

Opportunities for Public Participation

The FHWA provided opportunities for public comment throughout the development of this project, including public comment periods and public meetings following issuance of the draft EIS and Final EIS. A history of public participation, including all public comments, is available at: http://sterlinghighway.net/SHWPI_New.html. Both the draft and final EIS disclosed the need for a Forest Plan amendment, depending on the alternative selected.

This notice initiates a 45-day comment period on the proposed amendment. This will be the final comment period for this proposed amendment prior to issuing the record of decision for administrative review. Instructions on how to provide comment, and where to find additional information, are described in the beginning of this notice. 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.

Administrative Review of Forest Plan Amendment Decisions

The decision for a plan amendment will be documented in a record of decision issued by the Forest Service. The decision will be subject to the predecisional administrative review process per 36 CFR 219 subpart B. Objections will be accepted only from those who have previously submitted substantive formal comments specific to the proposed plan amendment. The Reviewing Official for any objection is the Regional Forester for the Alaska Region.

Dated: September 7, 2018.

Gregory C. Smith,

Acting Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest System.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Boundary Establishment for Black Butte National Wild and Scenic River, Including Portions of Cold Creek, Mendocino National Forest, Mendocino County, California

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Section 3(b) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, the USDA Forest Service, Washington

Office, is transmitting the final boundary of the Black Butte National Wild and Scenic River, including portions of Cold Creek, to Congress.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Information may be obtained by contacting Mendocino National Forest Supervisor's Office, 825 N Humboldt Ave., Willows, CA 95988; (530) 934–3316.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Black Butte Wild and Scenic River, including portions of Cold Creek, boundary is available for review at the following offices: USDA Forest Service, Yates Building, 14th and Independence Avenues SW, Washington, DC 20024; Pacific Southwest Region 1323 Club Drive, Vallejo, CA 94592; and Mendocino National Forest Supervisor's Office, 825 N Humboldt Ave., Willows, CA 95988.

The Northern California Coastal Wild Heritage Wilderness Act (Pub. L. 109–362) of October 17, 2006, designated the Black Butte River and portions of Cold Creek, California, as a National Wild and Scenic River, to be administered by the Secretary of Agriculture. As specified by law, the boundary will not be effective until 90-days after Congress receives the transmittal.

Dated: September 21, 2018.

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Acting Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest System.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act.

Agency: U.S. Census Bureau.

Title: Report of Building or Zoning Permits Issued for New Privately-Owned Housing Units.

OMB Control Number: 0607–0094.

Form Number(s): C–404.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Number of Respondents: 20,325.

Average Hours per Response: Ranges from 3 to 23 minutes.

Burden Hours: 17,263.

Needs and Uses: The Census Bureau is requesting a three-year extension of the Report of Building or Zoning Permits Issued for New Privately-Owned Housing Units, otherwise

known as the Building Permits Survey (BPS). The Census Bureau conducts this survey to collect data on new residential buildings from state and local permit-issuing offices. The key estimates from the survey are the numbers of new housing units authorized by building permits; data are also collected on the valuation of the housing units. The BPS specifically collects information on changes to the geographic coverage of the permit-issuing place, the number and valuation of new residential housing units authorized by building permits, and additional information on residential permits valued at \$1 million or more, including, but not limited to, site address and type of building.

The Census Bureau produces statistics used to monitor activity in the large and dynamic construction industry. Given the importance of this industry, several of the statistical series have been designated by the Office of Management and Budget as Principal Economic Indicators. Two such indicators are directly dependent on the key estimates from the BPS. For New Residential Construction (which includes Housing Units Authorized by Building Permits, Housing Starts, and Housing Completions), form C–404 is used to collect the estimate for Housing Units Authorized by Building Permits. For New Residential Construction and Sales, the number of housing units authorized by building permits is a key component utilized in the estimation of housing units started, completed, and sold.

These statistics help state, local, and federal governments, as well as private industry, analyze this important sector of the economy. The building permit series are available monthly based on a sample of building permit offices, and annually based on the entire universe of permit offices. Published data from the survey can be found on the Census Bureau's website at www.census.gov/permits.

The Census Bureau collects these data primarily by mail or online using an online version of the same questionnaire. Some data are also collected via receipt of proprietary electronic files or mailed printouts for jurisdictions who have established reporting arrangements which allow them to submit their responses using their own file format.

We use the data, a component of The Conference Board Leading Economic Index, to estimate the number of housing units authorized, started, completed, and sold (single-family only). In addition, the Census Bureau uses the detailed geographic data in the development of annual population

estimates; those population estimates are used by government agencies to allocate funding and other resources to local areas, inform policy, and aid in city planning. Policymakers, planners, businesses, and others use the detailed geographic data to monitor growth and plan for local services, and to develop production and marketing plans. The BPS is the only source of statistics on residential construction for states, counties, and smaller geographic areas. Because building permits are public records, we can release data for individual jurisdictions, and annual data are published for every permit-issuing jurisdiction.

Affected Public: State, local or Tribal governments.

Frequency: Monthly and annually.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title 13 U.S.C.,

Sections 131 and 182.

This information collection request may be viewed at www.reginfo.gov. Follow the instructions to view Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov or fax to (202) 395-5806.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Industry and Security

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Procedures for Submitting Requests for Objections From the Section 232 National Security Adjustments of Imports of Steel and Aluminum

AGENCY: Bureau of Industry and Security, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: To ensure consideration, written comments must be submitted on or before November 27, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Jennifer Jessup, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the internet at docpra@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Mark Crace, BIS ICB Liaison, (202) 482-8093 or at mark.crace@bis.doc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

Presidential Proclamations 9705 Adjusting Imports of Steel Into the United States and 9704 Adjusting Imports of Aluminum Into the United States

On March 8, 2018, the President issued Proclamations 9704 and 9705 concurring with the findings of the two investigation reports submitted by the Secretary of Commerce pursuant to section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962 (U.S.C. 1862) and determining that adjusting imports through the imposition of duties on steel and aluminum is necessary so that imports of steel and aluminum will no longer threaten to impair the national security. The Proclamations also authorized the Secretary of Commerce, in consultation with the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of the Treasury, the Secretary of State, the United States Trade Representative, the Assistant to the President for Economic Policy, the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs, and other senior executive branch officials as appropriate, to grant exclusions from the duties for domestic parties affected by the duties. This could take place if the Secretary determines the steel or aluminum for which the exclusion is requested is not produced in the United States in a sufficient and reasonably available amount or of a satisfactory quality or should be excluded based upon specific national security considerations. The President directed the Secretary to promulgate regulations as may be necessary to implement an exclusion process. The purpose of this information collection is to allow for submission of objections requests from the remedies instituted in presidential proclamations adjusting imports of steel into the United States and adjusting imports of aluminum into the United States.

II. Method of Collection

Submitted electronically.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0694-0138.

Form Number(s): 0694-0138.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 24,222.

Estimated Time per Response: 4 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 96,888.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0. (This is not the cost of respondents' time, but the indirect costs respondents may incur for such things as purchases of specialized software or hardware needed to report, or expenditures for accounting or records maintenance services required specifically by the collection.)

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962 (19 U.S.C. 1862), Presidential Proclamations 9704 and 9705.

IV. Request for Comments

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 shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (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 respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

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