office or office building and can be accessed by authorized Forest Service employees. The Department/Forest Service safeguards electronic records in this system according to applicable rules and policies, including all applicable automated systems’ security and access policies. The Forest Service has imposed strict controls to minimize the risk of compromising stored information. System access is limited to individuals with appropriate clearances or permissions who need to know the information for performance of official duties.

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:

Individuals are not allowed to access their information through the LEIMARS database. Although access to the system may be denied, any person, including U.S. citizens, foreign nationals, organizations, universities, businesses, and state and local governments, can file a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to acquire copies of records of the system. Federal employees may not use government time or equipment when requesting information under the FOIA.

Individuals seeking access to records contained in this system of records, or seeking to contest content, may submit a request in writing to the Forest Service FOIA/Privacy Act Officer (contact information at https://www.dm.usda.gov/foia/poc.htm). If an individual believes more than one Department component maintains Privacy Act records concerning him or her, the individual may submit the request to the Departmental FOIA Officer, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, South Building Room 4104, Washington, DC 20250–0706, email: USDAFOIA@ocio.usda.gov. The request should include a daytime phone number and email. Provide as much information as possible about the subject matter of the records you are requesting. This will help facilitate the search process. If you are making a request for records about yourself, you may receive greater access by providing either a notarized statement or a statement signed under penalty of perjury stating that you are the person who you say you are. Provide your full name, date, and either: (1) Have your signature witnessed by a notary; or (2) include the following statement immediately above the signature on your request letter: “I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on [date].” Requests that do not contain the required declaration will be processed under the FOIA and, if records are found, you may not receive as much information, including information about you. If additional information is required to fulfill a Privacy Act request, you will be notified. If you want records about yourself to be released to a third party (such as a law firm or other organization requesting records on your behalf), the third party may receive greater access if they have permission from you. You will need a signed and dated statement that the Forest Service may release records pertaining to you. Include your name, date of birth, name of the person or organization to whom you want your records disclosed (where applicable), their contact information, and list of records that may be released (all emails, medical records, etc.). The person about whom the records will be released should include a statement indicating that they understand that knowingly or willingly seeking or obtaining access to records about another person under false pretenses and/or without their consent is punishable by a fine of up to $5,000.

Requests must be for access to existing records. The Forest Service FOIA Office will not create records for the purpose of responding to a FOIA or Privacy Act request. FOIA excludes Federal agencies from its definition of persons permitted to make FOIA requests (see 5 U.S.C. 552(a)(3)(A) and 5 U.S.C. 551(2)). To avoid confusion as to whether Federal employees are requesting information in their personal or official capacities, requests from Federal employees should be submitted using personal resources.

CONTESTING RECORDS PROCEDURES:

Any individual may contest information contained within a record in the system that pertains to him/her by submitting a written request to the system manager at the address above. Include the reason for contesting the record and the proposed amendment to the information with supporting documentation to show how the record is inaccurate.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES:

LEIRS, formally known as LEIMARS, contains information about individuals that is recorded on a Violation Notice. Individuals who receive a Violation Notice are provided with a copy at the time of the incident. The notification provides a copy of all recorded information to individuals. Information to individuals is provided via:


- The Federal Register for System of Records Notices and legal authorities.


Forms associated with Privacy Act systems are approved through the Office of Management and Budget under the Paperwork Reduction Act (also cited in the Federal Register); the forms cite the Privacy Act. Any individual may request general information regarding this system of records or information as to whether the system contains records pertaining to him/her. All inquiries pertaining to this system should be in writing, must name the system of records as set forth in the system notice, and must contain the individual’s name, telephone number, address, and email address (see specific instructions above).

EXEMPTIONS CLAIMED FOR THE SYSTEM:

This system has been exempted pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(k)(2) from the requirements of 5 U.S.C. 552a(c)(3), 552a(d), 552a(e)(1), 552a(e)(3), 552a(j)–(l), and 552a(f) (see 7 CFR 1.123). This exemption will only be used to maintain the efficiency and integrity of lawful investigations and to prevent access to certain law enforcement files that potentially could alert subjects of investigations that their activities are being scrutinized and thus allow them time to take measures to prevent detection of illegal action or escape prosecution. Any individual who feels that he or she has been denied any right, privilege, or benefit for which he or she would otherwise be eligible as a result of the maintenance of such material may request access to the material. Such requests should be addressed to the System Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Information Collection; Pesticide-Use Proposal

AGENCY: Forest Service, Agriculture (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 the renewal of a currently approved information collection, Pesticide-Use Proposal.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing on or before September 7, 2021 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: Email: stephen.covell@usda.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Stephen A. Covell, USDA Forest Service, Forest Health Protection, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Mail Stop 1110, Washington, DC 20250.

The public may request an electronic copy of the draft supporting statement and/or any comments received be sent via return email. Requests should be emailed to stephen.covell@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:


Type of Request: Renewal of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: USDA Forest Service (FS) has Federal land stewardship responsibilities for approximately 193 million acres. Forest Service land management responsibilities require use of integrated pest management, which in certain circumstances includes use of pesticides. The Forest Service currently uses form FS–2100–2, Pesticide-Use Proposal (PUP) internally to collect and review pesticide-applications intended to control pests of grasslands and forests under its administrative responsibility (under FSM 2150, and FSH 2109.14). The Forest Service anticipates requests from outside entities for application of pesticides upon Forest Service administered lands within rights-of-way easements, permitted lands, and under similar circumstances.

The Forest Service proposes to use the PUP form to collect pesticide project information from those outside entities to facilitate authorization of selected activities. Completion of the PUP form includes identification of pests to be controlled, pesticide to be applied, and other regulatory compliance information such as use of certified applicators. Because diverse pesticide-use projects are designed for local conditions, it is appropriate for the PUP form to be used to ensure that essential details are uniformly assembled for review.

Proposals will be evaluated by Forest Service pesticide use coordinators and other administrative personnel to safeguard human health and ecological protection consistent with Forest Service land use management programs. Form and instructions will be posted on a Forest Service website for ready public availability.

Affected Public: Individuals and Households, Businesses and Organizations, and State, Local or Tribal Governments responsible for pest control, including vegetation management along rights-of-way, upon lands administered by the Forest Service.

Estimate of Burden per Response: 12 hours.

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 36.

Estimated Annual Number of Responses: 50.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 600 hours.

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.

Jaelith Hall-Rivera.

 Acting Deputy Chief, State & Private Forestry.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice of a modified system of records.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA or Department) proposes to modify and reissue the current system of records entitled “Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Mineral Lessees and Permittees.” This system allows the Forest Service Minerals and Geology program to support Forests and Grasslands to manage locatable minerals and mineral materials. This information helps the Agency meet its objectives to explore, develop, and produce mineral resources.

DATES: Submit comments on or before August 5, 2021. This new system will be effective August 5, 2021.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number FS–2021–0003 by one of the following methods:

• Federal e-Rulemaking Portal: http://www.regulations.gov. Follow the instructions for submitting comments;

• Email: Chad Hood for smaller notices, chad.hood@usda.gov; or

• Mail: Chad Hood, Geologist, Minerals and Geology Management, 1249 South Vinnell Way, Suite 200, Boise, ID 83709.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and docket number for this rulemaking. All comments received will be posted without change to http://www.regulations.gov, including any personal information provided.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to http://www.regulations.gov.