

which would be necessary to approve the final MPO.

#### *Final EIS and Record of Decision*

The Forest Supervisor plans to release a draft ROD in conjunction with the final EIS. The draft ROD would address the decision on approval of the MPO. The decision would be subject to 36 CFR part 218, *Project-Level Pre-decisional Administrative Review Process*. If forest plan amendments are required, then the draft decision may also be subject to 36 CFR part 219, subpart B, *Pre-decisional Administrative Review Process*.

Following resolution of objections to the draft ROD, a final ROD would be issued. PVMC would have an opportunity to appeal the decision as set forth at 36 CFR part 214, *Postdecisional Administrative Review Process for Occupancy or Use of National Forest System Lands and Resources*.

Prior to approval of the MPO, PVMC may be required to modify the proposed MPO to align it with the description of the selected alternative in the final ROD. In addition, the TNF Forest Supervisor would require PVMC to submit a reclamation bond or other acceptable financial assurance to ensure that NFS lands and resources involved with the mining operation are reclaimed in accordance with the approved MPO and Forest Service requirements for environmental protection (36 CFR 228.8 and 228.13). After the Forest Service has determined that the MPO conforms to the ROD and that the reclamation bond is acceptable, the TNF Forest Supervisor would approve the MPO. Implementation of mining operations that affect NFS lands and resources may not commence until the MPO is approved and the reclamation bond or other financial assurance is in place.

#### **Preliminary Issues**

Issues to be analyzed in the EIS will be developed during the scoping process. Preliminary issues expected to be analyzed include potential impacts to: Groundwater and surface water quantity and quality; riparian and aquatic areas and springs; biological resources, including threatened and endangered species and Forest Service sensitive species; historical and cultural resources; air quality; socioeconomic; transportation and traffic; noise; visual resources; and recreation. This list is subject to change based on comments received from the public and resource agencies.

#### **Permits or Licenses Required**

The following is a list of permits for Pinto Valley Mine: Permits associated

with groundwater withdrawal and dam safety permits (Arizona Department of Water Resources); air quality Class II synthetic minor permit (Arizona Department of Environmental Quality), Arizona Pollutant Discharge Elimination System process and stormwater permits, Aquifer Protection Permit, and public water supply permit (Arizona Department of Environmental Quality); Mined Land Reclamation Plan (Arizona State Mine Inspector); letter agreement for a commercial vehicle staging area (Arizona Department of Transportation); and other required permits. Because the Pinto Valley Mine is an operating mine, PVMC already holds required permits. PVMC would update and amend permits for additional activities proposed in the MPO, as required.

#### **Scoping Process**

This notice of intent initiates the scoping process, which guides the development of the Pinto Valley Mine EIS. Public comments may be submitted to TNF in a variety of ways, including: By email, via the project Web site, by mail, and by facsimile. In addition, TNF will conduct two open houses during the scoping process through which members of the public can learn about the proposed action and the NEPA review process, and submit comments. Comments sought by TNF include specific comments related to the proposed action, appropriate information that could be pertinent to the description of baseline resource conditions and analysis of environmental effects, identification of significant issues, identification of reasonably foreseeable actions that should be considered in the cumulative analysis, and identification of potential design features and alternatives.

Written comments may be sent to: Pinto Valley Mine EIS Comments, 2324 E McDowell Rd., Phoenix, AZ 85006. Comments may also be sent by email to: [Comment@pintovalleymineeis.us](mailto:Comment@pintovalleymineeis.us), or sent by facsimile to (602) 225-5302.

It is important that reviewers provide comments at such times and in such manner that they are useful to the agency's preparation of the environmental impact statement. Therefore, comments should be provided prior to the close of the comment period and should clearly articulate the reviewer's concerns and contentions and specific recommendations wherever possible. When submitting comments, please keep them specific to this proposal only. Comments which are not specific to the project and project area will be deemed outside the scope of the analysis and will not be considered. If you are

including references, citations, or additional information to be considered for this project, please provide a copy and specify exactly how the material relates to the project. Also indicate exactly what part of the material you would like us to consider (such as page or figure number). 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.

Dated: March 21, 2017.

