

payments part of BCAP. No discretionary changes are being proposed for the matching payments part of BCAP. The proposed changes include:

- Consideration and review of additional crops including: pongamia pinnata, giant miscanthus seeded and rhizome clones, giant reed (*Arundo donax*), pennycress (*Thlaspi arvense*), energy cane (*Saccharum* spp.), biomass sorghum, sweet sorghum, yellowhorned fruit tree, eastern cottonwood (*Populus deltoides*), kenaf, jatropha, eucalyptus (fast growing), castor beans (*Ricinus communis*), short rotation pine, tropical maize, hybrid willow, sweetgum, black locust, loblolly pine, aspen, rubber

rabbitbrush (*Ericameria nauseosa*) and guayule (*Parthenium argentatum*).

- Requirements or additional practices for conservation plans on expiring Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) or Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP) land acres that would be enrolled in BCAP project areas.
- Potential for enrolling annual crops in BCAP project areas for contracts of less than five years.
- Program management processes that could help offset the lack of crop insurance for biomass crops or provide sufficient information for the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) to establish coverage.
- Treatment of the required FSA annual rental reductions in the event of

no bioenergy market end use (conversion to heat, power, advance biofuel or biobased product) for the harvested or collected biomass crops.

FSA will conduct scoping meetings to provide information on the proposed changes to BCAP and to solicit input from program participants, the public, and other stakeholders on the environmental impacts of these changes and alternatives to these changes. FSA will hold five scoping meetings. Each meeting will begin with an Open House (6 p.m.–6:30 p.m.) followed by a presentation (6:30 p.m.–7 p.m.). At the conclusion of the presentation FSA will accept verbal comments and answer questions. Times and locations are provided in the table below.

TABLE 1—PUBLIC MEETING DATES, TIMES, AND LOCATIONS\*

Date	Time	Location
July 14, 2015 .....	6 p.m.–8 p.m. ....	Hilton Garden Inn Sacramento/South Natomas, 2540 Venture Oaks Way, Sacramento, CA 95833.
July 15, 2015 .....	6 p.m.–8 p.m. ....	Pacific Beach Hotel, 2490 Kalakaua Avenue, Honolulu, HI 96815.
August 3, 2015 .....	6 p.m.–8 p.m. ....	Hampton Inn & Suites Raleigh-Durham Airport, 8021 Acro Corporate Drive, Raleigh, NC 27617.
August 4, 2015 .....	6 p.m.–8 p.m. ....	Orlando Airport Marriott Lakeside, 7499 Augusta National Drive, Orlando, FL 32822.
August 5, 2015 .....	6 p.m.–8 p.m. ....	Holiday Inn Sioux City, 701 Gordon Drive, Sioux City, IA 51101.

\*The five public meeting locations were chosen for the purposes of allowing public input from communities where BCAP has an existing project area or where FSA is aware that project area planning is in underway.

Under NEPA, the PEIS process provides a means for the public to provide input on implementation alternatives and environmental concerns for federal actions and programs. This notice informs the public of FSA’s intent to prepare a PEIS for discretionary changes to BCAP, and provides notice of the opportunity for public input on the proposed discretionary changes. The PEIS will provide an analysis that evaluates program effects in appropriate contexts, describes the intensity of adverse as well as beneficial environmental impacts, and addresses the cumulative environmental impacts associated with the proposed changes to BCAP. There will be additional opportunities for public comment on the draft PEIS when it is developed. The final PEIS and subsequent Record of Decision will be used by FSA decision-makers in implementing changes to BCAP.

Signed in Washington, DC, on June 9, 2015.

**Val Dolcini,**

*Executive Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation, and Administrator, Farm Service Agency.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

**Forest Service**

**Angeles and San Bernardino National Forests; California; San Gabriel Mountains National Monument Management Plan**

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare an environmental assessment.

