

and the scenic resource on DNF-managed lands (which will be analyzed for consistency with the Scenic Integrity Objectives [SIOs] in the DNF LRMP); the potential to alter the quality and variety of recreation opportunities available within and proximate to the proposed SUP expansion areas (which will be analyzed for consistency with the DNF LRMP's Recreation Opportunity Spectrum [ROS] designation of Semi-Primitive Non-Motorized, Semi-Primitive Motorized, and Roaded Natural) as well as potential to impact permitted snowmobile operations for a neighboring small business; the potential to increase traffic on Highway 143 resulting from an increase to BHR's comfortable carrying capacity; the potential to negatively impact northern goshawk nesting and Post Fledgling Area habitat, crucial summer calving habitat for Rocky Mountain elk, crucial summer fawning habitat for mule deer, habitat for American pika, and habitat for the Brian Head Mountain snail within and adjacent to the project area; and the potential to affect adjacent communities resulting from changes in employment, tourism revenue, and housing in Iron County.

#### Lead and Cooperating Agencies

The Forest Service is the lead federal agency for NEPA compliance, review, and approval concerning the EIS. The National Park Service/CBNM will be a cooperating agency to assist in the NEPA analysis for dark skies and water resources.

#### Responsible Official

The responsible official is Kevin Wright, Forest Supervisor, Dixie National Forest.

#### Scoping Comments and the Objection Process

This notice of intent initiates the scoping process, which guides the development of the EIS. In this process the Agency is requesting comments on potential alternatives and impacts, and identification of any relevant information, studies or analyses of any kind concerning impacts affecting the quality of the human or natural environment. Further, three public open house meetings will be held during this comment period. These open houses will be held in the Town of Brian Head, the City of Parowan, and Cedar City. Details of the dates, times, and locations of these meetings can be found on the project's web page: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/r04/dixie/projects/65965>. Representatives from the DNF and BHR will be present at these scoping open

houses to answer questions and provide additional information on this project.

It is important that reviewers provide their comments at such times and in such a manner that they are useful to the agency's preparation of the final EIS; therefore, comments must be provided prior to the close of the comment period and should clearly articulate the reviewer's concerns and contentions. Commenting during scoping and any other designated opportunity to comment provided by the Responsible Official as prescribed by the applicable regulations will also govern eligibility to object once the final EIS and draft Record of Decision has been published. 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, they will not be used to establish eligibility for the objection process.

Objections will be accepted only from those who have previously submitted specific written comments regarding the proposed project and any project-specific amendment(s) during scoping or other designated opportunity for public comment in accordance with 36 CFR 218.5(a). Issues raised in objections must be based on previously submitted timely, specific written comments regarding the proposed project unless based on new information arising after designated comment opportunities.

If the potential amendment(s) is plan-level in scope then the amendment decision would be subject to the plan objection process of 36 CFR 219, Subpart B. Only those individuals and entities who submit substantive formal comments related to the potential plan amendment(s) during the opportunities for public comment as provided in 36 CFR 219, Subpart A may file a plan amendment(s) objection. The burden is on the objector to demonstrate compliance with requirements for objection (36 CFR 219.53).

#### Permits, Licenses or Other Authorizations Required

- Forest Service SUP.
- Other permits as identified through scoping and the EIS analysis process.

#### Nature of Decision To Be Made

Given the purpose and need, the responsible official will review the proposed action, the alternatives, and the environmental consequences to decide the following:

- Whether to approve, approve with modifications, or deny BHR's application to amend their SUP for the

adjustment of BHR's SUP area, the associated projects within the proposed SUP areas, and the projects within BHR's existing SUP boundary;

- The selection of a preferred alternative; and
- Whether to prescribe conditions needed for the protection of the environment on NFS lands.
- Whether or not to approve any forest plan amendments necessary as identified in the EIS to bring the project in compliance with the DNF LRMP. These decisions would be made in the record of decision, which would be issued following the publication of a final EIS and completion of the Forest Service objection process (36 CFR part 218, subparts A and B, and 36 CFR 219, Subpart B if necessary).

#### Substantive Requirements

When proposing a potential forest plan amendment, regulation 36 CFR 219.13(b)(2) requires the Responsible Official to identify which specific substantive requirements (36 CFR 219.8 through 219.11) are likely to be directly affected and therefore applicable to the potential amendments. The substantive requirements that are likely directly related to the purpose or effects of amendments to the forest plan scenery and recreation management settings are 36 CFR 219.8(b), 36 CFR 219.10(a), and 36 CFR 219.10(b).