**Jeanne M. Higgins,**

*Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest System.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

### **Rural Utilities Service**

#### **Information Collection Activity; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

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

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the United States Department of Agriculture's Rural Utilities Service (RUS) invites comments on this information collection for which approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) will be requested.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by May 30, 2017.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Thomas P. Dickson, Acting Director, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, Rural Utilities Service, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., STOP 1522, Room 5164 South Building, Washington, DC 20250-1522. Telephone: (202) 690-4492. Email: [thomas.dickson@wdc.usda.gov](mailto:thomas.dickson@wdc.usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) regulation (5 CFR part 1320) implementing provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13) requires that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (see 5 CFR 1320.8(d)). This notice identifies an information collection that RUS is submitting to OMB for approval.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed 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 the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) Ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (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 or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to: Thomas P. Dickson, Acting Director, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, Rural Utilities Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, STOP 1522, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250-1522. Email: [thomas.dickson@wdc.usda.gov](mailto:thomas.dickson@wdc.usda.gov).

*Title:* Technical Assistance Programs.  
*OMB Control Number:* 0572-0112.  
*Type of Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Abstract:* The Rural Utilities Service is authorized by section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1926) to make loans to public agencies, American Indian tribes, and nonprofit corporations to fund the development of drinking water, wastewater, and solid waste disposal facilities in rural areas with populations of up to 10,000 residents. Under the CONACT, 7 U.S.C. 1925(a), as amended, section 306(a)(14)(A) authorizes Technical Assistance and Training grants, and 7 U.S.C. 1932(b), section 310B authorizes Solid Waste Management grants. Grants are made for 100 percent of the cost of assistance. The Technical Assistance and Training Grants and Solid Waste Management Grants programs are administered through 7 CFR part 1775.

*Estimate of Burden:* Public reporting for this collection of information is estimated to average 3 hours per response.

*Respondents:* Not-for-profit institutions.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 142.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 17.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 6,250.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Thomas P. Dickson, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, at (202) 690-4492. 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.

Dated: March 16, 2017.

**Christopher McLean,**  
*Acting Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Rural Utilities Service

#### Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

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

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Rural Utilities Service, invites comments on this information collection for which the Agency intends to request approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by May 30, 2017.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Thomas P. Dickson, Deputy Director, Program Development & Regulatory Analysis, Rural Utilities Service, USDA, 1400 Independence Ave. SW., STOP 1522, Room 5164 South Building, Washington, DC 20250-1522. Telephone: (202) 690-4492. (202) FAX: (202) 720-8435. [Thomas.Dickson@wdc.usda.gov](mailto:Thomas.Dickson@wdc.usda.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* 7 CFR 1753, Telecommunications System Construction Policies and Procedures.  
*OMB Control Number:* 0572-0059.

*Type of Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection package.

*Abstract:* In order to facilitate the programmatic interest of the RE Act, and, in order to assure that loans made or guaranteed by the Agency are adequately secured, the Agency, as a secured lender, has established certain forms for materials, equipment and construction of electric and telecommunications systems. The use of standard forms, construction contracts, and procurement procedures helps assure the Agency that appropriate standards and specifications are maintained, the Agency's loan security is not adversely affected; and the loan response. In an effort to improve customer service provided to RUS rural borrowers, the Agency continues to revise, consolidate, and/or streamline its current contracts and contracting procedures.

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit and non-profit institutions.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 513.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 9.

*Estimate Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 8,434 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be requested from MaryPat Daskal, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, Rural Utilities Service by telephone at (202) 720-7853 or email: [MaryPat.Daskdal@wdc.usda.gov](mailto:MaryPat.Daskdal@wdc.usda.gov).

Comments are invited on (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 the burden including the validity of the methodology and assumption used; (c) Ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (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 on other forms of information technology.

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.

Dated: March 22, 2017.

**Christopher A. McLean,**  
*Acting Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.*  
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## COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

### Notice of Public Meeting of the Oregon Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

**ACTION:** Announcement of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) that a meeting of the Oregon Advisory Committee (Committee) to the Commission will be held at 1:00 p.m. (Pacific Time) Tuesday, April 4, 2017. The purpose of the meeting is for the Committee to consider and discuss potential topics for their FY17 civil rights project.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 4, 2017, at 1:00 p.m. PST.