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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

October 10, 2014.

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments regarding (a) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques and other forms of information technology.

Comments regarding this information collection received by November 17, 2014 will be considered. Written comments should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), New Executive Office Building, 725-17th Street NW., Washington, DC, 20503. Commentors are encouraged to submit their comments to OMB via email to: OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov or fax (202) 395-5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250-7602. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-8681.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control

number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Forest Service

Title: National Forest System Land Management Planning—Generic Collection.

OMB Control Number: 0596-0234

Summary of Collection: Section 6 of the National Forest Management Act of 1976 (16 U.S.C. 1600 *et seq.*) and implementing regulations 36 CFR 219 (2012 Planning Rule) direct the U.S. Forest Service to revise land management plans for each National Forest System unit every 15 years, and to continuously monitor conditions to inform interim or subsequent planning actions. The planning process requires public participation and involvement. As such, the agency will invite public participation broadly to facilitate public comments and submission of information that members of the public find to be relevant.

Need and Use of the Information: To ensure that the Agency can be inclusive of, and responsive to, customer/stakeholder concerns during the development, assessment, and monitoring of National Forest System Land Management Plans, the agency will use a variety of methods, such as but not limited to, customer/stakeholder comment cards, focus groups, small discussion groups and surveys. Feedback and input will provide insights into customer or stakeholder perceptions, experiences and expectations, provide an early warning of issues with service, or focus attention on areas where communications, training, or changes in operations might improve delivery of products or services such as improved Land Management Planning or the implementation thereof.

Description of Respondents: Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; and State, Local, Tribal Government

Number of Respondents: 37,250.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 63,000.

Charlene Parker,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Saguache Ranger District, Rio Grande National Forest; Colorado; La Garita Hills Restoration Project

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

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

SUMMARY: The Saguache Ranger District, Rio Grande National Forest (USFS), and San Luis Valley Field Office, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), propose to conduct restoration activities on up to 90,000 acres within the 187,778 acre La Garita Hills (LGH) analysis area; approximately 145,709 acres are managed by the USFS and 33,294 acres are managed by the BLM. All activities would occur only on federal lands. The analysis area is located west and northwest of the town of La Garita in Saguache County, in south central Colorado. Treatment activities could include mechanical thinning, hand thinning, mastication, hazard tree removal, salvage, prescribed fire, tree planting, and relocation of selected road segments. The treatments will be used singularly or in combination to transition the landscape towards long-term desired future conditions that are more characteristic of a resilient forest, as described in the Rio Grande National Forest and San Luis Resource Area Management Plans. Resilient landscapes are more resistant to droughts, insect outbreaks, diseases, potential large wildfires, and will also offer additional protection to identified values at risk including: adjacent private land and property, water quality, watershed health, transportation systems, recreation sites, wildlife habitats, heritage sites, and timber resources. The USFS is the lead agency for the Environmental Impact Statement and the BLM is participating as a cooperating agency.

DATES: Comments concerning the scope of the analysis must be received by November 17, 2014. The draft

environmental impact statement is expected in May 2015 and the final environmental impact statement is expected in August 2015.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Diana McGinn, Team Leader, San Luis Valley Public Land Center, 1803 W. Hwy 160, Monte Vista, CO 81144. Electronic comments may be submitted online using the "Comment on Project" option on the project Web page (address below) or emailed to: comments-rocky-mountain-rio-grande-saguache@fs.fed.us, or via facsimile to 719-852-6250, with a subject of *LGH Project*.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Diana McGinn at 719-852-6241 or visit the Forest Web site: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/projects/riogrande/landmanagement/projects>; look for the La Garita Hills Restoration Project. 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:

Purpose and Need for Action

The recent extended drought and large wildfires on the Forest and nearby areas have focused attention on the continual declining vigor and health of forests and rangelands in the LGH project area. The purpose and need for this project is move toward achieving long-term desired conditions as described in the land management plans for this area regarding maintaining, improving, or restoring: forest and rangeland health, wildlife habitats, stream, riparian, and watershed health, while providing personal use wood products, safe recreation use, addressing fuel buildup, especially near private lands, and the access to forest products in support of the local rural economy. Strategic investments in vegetation treatments would be used to address these needs.

Proposed Action

In response to the conditions described above, the proposed action is to effectively treat up to 90,000 acres within the 187,778 acre analysis area over a 10 to 15 year period. Combinations of mechanical harvest with product removal, mastication, hand thinning, and prescribed burning will be used to move toward desired conditions related to vegetation structure, species composition, patterns, fuel loading, and health; recovering merchantable forest products from insect or disease mortality areas will also be an objective, as appropriate. Tree

planting or aspen regeneration would be used to meet stocking or species composition/diversity goals in selected areas. The overall emphasis will be on reducing conifer density in treated stands to increase landscape diversity and patchiness to protect values at risk. Values at risk include: adjacent private land and property, water quality, watershed health, transportation systems, recreation sites, wildlife habitats, heritage sites, and timber resources. Several treatment activities may occur on the same acres and treatments will occur across a variety of vegetation zones ranging from spruce-fir to piñon-juniper. Several sections of open National Forest System Roads (NFSRs) would be relocated to improve water quality and protect riparian vegetation. No new system roads would be constructed, though additional temporary roads would be needed in some areas for commercial timber harvest operations. All land management plan standards, guidelines, and best management practices will be adhered to and incorporated into project designs.

