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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forms Under Review by Office of Management and Budget

September 29, 1995.

The Department of Agriculture has submitted to OMB for review the following proposal for the collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) since the last list was published. This list is grouped into new proposals, revisions, extension, or reinstatements. Each entry contains the following information:

(1) Agency proposing the information collection; (2) Title of the information collection; (3) Form number(s), if applicable; (4) Who will be required or asked to report; (5) An estimate of the number of responses; (6) An estimate of the total number of hours needed to provide the information; (7) Name and telephone number of the agency contact person.

Questions about the items in the listing should be directed to the agency person named at the end of each entry. Copies of the proposed forms and supporting documents may be obtained from: Department Clearance Officer, USDA, OIRM, Room 404-W, Jamie L. Whitten Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20250, (202) 690-2118.

Revision—Emergency

÷ Food and Consumer Service

Federal Tax Refund Offset

Individuals or households; State, Local or Tribal Government; Farms; Federal Government; 507,650 responses; 59,611 hours

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Rocky Mountain Region: Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, Eastern Wyoming; Legal Notice of the Opportunity to Comment on Certain Proposed Actions and of Decisions Subject to Notice and Comment

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; newspapers for legal notices.

SUMMARY: This is a list of those newspapers that will be used to publish notice of all decisions which are subject to appeal under 36 CFR 217, notice of the opportunity to comment on certain proposed actions pursuant to 36 CFR 215.5, and notice of decisions subject to appeal under the general provisions of 36 CFR part 215. As required at 36 CFR 215.5 and 215.9, such notice shall constitute legal evidence that the agency has given timely and constructive notice of decisions that are subject to public notice and comment and administrative appeal. Newspaper publication of notices of decisions is in addition to direct notice to those who have requested notice in writing and to those known to be interested in or affected by a specific decision.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Use of these newspapers for purposes of publishing the notices required under the provisions of 36 CFR part 215 shall begin October 5, 1995.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John P. Halligan, Regional Appeals and Litigation Coordinator, Rocky Mountain Region, Box 25127, Lakewood, Colorado 80225, Area Code 303-275-5148.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Responsible Officials in the Rocky Mountain Region shall give notice of the opportunity to comment on certain proposed actions and of decisions subject to appeal pursuant to 36 CFR Part 215 in the following newspapers which are listed by Forest Service unit. Where more than one newspaper is listed for any unit, the first newspaper listed is the primary newspaper which shall be used to constitute legal evidence that the agency has given timely and constructive notice of decisions that are subject to administrative appeal. The day after the publication of the public notice in the

primary newspaper shall be the first day of the appeal filing period.

Decisions by the Regional Forester

The Denver Post, published daily in Denver, Denver County, Colorado, for decisions affecting National Forest System lands in the States of Colorado, Nebraska, Kansas, and eastern Wyoming and for any decision of Region-wide impact. In addition, notice of decisions made by the Regional Foresters will also be published in the *Rocky Mountain News*, Published daily in Denver, Denver, County, Colorado. Notice of decisions affecting National Forest System lands in the State of South Dakota will also be published in *The Rapid City Journal*, published daily in Rapid City, Pennington County, South Dakota. For those decisions affecting a particular unit, the newspaper specific to that unit will be used.

Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests, Colorado

Forest Supervisor Decisions

The Denver Post, published daily in Denver, Denver County, Colorado.

District Ranger Decisions

Redfeather and Estes-Poudre Districts: *Coloradoan*, published daily in Fort Collins, Larimer County, Colorado.

Pawnee District: *Greeley Tribune*, published daily in Greeley, Weld County, Colorado.

Boulder District: *Boulder Daily Camera*, published daily in Boulder, Boulder County, Colorado.

Clear Creek District: *Clear Creek Courier*, published weekly in Idaho Springs, Clear Creek County, Colorado.

Sulphur District: *Granby Sky High News*, published weekly in Granby, Grand County, Colorado.

Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests, Colorado Forest Supervisor Decisions

Grand Junction Daily Sentinel, published daily in Grand Junction, Mesa County, Colorado.

District Ranger Decisions

Collbran and Grand Junction Districts: *Grand Junction Daily Sentinel*, published daily in Grand Junction, Mesa County, Colorado.

Paonia District: *Delta County Independent*, published weekly in Delta, Delta County, Colorado.

Cebolla and Taylor River Districts: *Gunnison Country Times*, published weekly in Gunnison, Gunnison County, Colorado.

Norwood District: *Telluride Times-Journal*, published weekly in Telluride, San Miguel County, Colorado.

Ouray District: *Montrose Daily Press*, published daily in Montrose, Montrose County, Colorado.

Pike and San Isabel National Forests Forest Supervisor Decisions

Pueblo Chieftain, published daily in Pueblo, Pueblo County, Colorado.

District Ranger Decisions

San Carlos District: *Pueblo Chieftain*, published daily in Pueblo, Pueblo County, Colorado.

Comanche District: *Plainsman Herald*, published weekly in Springfield, Baca County, Colorado. In addition, notice of decisions made by the District Ranger will also be published in the *La Junta Tribune Democrat*, published daily in La Junta, Otero County, Colorado, and in the *Ark Valley Journal*, published weekly in La Junta, Otero County, Colorado.

Cimarron District: *Tri-State News*, published weekly in Elkhart, Morton County, Kansas.

South Platte District: *Daily News Press*, published daily in Castle Rock, Douglas County, Colorado. In addition, notice of decisions made by the District Ranger will also be published in the *High Timber Times*, published weekly in Conifer, Jefferson County, Colorado, and in the *Fairplay Flume*, published weekly in Fairplay, Park County, Colorado.

Leadville District: *Herald Democrat*, published weekly in Leadville, Lake County, Colorado.

Salida District: *The Mountain Mail*, published daily in Salida, Chaffee County, Colorado.

South Park District: *Fairplay Flume*, published weekly in Fairplay, Park County, Colorado.

Pikes Peak District: *Gazette Telegraph*, published daily in Colorado Springs, El Paso County, Colorado.

Rio Grande National Forest, Colorado Forest Supervisor Decisions

Valley Courier, published daily in Alamosa, Alamosa County, Colorado.

District Ranger Decisions

Valley Courier, published daily in Alamosa, Alamosa County, Colorado.

Routt National Forest, Colorado

Forest Supervisor Decisions

Steamboat Pilot, published weekly in Steamboat Springs, Routt County,

Colorado. In addition, for decisions affecting an individual district(s), the local district(s) newspaper will also be used.

District Ranger Decision

Bears Ears District: *Northwest Colorado Daily Press*, published daily in Craig, Moffat County, Colorado. In addition, notice of decisions by the District Ranger will also be published in the *Hayden Valley Press*, published weekly in Hayden, Routt County, Colorado, and in the *Steamboat Pilot*, published weekly in Steamboat Springs, Routt County, Colorado.

Yampa and Hahns Peak Districts: *Steamboat Pilot*, published weekly in Steamboat Springs, Routt County, Colorado.

Middle Park District: *Middle Park Times*, published weekly in Kremmling, Grand County, Colorado.

North Park District: *Jackson County Star*, published weekly in Walden, Jackson County, Colorado.

San Juan National Forest, Colorado Forest Supervisor Decisions

Durango Herald, published daily in Durango, La Plata County, Colorado.

District Ranger Decisions

Durango Herald, published daily in Durango, La Plata County, Colorado.

White River National Forest, Colorado Forest Supervisor Decisions

The Glenwood Post, published Monday through Friday in Glenwood Springs, Garfield County, Colorado.

District Ranger Decisions

Aspen District: *Aspen Times*, published weekly in Aspen, Pitkin County, Colorado.

Blanco District: *Meeker Herald*, published weekly in Meeker, Rio Blanco County, Colorado.

