The ecological condition of the allotments would continue to be evaluated through a long-term monitoring process. If long-term monitoring indicates the ecological condition of the allotment has changed, then the set of proper use criteria associated with that ecological condition would be applied to the allotment. The Proposed Action includes a non-significant Forest Plan amendment to open the Troy Mountain Allotment to livestock grazing.

Alternatives to the Proposed Action

In addition to the Proposed Action, two additional alternatives have been identified for analysis in the SETS:

2. No Grazing Alternative: Eliminate grazing on all the allotments in the project area immediately.

Responsible Official

The responsible official is: William Dunkelberger, Forest Supervisor, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, 1200 Franklin Way, Sparks, NV 89431.

Nature of Decision To Be Made

The Responsible Official will decide whether or not to incorporate the supplemental information and analysis into the FEIS. The Responsible Official will also decide whether to authorize grazing (and if so, under what terms and conditions) on the allotments in the Elly Westside Rangeland Project area.

The objection process described in 36 CFR part 218, subparts A and B will be used as this project goes forward, instead of the appeal process described in 36 CFR part 215. After the comments on the Draft Supplement are considered, a Final Supplemental EIS and a Draft Record of Decision will be prepared and circulated. Those who commented during any designated opportunity for public comment on this project will have eligibility to file an objection on the draft Record of Decision.

Scoping Process

Scoping was conducted for the original EIS. The scoping period for this EIS was formally initiated on November 27, 2006 when the original notice of intent for this project was published in the Federal Register (Volume 71, Number 227). Scoping is not required for supplements to environmental impact statements (40 CFR 1502.9(c)(4)). The supplement will be subject to notice and comment. A draft supplemental EIS will be published and made available for review and comment for 45 days, following direction at 36 CFR 218.25. Comments on the draft supplemental EIS will be limited to the supplemental information to the 2011 EIS.

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 1501.7 and 1508.22; Forest Service Handbook 1909.15, Section 21)

Dated: August 6, 2013.

William A. Dunkelberger,
Forest Supervisor.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Risk Management Agency

Notice To Reopen Comment Period for Federal Crop Insurance Program Delivery Cost Survey and Interviews

ACTION: Notice to reopen comment period to request comments on the script for interviews of Approved Insurance Providers, and on the survey instruments for insurance agents and insured producers.

SUMMARY: The Risk Management Agency (RMA) is issuing this notice to advise the public that we are reopening the comment period to request comments on the script for interviews of Approved Insurance Providers (AIPs), and on the survey instruments for insurance agents and insured producers, for a new information collection “Federal Crop Insurance Program Delivery Cost Survey and Interviews” that is currently under review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The survey instruments will also serve as the scripts for the interviews of insurance agents and insured producers, respectively.

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), RMA has previously sought public comment on an information collection request related to a study of Federal crop insurance program delivery costs. As part of the study RMA plans to conduct interviews with AIPs, insurance agents, and insured producers, and conduct surveys of insurance agents and insured producers.

RMA will use the information collected from the interviews, surveys, and other information to construct estimates of the reasonable cost of delivery for the Federal crop insurance program.

Copies of the AIP interview scripts and survey questions may be obtained by contacting Kent Lancelos by phone at (202) 205–3933, or by email kent.lancelos@rma.usda.gov. To review the Farmers and Agent’s surveys you can go to http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAViewDocument?ref_nbr=201212-0563-001.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by September 16, 2013 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: FGIC prefers that comments be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal. You may submit comments, identified by Docket ID No. RMA–2013–0001, by any of the following methods:


All comments received, including those received by mail, will be posted without change to http://www.regulations.gov, including any personal information provided, and can be accessed by the public. All comments must include the agency name and docket number for this notice. For detailed instructions on submitting comments and additional information, see http://www.regulations.gov. If you are submitting comments electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal and want to attach a document, we ask that it be in a text-based format. If you want to attach a document that is a scanned Adobe PDF file, it must be scanned as text and not as an image, thus allowing FGIC to search and copy certain portions of your submissions. For questions regarding attaching a document that is a scanned Adobe PDF file, please contact the RMA Web Content Team at (816) 823–4694 or by email at rmaweb.content@rma.usda.gov.

