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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Information Collection; Significant Cave Nomination

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Forest Service is seeking comments from all interested individuals and organizations on a new information collection, Significant Cave Nominations under the Federal Cave Resources Protection Act (FCRPA).

DATES: Comments must be received in writing on or before March 7, 2017 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 Johanna Kovarik, Minerals and Geology Management, 740 Simms Street, Golden, CO 80401. Comments also may be submitted via facsimile to (303) 275-5122 or by email to: jkovarik@fs.fed.us. The public may inspect comments received at 740 Simms Street, Golden, CO 80401 during normal business hours. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead to facilitate entry to the building by calling (303) 275-5350.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Johanna Kovarik, Minerals and Geology Management, 303-275-5378. Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339 twenty-four hours a day, every day of the year, including holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Significant Cave Nomination.
OMB Number: 0596-New.
Expiration Date of Approval: Not applicable, new request.
Type of Request: New.

Abstract: The information covered in this request applies to caves on Federal lands administered by the Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service. The U.S. Forest Service, in accordance with the FCRPA, collects information from appropriate private sector interests, including “cavers,” in order to update a list of significant caves that are under the jurisdiction of the agencies listed above. The U.S. Forest Service also processes requests for confidential information regarding significant caves. While the FCRPA does not define what “significant” means, it does require the Secretaries of Agriculture and Interior to issue regulations that define criteria for identification of significant caves. This criteria can be found at 36 CFR 290.3. This information enables the U.S. Forest Service to comply with the FCRPA (16 U.S.C. 4301-4310).

Estimate of Annual Burden per Response: 11 hours.

Type of Respondents: Individuals and Households.

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 10.

Estimated Annual Number of Responses per Respondent: One.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 110.

Comment is Invited:

Comment is invited on: (1) Whether this collection of information is necessary for the stated purposes and the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical or scientific utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

All comments received in response to this notice, including names and addresses when provided, will be a matter of public record. Comments will be summarized and included in the submission request toward Office of Management and Budget approval.

Dated: December 22, 2016.

Glenn Casamassa,

Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest System.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Notice of Availability of the Atlantic Coast Pipeline Project and Supply Header Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement and the Forest Service Draft of Associated Land and Resource Management Plan Amendments

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended; the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended; and the National Forest Management Act of 1976 (NFMA), as amended; the Forest Service (FS), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) Great Dismal Swamp, West Virginia Division of Natural Resources (WVDNR), and West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (WVDEP) have participated as cooperating agencies with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) in the preparation of the Atlantic Coast Pipeline (ACP) and Supply Header Project (SHP) Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The Draft EIS addresses: (1) The impacts of these projects, (2) the associated draft amendments to the Land and Resource Management Plans (LRMPs) for the Monongahela National Forest (MNF) and George Washington National Forest (GWNF), and (3) the proposal for authorization from the Forest Service to construct, operate, maintain, and eventually decommission a natural gas transmission pipeline that crosses National Forest System (NFS) lands. With this agency-specific Notice of Availability, the FS is announcing the opening of the FERC comment period. Comments submitted to the FERC concerning FS actions need to be timely and specific, showing a direct