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Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS-2016-0086]

Notice of Request for Extension of Approval of an Information Collection; Spring Viremia of Carp; Import Restrictions on Certain Live Fish, Fertilized Eggs, and Gametes

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Extension of approval of an information collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's intention to request an extension of approval of an information collection associated with the regulations for the importation of live fish, fertilized eggs, and gametes to prevent the introduction of spring viremia of carp into the United States.

DATES: We will consider all comments that we receive on or before January 23, 2017.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by either of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=APHIS-2016-0086>.

- *Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery:* Send your comment to Docket No. APHIS-2016-0086, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3A-03.8, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238.

Supporting documents and any comments we receive on this docket may be viewed at <http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=APHIS-2016-0086> or in our reading room, which is located in room 1141 of the USDA South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC. Normal reading room hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 799-7039 before coming.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information on the regulations for the importation of live fish, fertilized eggs, and gametes, contact Dr. Christa

Speekmann, Import-Export Specialist-Aquaculture, NIES, VS, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 39, Riverdale, MD 20737; (301) 851-3365. For copies of more detailed information on the information collection, contact Ms. Kimberly Hardy, APHIS' Information Collection Coordinator, at (301) 851-2483.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Spring Viremia of Carp; Import Restrictions on Certain Live Fish, Fertilized Eggs, and Gametes.

OMB Control Number: 0579-0301.

Type of Request: Extension of approval of an information collection.

Abstract: Under the Animal Health Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 8301 *et seq.*), the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture is authorized, among other things, to prohibit or restrict the importation and interstate movement of animals and animal products to prevent the introduction into and dissemination within the United States of livestock diseases and pests. To carry out this mission, APHIS regulates the importation of animals and animal products into the United States. These regulations are contained in 9 CFR parts 92 through 98. Sections 93.900 through 93.906 contain requirements to prevent the introduction of spring viremia of carp (SVC) into the United States. SVC is a disease of certain species of finfish that is caused by an eponymous rhabdovirus. The disease is considered extremely contagious, and there are currently no U.S.-approved vaccines or treatments for the virus.

In accordance with the regulations, APHIS restricts the importation of live fish, fertilized eggs, and gametes of SVC-susceptible species and the importation of diagnostic specimens or research materials containing viable SVC virus. The regulations involve information collection activities, including a fish import permit application, application for import or in-transit permit, diagnostic specimen import application, refusal of entry and order to dispose of fish, health certificate, cleaning and disinfection certificate, recordkeeping, and 72-hour notification to APHIS before arrival of a shipment in the United States.

We are asking the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve our use of these information collection activities for an additional 3 years.

The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments from the public (as well as affected agencies) concerning our information collection. These comments will help us:

(1) Evaluate 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;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through use, as appropriate, of automated, electronic, mechanical, and other collection technologies; *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of responses.

Estimate of burden: The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.333 hours per response.

Respondents: Fish farmers, brokers, personnel at aquatic pathogen detection laboratories, salaried veterinary officers of the national government of the exporting region or designated certifying officials, and importers of SVC-susceptible live fish, fertilized eggs, and gametes.

Estimated annual number of respondents: 40.

Estimated annual number of responses per respondent: 120.3.

Estimated annual number of responses: 4,811.

Estimated total annual burden on respondents: 1,603 hours. (Due to averaging, the total annual burden hours may not equal the product of the annual number of responses multiplied by the reporting burden per response.)

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

Done in Washington, DC, this 18th day of November 2016.

Kevin Shea,

Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. FSIS-2016-0037]

National Advisory Committee on Meat and Poultry Inspection; Nominations for Membership

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice soliciting nominations for membership.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is soliciting nominations for membership for the National Advisory Committee on Meat and Poultry Inspection (NACMPI). The full Committee consists of 20 members, and each person selected is expected to serve a 2-year term. The current Committee consists of 17 members, with 4 members retiring. USDA is soliciting nominations for seven available positions.

DATES: Nominations, including a cover letter to the Secretary, the nominee's typed resume or curriculum vitae, and a completed USDA Advisory Committee Membership Background Information form AD-755, must be received within December 23, 2016. Self-nominations are welcome.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Natasha Williams, Program Specialist, Designated Federal Officer, Office of Outreach, Employee Education and Training, Outreach and Partnership Staff, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Telephone: 202-690-6531, Fax: (202) 690-6519, Email: Natasha.Williams@fsis.usda.gov, regarding specific questions about the Committee or this solicitation. General information about the Committee can also be found at: <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/nacmpi>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, USDA is seeking nominees for membership on the National Advisory Committee on Meat and Poultry Inspection (NACMPI). The Committee provides advice and recommendations to the Secretary on meat and poultry inspection programs, pursuant to sections 7(c), 24, 301(a)(3), and 301(c) of the Federal Meat Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 607(c), 624, 645, 661(a)(3), and 661(c)) and to sections 5(a)(3), 5(c), 8(b), and 11(e) of the Poultry Products Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 454(a)(3), 454(c), 457(b), and 460(e)). Nominations for membership are being sought from persons representing industry; academia; State and local government officials; public health organizations; and consumers and consumer organizations. NACMPI is seeking members with knowledge and interest in meat and poultry food safety and other FSIS policies. Appointments to the Committee will be made by the Secretary of Agriculture.