Dillon District: *Summit Daily News*, published Monday thru Saturday in Dillon, Summit County, Colorado.

Eagle District: *Eagle Valley Enterprise*, published weekly in Eagle, Eagle County, Colorado.

Holy Cross District: *Vail Trail*, published weekly in Minturn, Eagle County, Colorado.

Rifle District: *Rifle Telegram*, published weekly in Rifle, Garfield County, Colorado.

Sopris District: *Valley Journal*, published weekly in Carbondale, Garfield County, Colorado.

Nebraska National Forest, Nebraska Forest Supervisor Decisions

The Rapid City Journal, published daily in Rapid City, Pennington County,

South Dakota for decisions affecting National Forest System lands in the State of South Dakota.

The Omaha World Herald, published daily in Omaha, Douglas County, Nebraska for decisions affecting National Forest System lands in the State of Nebraska.

District Ranger Decisions

Bessey District: *The North Platte Telegraph*, published daily in North Platte, Lincoln County, Nebraska.

Samuel R. McKelvie National Forest: *The Valentine Newspaper*, published weekly in Valentine, Cherry County, Nebraska.

Fall River and Wall Districts: *The Rapid City Journal*, published daily in Rapid City, Pennington County, South Dakota.

Pine Ridge District: *The Chadron Record*, published weekly in Chadron, Dawes County, Nebraska.

Black Hills National Forest, South Dakota and eastern Wyoming Forest Supervisor Decisions

The Rapid City Journal, published daily in Rapid City, Pennington County, South Dakota.

District Ranger Decisions

The Rapid City Journal, published daily in Rapid City, Pennington County, South Dakota.

Bighorn National Forest, Wyoming Forest Supervisor Decisions

Sheridan Press, published daily in Sheridan, Sheridan County, Wyoming. In addition, for decisions affecting an individual district(s), the local district(s) newspaper will be used (see listing below).

District Ranger Decisions

Tongue District: *Sheridan Press*, published daily in Sheridan, Sheridan County, Wyoming.

Buffalo District: *Buffalo Bulletin*, published weekly in Buffalo, Johnson County, Wyoming.

Medicine Wheel District: *Lovell Chronicle*, published weekly in Lovell, Big Horn County, Wyoming.

Tensleep District: *Northern Wyoming Daily News*, published daily in Worland, Washakie County, Wyoming.

Paintrock District: *Greybull Standard*, published weekly in Greybull, Big Horn County, Wyoming.

Medicine Bow National Forest, Wyoming Forest Supervisor Decisions

Laramie Daily Boomerang, published daily in Laramie, Albany County, Wyoming.

District Ranger Decisions

Laramie District: *Laramie Daily Boomerang*, published daily in Laramie, Albany County, Wyoming.

Douglas District: *Casper Star-Tribune*, published daily in Casper, Natrona County, Wyoming.

Brush Creek and Hayden Districts: *Rawlins Daily Times*, published daily in Rawlins, Carbon County, Wyoming.

Shoshone National Forest, Wyoming Forest Supervisor Decisions

Cody Enterprise, published twice weekly in Cody, Park County, Wyoming.

District Ranger Decisions

Clarks Fork District: *Powell Tribune*, published twice weekly in Powell, Park County, Wyoming.

Wapiti and Greybull Districts: *Cody Enterprise*, published twice weekly in Cody, Park County, Wyoming.

Wind River District: *The Dubois Frontier*, published weekly in Dubois, Teton County, Wyoming.

Lander District: *Wyoming State Journal*, published twice weekly in Lander, Fremont County, Wyoming.

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Jaybird EIS, Tahoe National Forest, Yuba and Sierra Counties, CA

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for proposed timber harvest, plantation thinning, fuels reduction, and wildlife habitat improvement projects for areas in the Brandy, Bridger, and Willow Creek watersheds in accordance with the requirements of 36 CFR 219.19. The projects areas are located within portions of T.18N., R.8 & 9E., and T.19N., R.8 & 9E., MDB&M.