Privacy Act: Anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments received for any docket by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review the complete User Notice and Privacy Notice for Regulations.gov at http://www.regulations.gov/#!privacyNotice.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Risk Management Agency

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS:

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Interviews and Surveys

The purpose of the AIP interviews is to better understand the activities performed and types of costs incurred by the AIPs to deliver Federal crop insurance to producers, particularly those activities and costs that are distinct from those of insurance agents. Information collected from the interviews with AIPs include general companies’ background, competitive strategies, and business operations model in selling and servicing the Federal crop insurance, agent compensation, expense structure, and financial reporting to RMA. Information obtained from the interviews with AIPs will help RMA understand the expenses AIPs incur in delivering the Federal crop insurance, their general practices in determining agent compensation, and compiling financials reported to RMA.

The purpose of the survey of the insurance agents is to collect relevant cost data incurred by the insurance agents in selling and servicing the Federal crop insurance policies. General background information on the surveyed insurance agents, e.g., geographical region, types of crop insurance sold, and number of crop insurance policies sold, will also be collected. The survey will serve as an instrument collecting information on the levels of effort required to sell and service crop insurance policies as well as levels of effort necessary to sell and service other lines. Specifically, the survey will collect data on agency geographical area (location of policy holders), insurance plan type (initial application vs. renewal policy), policy size, policy management and support related activities, nature of interaction with a policy holder, types of crops covered by Federal crop insurance, and other factors. In addition, the survey will obtain information on the time agents spend on the tasks related to selling and servicing a policy and agents’ essential out of pocket costs for support staff, travel, overhead, and other out-of-pocket expenses. This information will be used to evaluate the factors measurably contributing to the costs of Federal crop insurance delivery.

A parallel survey of the insured farmers to whom the sampled insurance agents sell crop insurance will be conducted to determine the level of service (e.g. number of insurance agent visits, educational services, and other services) that is necessary for the farmers to make an informed decision. Several types of data will be collected. These will include general background of the producers and of their insurance agents. It will also include information about the interaction between producers and insurance agents. Data gathered from the survey of insured producers will serve as a consistency check to information gathered from the survey of insurance agents and will not be directly used to estimate the cost of delivery incurred by the insurance agents but will provide valuable information on the levels of services producers expect from agents.

As noted previously, the survey instruments will also serve as the scripts for the interviews of insurance agents and insured producers, respectively. The purpose of the interviews with insurance agents and insured producers is to obtain additional context and understanding for the responses provided to the surveys by agents and producers, respectively. This will assist RMA with interpreting the survey responses and results.

RMA will use the information collected from the interviews and surveys in conjunction with the financials reported by AIPs to construct estimates of the cost of delivery for the Federal crop insurance program. This information could also be used in RMA’s program planning process before implementing any regulatory and programmatic changes in the future. Data collected from the interviews and surveys can also provide RMA some useful information on the Federal crop insurance program from the perspectives of different stakeholders (AIPs, insurance agents, and insured producers) and aid RMA in its program management and program planning.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Signed in Washington, DC, on July 18, 2013.

Brandon Willis,
Manager, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of the Census

Census Scientific Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of the Census (U.S. Census Bureau) is giving notice of a meeting of the Census Scientific Advisory Committee (C–SAC). The C–SAC will meet in a plenary session from September 19–20, 2013. The Committee will address policy, research, and technical issues relating to a full range of Census Bureau programs and activities, including communications, decennial, demographic, economic, field operations, geographic, information technology, and statistics. Last minute changes to the agenda are possible, which could prevent giving advance public notice of schedule adjustments.

DATES: September 19 and 20, 2013. On September 19, the Census Scientific Advisory Committee meeting will begin at approximately 8:45 a.m. and adjourn at approximately 4:35 p.m. On September 20, the meeting will begin at approximately 8:45 a.m. and adjourn at approximately 12:45 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the U.S. Census Bureau Conference Center, 4600 Silver Hill Road, Suitland, Maryland 20746.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeri Green, Committee Liaison Officer, Department of Commerce, U.S. Census Bureau, Room 8H182, 4600 Silver Hill Road, Washington, DC 20233, telephone 301–763–6590. For TTY callers, please use the Federal Relay Service 1–800–877–8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Members of the C–SAC are appointed by the Director, U.S. Census Bureau. The Committee provides scientific and technical expertise, as appropriate, to address Census Bureau program needs and objectives. The Committee has been established in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Title 5, United States Code, Appendix 2, Section 10).

The meeting is open to the public, and a brief period is set aside for public comments and questions on September 20, 2013. Persons with extensive questions or statements must submit them in writing at least three days before the meeting to the Committee Liaison Officer named above. If you plan to attend the meeting, please register by Thursday, September 5,