Possible Alternatives

In this EIS we may use the Iterative Alternative Process to make incremental changes to our initial proposed action to ensure that it is viable and responsive to our ongoing analysis and public comments. The no-action alternative will represent no change from current activities and serves as the baseline for the comparison among the action alternatives. Based on comments received following the initial 2013 scoping, part of one alternative will include no salvage harvest, except hazard trees, in the spruce or spruce mix zones; these vegetation zones are currently being effected by an ongoing spruce beetle epidemic.

Lead and Cooperating Agencies

The USFS is the lead agency for this EIS, the BLM will be a cooperating agency.

Responsible Officials

The Responsible Officials for these decisions will be the USFS Saguache District Ranger and BLM San Luis Resource Area Field Manager located at 46525 State Hwy 114, Saguache, CO 81149.

Nature of Decision To Be Made

An environmental impact statement (EIS) that discloses the environmental consequences of implementing the proposed action or alternatives to the proposed action, including No Action, will be prepared. Separate Record of

Decisions (RODs), prepared by each Responsible Official, will explain their decisions regarding the types of treatments, if any, that will be implemented, locations of treatments, monitoring methods to be used, and any adaptive management strategies that will be used to provide future adjustments to the decisions.

Scoping Process

This notice of intent initiates the scoping process, which guides the development of the environmental impact statement. The purpose of the public scoping process is to determine the relevant issues related to the proposed activities in the LGH project area that will influence the scope of the analysis and alternatives. The Forest invites public comment and participation for this project by publication of this notice. Comments are also invited by: publication in the USFS quarterly Schedule of Proposed Actions (SOPA); public notice regarding this project in the newspaper of record, the *Valley Courier*; letters or other communications to potentially interested individuals, tribal governments, elected officials, and State and other Federal Agencies. Information and updates may also be posted on the Rio Grande National Forest project Web site as this project progresses. All comments received during this scoping period and a previous scoping effort in 2013 will be considered.

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.

Notice of Importance of Public Participation in Subsequent Environmental Review

Since the analysis area includes federal lands managed by both the Forest Service and BLM, there will be a combined analysis with separate decisions. For the Forest Service, this project will proceed under the objection process (36 CFR part 218 (Subparts A and B)) which provides for an objection period prior to a final decision being made. In order to be eligible to file an objection, specific written comments relating to this project must be submitted; comments must be within the scope of this project and be directly related to this project and be submitted during scoping or other public

involvement opportunities and should clearly articulate the reviewer's concerns and contentions. For this project, opportunities for public participation will include this comment period following publication of this Notice of Intent and the 45-day comment period on the draft EIS following publication by the Environmental Protection Agency of the Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register**. It is the responsibility of persons providing comments to submit them by the close of the comment periods. Only those who submit timely and specific written comments will have eligibility (36 CFR 218.5) to file an objection under 36 CFR 218.8.

Dated: October 9, 2014.

James Pitts,
District Ranger.

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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).

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Title: NOAA Fisheries Greater Atlantic Region Vessel Identification Requirements.

OMB Control Number: 0648-0350.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Request: Regular (extension of a current information collection).

Number of Respondents: 3,675.

Average Hours per Response: 45 minutes.

Burden Hours: 2,756.

Needs and Uses: This request is for extension of a currently approved information collection.

Regulations at 50 CFR 648.8 and 697.8 require that owners of vessels over 25 ft and, if possible, on its stern. The official number must be displayed on the port and starboard sides of the deckhouse or hull, and on an appropriate weather deck so as to be clearly visible from enforcement vessels and aircraft. The display of the identifying characters aids in fishery law enforcement.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: Annually.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

This information collection request may be viewed at reginfo.gov. Follow

the instructions to view Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

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 or fax to (202) 395-5806.

Dated: October 10, 2014.

Glenna Mickelson,
Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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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).

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Title: Cooperative Charting Programs.

OMB Control Number: 0648-0022.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Request: Regular (revision and extension of a current information collection).

Number of Respondents: 600.

Average Hours per Response: 2-3.

Burden Hours: 2,540.

Needs and Uses: This request is for revision and extension of a current information collection.

The U.S. Power Squadrons and the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary members report observations of changes that require additions, corrections or revisions to Nautical Charts using a Web site to report the information. The information provided is used by NOAA National Ocean Service to maintain and prepare new additions that are used nationwide by commercial and recreational navigators. Revision: formerly a paper form was used for U.S. Coast Guard auxiliary reporting, and now a Web site is used.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

This information collection request may be viewed at reginfo.gov. Follow the instructions to view Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

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 or fax to (202) 395-5806.

Dated: October 10, 2014.

Glenna Mickelson,
Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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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).

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Title: Greater Atlantic Region Dealer Purchase Reports.

OMB Control Number: 0648-0229.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Request: Regular (extension of a current information collection).

Number of Respondents: 657.

Average Hours per Response: 4 minutes.

Burden Hours: 2,278.

Needs and Uses: This request is for extension of a current information collection.

Federally permitted dealers, and any individual acting in the capacity of a dealer, must submit to the Regional Administrator or to the official designee a detailed report of all fish purchased or received for a commercial purpose, other than solely for transport on land by one of the available electronic reporting mechanisms approved by National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). The information obtained is used by economists, biologists, and managers in the management of the fisheries. The data collection parameters are consistent with the current requirements for Federal dealers under the authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: Weekly.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

This information collection request may be viewed at reginfo.gov. Follow the instructions to view Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent