

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE****Forest Service****Information Collection: Good Neighbor Agreement With State Cooperators**

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice; correction.

**SUMMARY:** The Forest Service is correcting a notice that appeared in the *Federal Register* on December 9, 2014, (79 FR 73026). This correction replaces the link listed for the Good Neighbor Agreement instruments and associated administrative forms for this new information collection request. It does not change the date comments must be received by.

**DATES:** Comments must be received in writing on or before February 9, 2015 to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments concerning this notice should be addressed to Jake Donnay, Legislative Affairs, USDA Forest Service, 1400 Independence Ave. SW., Mailstop 1130, Washington, DC 20250-1130. Comments also may be submitted via facsimile to 202-205-1225 or by email to: [jacobsdonnay@fs.fed.us](mailto:jacobsdonnay@fs.fed.us).

All comments, including names and addresses when provided, will be placed in the record and available for public viewing and copying. The public may inspect comments received at U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, 201 14th Street SW., 4th floor, 4CE, Washington, DC, during normal business hours. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead to 202-205-1637 to facilitate entry. The public may request an electronic copy of the draft supporting statement and/or any comments received be sent via return email. Requests should be emailed to [jacobsdonnay@fs.fed.us](mailto:jacobsdonnay@fs.fed.us).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jake Donnay, Legislative Affairs at USDA Forest Service, 202-205-1617. Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 twenty-four hours a day, every day of the year, including holidays.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In the *Federal Register* of December 9, 2014, in FR Doc. 2014-28746, on page 73026, in column 3, the paragraph before the heading "Estimate of Annual Burden" replace [www.fs.fed.us.gov/farbill/gna.shtml](http://www.fs.fed.us.gov/farbill/gna.shtml) with the following <http://www.fs.fed.us/farbill/gna.shtml>.

Dated: December 10, 2014.

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE****Forest Service****Northern Research Station, Timber & Watershed Laboratory, RWU NRS-01, West Virginia, Fernow Experimental Forest 2016 to 2020**

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

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

**SUMMARY:** The USDA Forest Service will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS9) to document the analysis and disclose environmental impacts of proposed actions needed to continue long-term research on the Fernow Experimental Forest. To continue long-term research on the Fernow Experimental Forest, the USDA Forest Service proposes to harvest timber, use prescribed fire, and apply fertilizer to specific areas of the experimental forest. Also, to maintain the integrity of the experimental forest for long-term research we will continue the following management activities: Applying gravel to road surfaces as needed; replacing culverts on skid roads and haul roads as needed; maintaining water bars on skid roads; maintaining ditches and culverts; seeding decks and landings; using herbicides to control the spread of Japanese stiltgrass and other invasive species such as tree-of-heaven as needed; removing hazard trees from along the roads; and maintaining openings used for weather stations. The purpose of the research is to evaluate the effectiveness of silvicultural tools on central Appalachian forests, to better understand ecological dynamics within these forest ecosystems, and to develop management tools, practices, and guidelines for central Appalachian forests.

The 4,700-acre Fernow Experimental Forest is situated with the boundary of eth Monongahela National Forest in Tucker County, West Virginia and is managed by the Northern Research Station of eth USDA Forest Service. These proposed research activities are in compliance with the 2006 revised in 2011 Monongahela National Forest Plan, which provides overall guidance for management of the area, including direction for management of the Fernow Experimental Forest.

**DATES:** Comments concerning the scope of the analysis must be received by January 26, 2015. The draft environmental impact statement is expected September 2015 and the final environmental impact statement is expected November 2015.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments to USDA Forest Service, Northern Research Station, Timber & Watershed Laboratory, Attn: Fernow EIS, P.O. Box 404, Parsons, WV 26287. Comments may also be sent via email to [mailto:fs-fernow@fs.fed.us](mailto:mailto:fs-fernow@fs.fed.us), or via facsimile to 304-478-8692.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Tom Schuler, Northern Research Station, Timber & Watershed Laboratory, P.O. Box 404, Parsons, WV 26287, 304-478-2000, [tschuler@fs.fed.us](mailto:tschuler@fs.fed.us).

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Purpose and Need for Action**

The purpose of the proposed actions is to continue ongoing research studies on the FEF and to maintain the integrity of the FEF for long-term research. The need for these specific proposed actions is found in the various study plans that set up the harvest methods and timing for harvests. Some studies include experiments that were designed to last 80 years or more. These data represent some of the most complete, continuous long-term records on ecosystem processes in the world. We want to continue these experiments as designed, and continue to gather information about the effects of various silvicultural practices on forest ecosystems in the central Appalachians. We will use these data to provide information on basic ecosystem processes in unmanaged and managed forests, on species diversity of plants and animals, and on other ecological parameters. Research results from the FEF are used to guide management on private and public lands in the central Appalachian region.

The FEF has many partners and collaborators who rely on the existing studies as a framework for basic research, and for innovative studies. Therefore, it is important that we manage the FEF to ensure availability for collaborative research, and to ensure safety for all visitors to the FEF. Management activities include: Applying gravel to road surfaces as needed; replacing culverts on skid roads and haul roads as needed; maintaining water bars on skid roads; maintaining