**SUMMARY:** The Forest Service intends to prepare an environmental assessment to establish management direction for the land and resources within San Gabriel Mountains National Monument, designated by Presidential Proclamation on October 10, 2014. The Forest Service, as the responsible agency, proposes to amend the 2006 Angeles National Forest Land Management Plan with a management plan to provide for the protection of the objects of interest identified in the Proclamation. Approximately 99 percent of the Monument occurs on the Angeles National Forest and 1 percent on the San Bernardino National Forest.

**DATES:** Comments concerning the scope of the analysis must be received by July 27, 2015. The draft environmental assessment is expected in the spring of

2016, and the final environmental assessment and draft decision notice is expected in the summer of 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments to Justin Seastrand, on behalf of the Angeles National Forest Supervisor, 701 North Santa Anita Avenue, Arcadia, CA 91006. Comments may also be provided via facsimile to 626–574–5235. Or submitted on the San Gabriel Mountain National Monument project Web page: [http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa\\_project\\_exp.php?project=46964](http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=46964).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Justin Seastrand, Environmental Coordinator, USDA Forest Service, Angeles National Forest, 701 North Santa Anita Avenue, Arcadia, CA 91006; phone 626–574–5278; email [jseastrand@fs.fed.us](mailto:jseastrand@fs.fed.us).

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 Presidential Proclamation establishing San Gabriel Mountains National Monument (the Monument) requires the preparation of a

management plan. The purpose and need of developing the management plan is to ensure that the lands and resources within the Monument are managed in accordance with the intent of the Presidential Proclamation that established the Monument. As stated in the Proclamation, the plan will provide for the protection and interpretation of the scientific and historic objects within the Monument and for continued public access to those objects, consistent with their protection, as well as access by Indian tribal members for traditional cultural, spiritual, and tree and forest product-, food- and medicine-gathering purposes. Scientific and historic objects relate to cultural resources; modern recreation; scientific significance; wildlife and habitat; infrastructure; watershed values; recreation and scenery; and vegetation communities. The Proclamation withdrew the area from all forms of location, entry, and patent under mining laws and from disposition under all laws relating to mineral and geothermal leasing, except under the Materials Act of 1947 (sand, stone, gravel). Existing claims will still be honored. The Proclamation also requires the development of a transportation plan that focuses on protecting the objects of historic and scientific interest.

Based on a preliminary comparison of the Proclamation to the existing Angeles National Forest Land Management Plan (Forest Plan), agency personnel have concluded that, generally, Forest Plan direction is consistent with the management direction provided in the Proclamation for the Monument. However, some changes are necessary. Preliminary needs for changes to the Forest Plan to ensure consistency with the Proclamation include:

1. *Transportation*: The Proclamation requires the development of a transportation plan for the Monument that focuses on protecting those objects of historic and scientific interest identified by the President.

2. *Land Use Zones*: Some land use zones identified in the Forest Plan need to be updated to reflect new wilderness designations and other relevant and overlapping designations such as the Pacific Crest Trail, San Dimas, etc., that have taken place since the Forest Plan was adopted.

3. *Minerals/Mining*: Forest Plan direction needs revision to reflect the mineral withdrawal of lands within the Monument as directed by the Proclamation. Existing claims will still be honored.

4. *Recreation*: Forest Plan direction may need to be revised to ensure that recreation settings, opportunities, and

access are managed to meet public expectations while minimizing resource concerns associated with high public use and limited facilities. The Monument Management Plan and associated Forest Plan direction should provide a framework for making ecologically, economically, and socially sustainable recreation management decisions.

#### Proposed Action

The Angeles National Forest proposes to change some existing management direction in the Forest Plan and to capture those changes in the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument Management Plan. The Forest Plan may be amended in the following areas to ensure appropriate management of the Monument, consistent with the Proclamation: (1) Forest Plan Part 1—Goal 4.1, related to Energy and Minerals Production; (2) Forest Plan Part 2—Land Use Zones (as amended), related to Wilderness Areas and suitable uses allowed within land use zones; (3) Forest Plan Part 2—Appendix B—Strategies, related to Minerals management and Off Highway Vehicle Use Opportunities; and (4) Forest Plan Part 3—Appendix D—Standard S34, related to the framework for regulation of recreational uses.

