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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Research Service

Notice of Intent to Request an Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Agricultural Research Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13) and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations at 5 CFR Part 1320 (60 FR 44978, August 29, 1995), this notice announces the Agricultural Research Service's (ARS) intention to request an extension of a currently approved information collection, Form AD-761, USDA Patent License Application for Government Invention that expires August 31, 1998. **DATES:** Comments must be received by July 27, 1998 to be assured of consideration.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS: Contact June Blalock, USDA, ARS, Office of Technology Transfer, Room 415, Building 005, BARC-West, Beltsville, Maryland 20705-2350; Telephone Number 301-504-5989.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: USDA Patent License Application for Government Invention.
OMB Number: 0518-0003.

Expiration Date of Approval: August 31, 1998.

Type of Request: To extend a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: The USDA patent licensing program grants patent licenses to qualified businesses and individuals who wish to commercialize inventions arising from federally supported research. The objective of the program is to use the patent system to promote the utilization of inventions arising from such research. The licensing of federally owned inventions must be done in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures prescribed under 37 CFR Part 404. Application for a license must be addressed to the Federal agency having custody of the invention. Licenses may be granted but only if the license applicant has supplied the Federal agency with a satisfactory plan for the development and marketing of

the invention and with information about the applicant's capability to fulfill the plan. 37 CFR 404.8 sets forth the information which must be provided by a license applicant. For the convenience of the applicant, USDA has itemized the information needed on Form AD-761, and instructions for completing the form are provided to the applicant. The information submitted is used to determine whether the applicant has both a complete and sufficient plan for developing and marketing the invention and the necessary manufacturing, marketing, technical and financial resources to carry out the submitted plan.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 3 hours per response.

Description of Respondents: Businesses or other for profit individuals.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 150.

Frequency of Responses: One time per invention.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 450 hours.

Copies of this information collection and related instructions can be obtained without charge from June Blalock, USDA, ARS, Office of Technology Transfer by calling 301-504-5989.

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 will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (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 those who are to respond, such as through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to: June Blalock, USDA, ARS, Office of Technology Transfer, Room 415, Bldg. 005, BARC-West, Beltsville, Maryland 20705-2350. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Richard M. Parry, Jr.,

Assistant Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 98-039-1]

Notice of Request for Extension of Approval of an Information Collection

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Extension of approval of an information collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's intention to request an extension of approval of an information collection in support of the regulations for the importation of logs, lumber, and other unmanufactured wood articles.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by July 21, 1998 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Send comments regarding the accuracy of burden estimate, ways to minimize the burden (such as through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology), or any other aspect of this collection of information to: Docket No. 98-039-1, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, suite 3C03, 4700 River Road, Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238. Please send an original and three copies, and state that your comments refer to Docket No. 98-039-1. Comments received may be inspected at USDA, room 1141, South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Persons wishing to inspect comments are requested to call ahead on (202) 690-2817 to facilitate entry into the comment reading room.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information regarding the regulations for the importation of logs, lumber, and other unmanufactured wood articles, contact Mr. Ronald C. Campbell, Staff Officer, Phytosanitary Issues Management, PPQ, APHIS, 4700 River Road, Unit 139, Riverdale, MD 20737-1236, (301) 734-6799. For copies of more detailed information on the information collection, contact Ms. Cheryl Groves, APHIS, Information Collection Coordinator, at (301) 734-5086.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Foreign Quarantine Notices, Logs and Lumber.

OMB Number: 0579-0119.

Expiration Date of Approval: September 30, 1998.

Type of Request: Extension of approval of an information collection.

Abstract: The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) of the United States Department of Agriculture is responsible for, among other things, preventing the introduction and dissemination of plant pests into or through the United States. As part of this responsibility, APHIS regulates the importation of logs, lumber, and other unmanufactured wood articles.

In administering the regulations, we collect information from persons both within and outside the United States who are involved in growing, handling, processing, transporting, and importing unmanufactured wood articles. The information is provided on a number of forms and other documents, including applications for permits, various accompanying importer documents or certificates, notices of arrival, and compliance agreements. This information is vital to ensure that unmanufactured wood articles imported into the United States do not harbor plant pests.