The agency invites comments and suggestions on the scope of the analysis. In addition, the agency gives notice of the full environmental analysis and decision-making process that will occur on the proposal so that interested and affected people are aware of how they may participate and contribute to the final decision.

DATES: Comments should be made in writing and received by November 20, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Written comments concerning the project should be

directed to Jean Masquelier, District Ranger, Downieville Ranger District, North Yuba Ranger Station, 15924 Hwy 49, Camptonville, CA 95922.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bob Willour, Resource Officer, Downieville Ranger District, Camptonville, CA 95922, telephone (916) 478-6253.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: There are about 2,000 acres being analyzed for projects within the Jaybird analysis area. It incorporates the land within the Brandy, Bridger, and Willow Creek watersheds, which all drain into Bullards Bar Reservoir. It is located just north of Camptonville, California. The area is dominated by mixed conifer and hardwood forest.

This project was chosen to derive needed wood fiber and to reduce fire risk. Watershed problems, fire hazards within a mixed land ownership landscape, forest health concerns, and wildlife habitat conditions represent some of the challenges and opportunities for improvements that will be looked at during this analysis. An EIS will be done because of the concern for water quality.

In preparing the environmental impact statement, the Forest Service will identify and analyze a range of alternatives for treatment of the dense stands of young trees that address the issues developed for these sites. One of the alternatives will be no treatment. Other alternatives will consider differing levels of plantation thinning, timber harvest, new road construction and reconstruction, fuel hazard reduction, and fish and wildlife habitat improvement projects. The needs of people and environmental values will be blended in a such way that the Jaybird analysis area would represent a diverse, healthy, productive, and sustainable ecosystem.

Public participation will be important during the analysis, especially during the review of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The Forest Service is seeking information, comments, and assistance from Federal, State, and local agencies and other individuals or organizations who may be interested in or affected by the proposed action. This input will be used in preparation of the draft environmental impact statement (DEIS). The scoping process includes:

1. Identifying potential issues.
2. Identifying issues to be analyzed in depth.
3. Eliminating insignificant issues or those which have been covered by a relevant previous environmental analysis.
4. Exploring additional alternatives.

5. Identifying potential environmental effects of the proposed action and alternatives (i.e., direct, indirect, and cumulative effects and connected actions).

6. Determining potential cooperating agencies and task assignments.

Comments from other Federal, State, and local agencies, organizations, and individuals who may be interested in, or affected by the decision, are encouraged to identify other significant issues. Public participation will be solicited through mailing letters to mining claim owners, private land owners, and special use permittees within the downieville Ranger District boundaries; posting information in local towns; and mailing letters to local timber industries, politicians, school boards, county supervisors, and environmental groups. Written comments that have already been received will still be considered when analyzing alternatives and impacts. Continued participation will be emphasized through individual contacts. No public meetings are scheduled.

The draft EIS is expected to be filed with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and to be available for public review approximately the middle of January, 1996. The comment period on the draft EIS will be 45 days from the date the EPA publishes the notice of availability in the Federal Register.

The Forest Service believes, at this early stage, it is important to give reviewers notice of several court rulings related to public participation in the environmental review process. First, reviews of draft environmental impact statements must structure their participation in the environmental review of the proposal so that it is meaningful and alerts an agency to the reviewer's position and contentions. *Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corp. v. NRDC*, 435 U.S. 519, 553 (1978). Also, environmental objections that could be raised at the draft EIS stage but that are not raised until after completion of the final EIS may be waived or dismissed by the courts. *City of Agnoo v. Hodel*, 803 F.2d 1016, 1022 (9th Cir. 1986) and *Wisconsin Heritages Inc. v. Harris*, 490 F. Supp. 1334, 1338 (E.D. Wis. 1980). Because of the court rulings, it is very important that those interested in this proposed action participate by the close of the 45 day comment period so that substantive comments and objections are made available to the Forest Service at a time when it can meaningfully consider them and respond to them in the final EIS.

To assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering issues and