevirostrum) for purposes of scientific research.

DATES: Written, telefaxed, or e-mail comments must be received on or before July 11, 2011.

ADDRESSES: The application and related documents are available for review by selecting “Records Open for Public Comment” from the Features box on the Applications and Permits for Protected Species (APPS) home page, https://apps.nmfs.noaa.gov/, and then selecting File No. 16439 from the list of available applications.

These documents are available upon written request or by appointment in the following offices:

• Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301) 713–2289; fax (301) 713–0376; and

• Northeast Region, NMFS, 55 Great Republic Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930; phone (978) 281–9328; fax (978) 281–9304.

Written comments on this application should be submitted to the Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division.

By e-mail to NMFS.PrtComments@noaa.gov (include the File No. in the subject line)
• By facsimile to (301) 713–0376, or
• At the address listed above.

Those individuals requesting a public hearing should submit a written request to the Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division at the address listed above. The request should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this application would be appropriate.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Malcolm Mohead or Colette Cairns, (301) 713–2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject permit is requested under the