All other aspects of the Forest Plan in Part 1 (Vision, including goals), Part 2 (Strategy including objectives, suitable uses within land use zones, and ‘places’), and Part 3 (Design Criteria, including standards) would not change as part of this proposal and would be carried forward as written into the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument Management Plan.

At the end of the process, there would be a single document that would serve as a standalone San Gabriel Mountains National Monument Management Plan, even though it would be adopted as an amendment to the Forest Plan. Any existing direction from the Forest Plan that applies to and is brought forward for the Monument will be repeated in the Management Plan, so that a single document provides all management direction for the Monument. The Management Plan will apply to all National Forest Systems lands within the monument including the small portion of the Monument that is on San Bernardino National Forest System lands (1 percent), which would also be guided by the direction provided by the Management Plan.

#### Responsible Official

The Angeles National Forest Supervisor will issue the decision.

#### Nature of Decision To Be Made

This decision will amend the Angeles Forest Plan, and in doing so, create the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument Management Plan. The decision would only apply to National Forest System lands within the Monument. Those National Forest System lands outside the Monument will continue to be managed according to current direction in the Angeles Forest Plan.

#### Scoping Process

This notice of intent initiates the scoping process, which guides the development of the environmental assessment. The Angeles National Forest encourages public review of this preliminary purpose and need for action and preliminary proposal. Public meetings will be held to answer questions about the preliminary Need to Change analysis, provide additional information, and gather comments and concerns. Public meetings will be held at the following locations and during the following times (Pacific time):

- June 22, 4–8 p.m., Pacific Community Center, 501 S. Pacific Ave., Glendale, CA
- June 23, 4–8 p.m., Palmdale Legacy Commons Senior Center, 930 East Avenue Q9, Palmdale, CA
- June 24, 4–8 p.m., Glendora Public Library, 140 S Glendora Ave., Glendora, CA
- June 25, 3–7 p.m., Pico House, 424 N Main St, Los Angeles, CA
- June 26, 4–8 p.m., Big Pines Lodge, 24537 Big Pines Highway, Wrightwood, CA

While public input is welcome through the planning process, two additional formal opportunities for public comment will occur when the draft environmental assessment is released for a 45-day comment period (anticipated spring 2016) and when the final environmental assessment and draft decision notice are released for a 45-day objection period (anticipated summer 2016).

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 assessment. Therefore, comments should be provided before 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.

The San Gabriel Mountains National Monument Management Plan will be developed pursuant to the requirements of the National Forest Management Act of 1976 (NFMA) and the U.S. Forest Service Planning Rule. This project is an action to amend a Forest Plan, and as such, is subject to pre-decisional administrative review, pursuant to Subpart B of the Planning Rule (36 CFR part 219).

Dated: June 5, 2015.

**Daniel Lovato,**

*Acting Forest Supervisor.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### National Institute of Food and Agriculture

#### Notice of Intent To Revise a Currently Approved Information Collection

**AGENCY:** National Institute of Food and Agriculture, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13) and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations at 5 CFR part 1320 (60 FR 44978, August 29, 1995), this notice announces the National Institute of Food and Agriculture's (NIFA) intention to revise a currently approved information collection entitled, "Research, Education, and Extension project online reporting tool (REEport)."

**DATES:** Written comments on this notice must be received by August 17, 2015, to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments may be submitted by any of the following methods: Email: [rmartin@nifa.usda.gov](mailto:rmartin@nifa.usda.gov); Fax: 202-720-0857; Mail: Office of Information Technology (OIT), NIFA, USDA, STOP 2216, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250-2216.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Robert Martin, Records Officer; email: [rmartin@nifa.usda.gov](mailto:rmartin@nifa.usda.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Reporting Requirements for Research, Education, and Extension project online reporting tool (REEport).