#### Beatra Wilson,

*Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest System.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Proposed Recreation Fee Site

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, Agriculture (USDA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Little Missouri National Grasslands is proposing to establish a recreation fee site. Proposed recreation fees collected at the proposed recreation fee site would be used for operation, maintenance, and improvement of the site. An analysis of nearby recreation fee sites with similar amenities shows that the proposed recreation fee is reasonable and typical of similar recreation fee sites in the area.

**DATES:** If approved, the proposed recreation fee would be established no earlier than six months following the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

**ADDRESSES:** Little Missouri National Grasslands, Attention: Alex Manard, 1905 S Main Street, Watford City, ND 58503.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Alex Manard, Recreation Program Manager, by phone at (701) 227-7816 or email to [alexander.manard@usda.gov](mailto:alexander.manard@usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (16 U.S.C. 6803(b)) requires the Forest Service to publish in the **Federal Register** a six-month advance notice before establishment of proposed recreation fee sites and proposed special recreation permits. In accordance with Forest Service Handbook 2309.13, chapter 30, the Forest Service will publish the proposed recreation fee sites and proposed recreation fees in local newspapers and other local publications for public comment. Most of the proposed recreation fees would be spent where they are collected to enhance the visitor experience at the proposed recreation fee site.

A proposed expanded amenity recreation fee of \$60 per night for groups up to 20 people would be charged for CCC Group Campground.

Fee revenue would be used to enhance recreation opportunities, improve customer service, and address maintenance needs.

Once public involvement is complete, the proposed recreation fee site and proposed recreation fee will be reviewed by a Resource Advisory Committee prior to a final decision and implementation. Reservations for campgrounds and cabins could be made online at [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov) or by calling (877) 444-6777. Reservations would cost \$8.00 per reservation.

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

**National Institute of Food and Agriculture**

**Notice of Intent To Extend and Revise a Currently Approved Information Collection**

**AGENCY:** National Institute of Food and Agriculture, USDA.

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

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations, this notice announces the National Institute of Food and Agriculture’s (NIFA) intention to request an extension and revision of collection titled *Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program (VMLRP)*.

**DATES:** Written comments on this notice must be received by September 15, 2025 to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments through the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

*Instructions:* All comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Laura Givens, 816-527-5379, [Laura.Givens@usda.gov](mailto:Laura.Givens@usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**  
*Title of Collection:* Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program (VMLRP).

*OMB Control Number:* 0524-0050.

*Expiration Date of Current Approval:* 01/31/2026.

*Type of Request:* Notice of intent to extend and revise a currently approved information collection.

NIFA is requesting a three-year extension for the current collection

entitled “Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program.”

NIFA is also proposing to update the VMLRP application forms to ensure that the requirements align with 7 U.S.C. 3151a and 7 CFR part 3431, relevant Executive Orders and OMB Guidance, as well as the latest VMLRP program policies.

*Abstract:* In December 2003, the National Veterinary Medical Service Act (NVMSA) was passed into law adding section 1415A to the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1997. This law established a new Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program (VMLRP) (7 U.S.C. 3151a) authorizing the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out a program of entering into agreements with veterinarians under which they agree to provide veterinary services in veterinarian shortage situations. The purpose of the program is to ensure an adequate supply of trained food animal veterinarians in shortage situations.

NIFA is requesting to extend and modify a currently approved information collection. NIFA will collect information from current VMLRP applicants and participants and from State Animal Health Officials. NIFA will use this information to assess the VMLRP program and to improve oversight of the program. NIFA proposes to revise all forms in the collection to align with the VMLRP requirements as found in 7 U.S.C. 3151a and 7 CFR part 3431, as well as relevant Executive Orders and OMB Guidance. NIFA also proposes to retire the Survey of Animal Health Officials Completing VMLRP Veterinary Shortage Nomination Form, Applicant Feedback Survey, Awardee Feedback Survey, Close Out Report, Post-Award Termination Survey and the Service Log.

*Total Estimate of Burden:* The estimated annual reporting burden for all VMLRP collection is as follows:

Type of respondents	Number of respondents	Estimated number of responses per respondent	Estimated burden per response (hours)	Estimated total annual burden on respondents (hours)
Applicants:				
Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program Application .....	200	1	12	2,400
Applicants subtotal .....	.....	.....	.....	2,400
State Animal Health Officials:				
Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program Shortage Situation Nomination (NIFA 2009-0001) .....	60	4	2	480