

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.

Use of Comments

All comments received in response 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: December 15, 1995.

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Extension of Currently Approved Information Collection for Baseline and Trend Information on Wilderness Use and Users

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent; request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Forest Service announces its intent to extend a currently approved information collection of questions and sampling alternatives used to develop baseline and trend information about the changing role of wilderness in rural communities and the behavior of urban residents who visit wilderness for recreation, education programs, or scientific study.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing on or before February 20, 1996.

ADDRESSES: All comments should be addressed to: Alan Watson, Aldo Leopold Wilderness Research Institute, Forest Service, USDA, P.O. Box 8089, Missoula, MT 59807.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Alan Watson, Aldo Leopold Wilderness Research Institute, (406) 542-4197.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Description of Information Collection

The currently approved information collection comprises a pool of questions and sampling alternatives (for example, on-site surveys and mailback questionnaires); the following describes the information collection to be extended:

Title: Baseline and Trend Information on Wilderness Use and Users.

OMB Number: 0596-0108.

Expiration Date of Approval: May 31, 1996.

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

Abstract: The Wilderness Act (Pub. L. 88-577) directs that wilderness be managed to preserve natural conditions and to provide outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation. To make informed decisions on appropriate management methods that mediate recreational users' impact on natural resources and on other visitor experiences, Forest Service and other Federal land managers need information on visitors' behavior in the area, their preferences for various types of social interaction, and their support for various management strategies. It is difficult for wilderness managers to obtain accurate information on these topics because information currently available is limited to only a few wilderness areas. Established baselines and monitoring trends for visitor characteristics, behavior, and preferences throughout the country are needed by Federal agencies managing wilderness, including the Forest Service and the USDI National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, and Fish and Wildlife Service. The Forest Service has been using the previously approved collection of questions and sampling alternatives to establish baselines, monitor trends, and provide input to forest planning activities at several wildernesses managed by the agency.

Estimate of Burden: The response time is likely to vary from 3 to 5 minutes to respond to on-site surveys and from 15 to 20 minutes to complete mailback questionnaires.

Type of Respondents: Visitors to units of the National Wilderness Preservation System.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,000 per year for 3 years.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 410 hours.

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 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.

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Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for Land Use Authorization for Lakewood Raw Water Pipeline; Roosevelt National Forest, Boulder County, CO

AGENCY: Forest Service, Department of Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to Prepare Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: The Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests and Pawnee National Grassland is proposing to issue an easement to the City of Boulder Colorado to cross 5 miles of National Forest System lands with a replacement pipeline. The easement would allow the City to replace, maintain and operate Lakewood Pipeline. The pipeline is a raw water transmission line used to transport municipal water nine miles from Lakewood Reservoir to Betasso Water Treatment Plant. The City proposes to install the replacement pipeline in the vicinity of the 1906 pipeline, with some specific deviations to avoid potentially adverse impacts to environmentally sensitive areas. The proposal is for a 27- to 33-inch inside-diameter steel pipeline to be buried with a minimum of 4 feet of cover.

DATES: Comments concerning the scope of the analysis should be received in writing by January 20, 1996. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be published mid-February, 1996 for a 45-day comment period. The final Environmental Impact Statement will be issued at the end of June 1996.

RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL: The Regional Forester, Region 2 Rocky Mountain Region, will be the responsible official and will decide whether to grant an easement for a pipeline on National Forest System lands and at what location.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Submit written comments, suggestions and questions to: Jean Thomas, Project Coordinator; Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests; 240 West Prospect; Fort Collins Colorado 80526; 970-498-1267.