*OMB Number:* 0524-0048.

*Expiration Date of Current Approval:* January 31, 2018.

*Type of Request:* Revision of a currently approved information collection.

*Abstract:* The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), NIFA administers several competitive, peer-reviewed research, education, and extension programs, under which awards of a high-priority are made. These programs are authorized pursuant to the authorities contained in the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977, as amended (7 U.S.C. 3101 *et seq.*); Competitive, special, and facilities research grants (7 U.S.C. 450i) and other legislative authorities. NIFA also administers several formula funded research programs. The programs are authorized pursuant to the authorities contained in the McIntire-Stennis Cooperative Forestry Research Act of October 10, 1962 (16 U.S.C. 582a-1-582a-7); the Hatch Act of 1887, as amended (7 U.S.C. 4361a-361i); Section 1445 of Public Law 95-113, the Food and Agriculture Act of 1977, as amended (7 U.S.C. 3222); and Section 1433 of Subtitle E (Sections 1429-1439), Title XIV of Public Law 95-113, as amended (7 U.S.C. 3191-3201).

The purpose of this revision is to collect two new pieces of information as part of REEport: (1) Demographic data on grant participants, and (2) additional lines on the REEport Financial Report for "Non-Federal Funds" used on projects funded by NIFA.

*Demographic Data:* NIFA proposes to collect the following data as approved in the Research Performance Progress Report (RPPR). NIFA is being asked by other Federal Government entities for information regarding the demographics of grantee participants in research, higher education, and extension, including Project Directors, Co-Project Directors, Students, etc. Demographic data (*i.e.*, gender, ethnicity, race, and disability status) should be provided directly by significant contributors, with the understanding that submission of such data is voluntary. There are no adverse consequences if the data are not provided. Confidentiality of demographic data will be in accordance with agency's policy and practices for complying with the requirements of the Privacy Act.

#### Gender

- Male;
- Female;
- Do not wish to provide

#### Ethnicity

- Hispanic or Latino;
- Not-Hispanic or not-Latino;
- Do not wish to provide

#### Race (Select One or More)

- American Indian or Alaska Native;
- Asian;
- Black or African American;
- Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander;
- White;
- Do not wish to provide

#### Disability Status

- Yes (check yes if any of the following apply to you)
  - Deaf or serious difficulty hearing
  - Blind or serious difficulty seeing even when wearing glasses
  - Serious difficulty walking or climbing stairs
  - Other serious disability related to a physical, mental, or emotional condition

No

• Do not wish to provide  
Addition to the "Non-Federal Funds" Section of the REEport Financial Report: NIFA proposes to collect the following data as part of the REEport Financial Report:

#### Other Non-Federal Funds

- Foundation Funding
- International Funding

#### I. Demographic Data

*Estimate of the Burden:* The total reporting and record keeping requirements for the submission of the "Demographic Data on Grant Project Participants" is estimated to average 0.1 hour per response. This estimate is based on a percentage of 5 percent of the burden for a full Progress Report as previously approved by the Office of Management and Budget.

*Estimated Number of Responses:* 8700.

*Estimated Burden per Response:* 0.1 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 870 hours.

*Frequency of Responses:* Annually.

#### II. Addition of Data to "Non-Federal Funds" Section of the REEport Financial Report

*Estimate of the Burden:* The total reporting and record keeping requirements for the submission of the "Non-Federal Funds" data on the REEport Financial Report is estimated to average 0.1 hour per response. This estimate is based on a percentage 5 percent of the burden for a full Financial Report as previously approved by the Office of Management and Budget.

*Estimated Number of Responses:* 8700.

*Estimated Burden per Response:* 0.1 hours.