We are asking the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve the continued use of this information collection activity.

The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments from the public (as well as affected agencies) concerning our information collection. We need this outside input to help us:

- (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- (2) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- (3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- (4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through use, as appropriate, of automated, electronic, mechanical, and other collection technologies, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Estimate of burden: The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .15078 hours per response.

Respondents: Importers, processors, shippers, foreign plant health protection authorities.

Estimated annual number of respondents: 80,005.

Estimated annual number of responses per respondent: 12.530.

Estimated annual number of responses: 1,002,472.

Estimated total annual burden on respondents: 151,152 hours. (Due to rounding, the total annual burden hours may not equal the product of the annual number of responses multiplied by the average reporting burden per response.)

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Done in Washington, DC, this 18th day of May 1998.

Charles P. Schwalbe,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Proposed North Round Valley Timber Sale, Rapid River Roadless Area, Payette National Forest, Adams County, Idaho

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Revised Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: The USDA Forest Service published a Revised Notice of Intent to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Lockwood and North Valley Timber Sales in the **Federal Register** on December 19, 1991 (Vol. 56, No. 244, page 65881). That revised notice is hereby revised to show three changes: (1) Separate EIS's for each proposed timber sale, (2) the name of the EIS's, and (3) the schedule for the North Round Valley Timber Sale EIS.

(1) The Lockwood and North Round Valley Timber Sales Draft EIS was released in January 1992. A Final EIS was completed in 1993 but was never released to the public because of the listing of Chinook salmon and subsequent delays with consultation under the Endangered Species Act. During the large wildfires on the Forest in 1994, the interdisciplinary team assigned to the Lockwood/North Round Valley projects was disbanded, and the Final EIS was put on hold through the post-fire landscape and salvage analyses conducted in 1994 and 1995. In 1996, the Forest formed a new interdisciplinary team to complete the Final EIS and to analyze changed conditions since 1993. As part of the analysis, the team recommended that

the two timber sales be separated into two EIS's primarily due to differences in the level of effects and controversy associated with each project.

(2) This Revised Notice of Intent covers the proposed North Round Valley Timber Sale. A separate Revised Notice of Intent will be prepared for the proposed Lockwood Timber Sale.

(3) The North Round Valley Timber Sale Final EIS is scheduled to be released in the spring or early summer of 1998. The exact date will depend on when consultation on threatened and proposed species is completed with the National Marine Fisheries Services and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments or requests to David Alexander, Forest Supervisor, Payette National Forest, P.O. Box 1026, McCall, Idaho 83638.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions about the action should be directed to David Ede, Team Leader, at (208) 347-0331; or Kimberly Brandel, New Meadows District Ranger, at (208) 347-0300.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The USDA Forest Service is proposing to harvest and regenerate timber in the North Round Valley Timber Sale on the New Meadows Ranger District of the Payette National Forest in Adams County, Idaho. The area is located in the Round Valley Creek and Trail Creek subwatersheds, which drain into the Little Salmon River.

The Preferred Alternative would harvest an estimated 184 acres with shelterwood prescriptions designed to thin out overstocked stands of mostly grand fir, which would leave a healthy overstory of mixed species that are within the historic range of variability for this area. Proposed logging systems include tractor and helicopter. Proposed harvest units are on or near existing roads, so no new road would be constructed. An estimated 0.5 mile of existing road would be reconstructed. All reconstructed road would be closed following sale-related activities. In addition, 6.3 miles of currently open roads in the Round Valley Creek subwatershed would be closed year-round to public motorized vehicles, and 4.0 miles of existing roads would be obliterated. Closures and obliteration would improve wildlife habitat and water quality over the long term.

An estimated 125 acres would be harvested in the Rapid River Roadless Area (0.6 percent of the roadless area), but no new road construction or reconstruction would occur in the roadless area. Three roadless units (90 acres) would be harvested by helicopter, and two roadless units would be tractor-