To ensure that recommendations of the Committee take into account the needs of the diverse groups served by the Department, membership will

include, to the extent practicable, individuals with demonstrated ability to represent minorities, women, and persons with disabilities. It is anticipated that the Committee will meet at least once annually.

Please note that federally registered lobbyists cannot be considered for USDA advisory committee membership. Members can only serve on one advisory committee at a time. All nominees will undergo a USDA background check.

How To Apply

To receive consideration for service on the NACMPI, a nominee must submit a resume and the USDA Advisory Committee Membership Background Information form AD-755. The resume or curriculum vitae must be limited to five one-sided pages and should include nominee's educational background and expertise. For submissions received that are more than five one-sided pages in length, only the first five pages will be reviewed. The USDA Advisory Committee Membership Background Information form AD-755 is available online at <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/forms>. The AD-755 will only be considered if it is complete.

Nomination packages should be accompanied by a resume and AD-755 form and can be sent by mail to: Natasha Williams, Designated Federal Officer; Office of Outreach, Employee Education and Training, Food Safety and Inspection Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture; 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Mail Stop 3778, Patriots Plaza III, Room 9-265A, Washington, DC 20250, Attention: National Advisory Committee on Meat and Poultry Inspection.

Regarding Nominees Who Are Selected

All members who are associated with colleges and universities will be designated as Special Government Employees (SGE) and must complete the Office of Government (OGE) 450 Confidential Financial Disclosure Report electronically through the USDA online system before rendering any advice or before their first meeting. SGEs are required to update financial forms yearly. An invitation to fill out the 450 form will be sent via email before the NACMPI meeting.

All members will be reviewed for conflict of interest pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 208 in relation to specific NACMPI work charges. Advisory Committee members serve a two-year term, renewable for two consecutive terms.

Additional Public Notification

Public awareness of all segments of rulemaking and policy development is

important. Consequently, FSIS will announce this **Federal Register** publication on-line through the FSIS Web page located at: <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/federal-register>.

FSIS also will make copies of this publication available through the FSIS Constituent Update, which is used to provide information regarding FSIS policies, procedures, regulations, **Federal Register** notices, FSIS public meetings, and other types of information that could affect or would be of interest to our constituents and stakeholders. The Update is available on the FSIS Web page. Through the Web page, FSIS is able to provide information to a much broader, more diverse audience. In addition, FSIS offers an email subscription service which provides automatic and customized access to selected food safety news and information. This service is available at: <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/subscribe>. Options range from recalls to export information, regulations, directives, and notices. Customers can add or delete subscriptions themselves, and have the option to password protect their accounts.

USDA Non-Discrimination Statement

No agency, officer, or employee of the USDA shall, on the grounds of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, age, marital status, family/parental status, income derived from a public assistance program, or political beliefs, exclude from participation in, deny the benefits of, or subject to discrimination any person in the United States under any program or activity conducted by the USDA.

How to File a Complaint of Discrimination

To file a complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, which may be accessed online at http://www.ocio.usda.gov/sites/default/files/docs/2012/Complain_combined_6_8_12.pdf, or write a letter signed by you or your authorized representative.

Send your completed complaint form or letter to USDA by mail, fax, or email:

Mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250-9410.

Fax: (202) 690-7442.

Email: program.intake@usda.gov.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication (Braille, large print, audiotope, etc.),

should contact USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TDD).

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Happy Camp/Oak Knoll Ranger District; California; Horse Creek Community Protection and Forest Restoration Project

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

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

SUMMARY: The purpose of the Horse Creek Community Protection and Forest Restoration Project (Horse Creek Project) is to reduce fuels along egress and ingress roads, on strategic ridges, and adjacent to private property; to reduce safety hazards along roads and in concentrated stands in and around the community of Horse Creek, California; to restore previously stocked units; and treat the riparian areas within the Horse Creek Botanical Special Interest Area. The Horse Creek Project includes 103 miles of roadside hazard treatment and 7,325 acres of other treatments within the 40,834-acre project boundary.

DATES: Comments concerning the scope of the analysis must be received by December 23, 2016. The draft environmental impact statement is expected March 2017 and the final environmental impact statement is expected July 2017.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to C. Christine Frisbee ATTN: Lisa Bousfield 1711 S. Main Street, Yreka, California 96097-9549. Comments may also be sent via email to lbousfield@fs.fed.us, or via facsimile to (530) 493-1796.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lisa Bousfield, (530) 493-1766, lbousfield@fs.fed.us or Jeff Marszal, (530) 493-2243, jmarszal@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

Purpose and need is driven by the desired conditions for the landscape or management area in the Forest Plan. Where the forest is in the desired

condition described in the Forest Plan, there is no need to act—meaning the existing condition is consistent with the Forest Plan. Where the existing condition of the landscape does not represent the desired conditions described in the Forest Plan, there is a need to act to accomplish the goals and objectives or purposes described in the Forest Plan.

- **All Land Allocations**—There is a need for public safety because the Gap Fire created unsafe conditions for the public and for adjacent private landowners. There is a need for safe conditions for forest workers, firefighters, tree planters, and recreationists.

- **General Forest**—There is a need for recovered timber volume from fire killed trees in the General Forest Management Area because these areas contribute to the timber base of the Forest. There is a need for reduced fuel loads to reduce the probability and extent of future high-severity fire. There is a need for fire-resilient coniferous forests in severely burned areas to meet Forest Plan Objectives.

- **Partial Retention Visual Quality Objective**—There is a need for recovered timber volume from fire killed trees on Partial Retention lands because these areas contribute to the timber base of the Forest. There is a need for reduced fuel loads to reduce the probability and extent of future high severity fire. There is a need for fire-resilient coniferous forests in severely burned areas to meet Forest Plan Objectives for partial retention.

- **Late Successional Reserves**—There is a need for reduced fuels to reduce the risk of future large-scale high severity fire losses of late successional habitat. There is a need for a fire resilient coniferous forest in severely burned areas to meet the desired conditions for late successional reserves.

- **Riparian Reserves**—There is a need to reduce fuels to reduce the risk of future high severity fire.

- **Special Interest Area**—There is a need to restore ecological functions to reflect the unique characteristics for which the Horse Creek Botanical area was designated.

Proposed Action

The proposed action was designed to meet the purpose and need of the project. The proposed action would treat roadside hazard trees adjacent to approximately 103 miles of roads and 7,325 acres of other treatments within the 40,834-acre project boundary. Acres by treatment type are described below and do not account for the overlap in treatment types. Treatment acreages are

approximate at this point, riparian reserves have not been field validated, and may be adjusted and refined following scoping.

This project includes the following seven types of treatments: (1) Roadside hazard tree removal; (2) roadside fuels treatments; (3) fuels reduction adjacent to private property; (4) developing and maintaining fuels management zones; (5) salvage harvest with site preparation and planting; (6) site preparation and planting (without salvage); and (7) Horse Creek SIA.

(1) **Roadside Hazard Tree Removal (103 miles)**—Trees adjacent to National Forest System roads or along county roads adjacent to National Forest System lands within the project area will be evaluated for hazard tree removal.

(2) **Roadside Fuels Treatment (1,243 acres)**—The National Forest System Roads 12, 46N60, and 46N50 would receive treatment within 150 feet on either side of the road. To maintain strategic ingress and egress roads and to decrease the amount of activity-generated fuels in hazard tree removal areas, we propose to remove dead vegetation and live understory vegetation along with live conifer trees less than 12 inches at breast height.

(3) **Fuels Reduction Adjacent to Private Property (1,684 acres)**—Fuels reduction treatments are proposed within the 500 feet of National Forest System lands adjacent to private property with an existing structure or that had a structure that was affected by the fire. Treatment would include removing dead vegetation and live understory vegetation including conifer trees less than 12 inches in diameter at breast height to reduce fire behavior activity, specifically reduced flame length, crown fire potential and intensity to meet desired conditions.

(4) **Developing and Maintaining Fuels Management Zones (1,499 acres)**—During the Gap Fire, strategic dozer lines built during the Beaver Fire in 2014 or from past wildfires were re-opened. Strategic ridge systems, many containing historic firelines already in place, would be maintained by removing dead vegetation and live understory vegetation along with live conifer trees less than 12 inches at breast height.

(5) **Salvage Harvest with Site Preparation and Planting (Ground-based 1,262 acres and Skyline (Cable) 995 acres)**—Standing dead trees 14 inches in diameter at breast height or greater would be considered for salvage. Fire-killed and fire-injured trees with a 70 percent or greater chance of dying within the next three to five years