

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Lemhi Pass Management Plan, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest, Beaverhead County, Montana, and Salmon-Challis National Forest, Lemhi County, Idaho

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; intent to prepare environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: The Forest Service will prepare an environmental impact statement on a proposal to develop recreation facilities at Lemhi Pass, and manage the Lemhi Pass National Historic Landmark.

DATES: Comments concerning the scope of the analysis should be received in writing by October 15, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Dillon Ranger District, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest, 420 Barrett St., Dillon, MT 59725.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Katie R. Bump, Lemhi Pass project coordinator, (406) 683-3900.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Lemhi Pass, on the Continental Divide between Idaho and Montana, is a National Historic Landmark, on the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail. With the approaching bicentennial of Lewis and Clark's expedition (2003-2006), the Beaverhead-Deerlodge and Salmon-Challis National Forests are studying ways to preserve the historic, natural landscape of Lemhi Pass, and accommodate increased numbers of visitors. The decision to be made is selection of the facilities and management standards and guidelines appropriate to preserve the historic value of the site in the bicentennial years and for the long term, and accommodate visitors at Lemhi Pass. The general direction for management at Lemhi Pass comes from the two Forest Plans, and from the Comprehensive Management Plan for the Lewis and Clark Trail, developed by the National Park Service; this decision will determine specific management actions at the site.

Scoping will include a public meeting to be held at Lemhi Pass on September 25, 1999, at 10:30 am. The Forests will also use a mailing list of interested parties, and news releases to local media to ensure public involvement. The Forests are working to develop and analyze the effects of a range of alternatives. An initial alternative has been prepared, and is available for public review and comment. This initial alternative addresses proposed facilities

including parking areas, picnic sites, road and trail improvements, and interpretation, along with management standards for the site. Issues that have been identified include protection of the historic values associated with the natural landscape and scenic qualities of the area, accommodation for visitors including physically challenged people, concern for public safety, and effects on the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail, Roadless area, recreation opportunities, livestock grazing, wildlife, fisheries and vegetation.

The joint lead agencies are the Beaverhead-Deerlodge and Salmon-Challis National Forests, USDA Forest Service. The responsible officials are David Fallis, Dillon District Ranger, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest, 420 Barrett St., Dillon, MT 59725, and Richard Ward, Leadore District Ranger, Salmon-Challis National Forest, P.O. Box 180, Leadore, ID 83464. Written comments and suggestions are invited.

The draft EIS is tentatively planned for filing in January 2000, with the final EIS filed by May 2000. The comment period on the draft environmental impact statement will be 45 days from the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes the notice of availability in the **Federal Register**.

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 environmental impact statement.

To assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering issues and concerns on the proposed action, comments on the draft environmental impact statement should be as specific as possible. It is also helpful if comments refer to specific pages or chapters of the draft statement. Comments may also address the adequacy of the draft environmental impact statement or the merits of the alternatives formulated and discussed in the statement. (Reviewers may wish to refer to the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act at 40 CFR 1503.3 in addressing these points.).

Dated: September 2, 1999.

David S. Fallis,

District Ranger.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

BA-3c Naomi Siphon Outfall Management Project/PBA-12a Barataria Bay Waterway West Bank Protection Project; Jefferson and Plaquemines Parishes, LA

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service.

ACTION: Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969; the Council on Environmental Quality Guidelines (40 CFR part 1500); and the Natural Resources Conservation Service Guidelines (7 CFR part 650); the Natural Resources Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, gives notice that an environmental impact statement is not being prepared for the Naomi Siphon Outfall Management Project and the Barataria Bay Waterway East Bank Protection Project, Jefferson and Plaquemines Parishes, Louisiana.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Donald W. Gohmert, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, 3737 Government Street, Alexandria, Louisiana 71302; telephone (318) 473-7751.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The environmental assessment of the federally assisted action indicates that the project will not cause significant local, regional, or national impacts on the environment. As a result of these findings, Donald W. Gohmert, State Conservationist, has determined that preparation and review of an environmental impact statement is not needed for this project.

The project will evaluate potential impacts attributed to management of the Naomi Siphons outfall and the evaluation of potential impacts attributed to bank protection measures along the east bank of Barataria Bay Waterway. The project area encompasses approximately 26,603 acres of marsh and open water habitat. Project features include the construction of a fixed crested weir with a boat bay on the Goose Bayou Canal, construction of a fixed crested weir with a barge bay on Bayou Dupont Canal, and construction of approximately 17,600 linear feet of rock bankline protection.

The Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) has been forwarded to the Environmental Protection Agency and to various federal, state, and local agencies and

interested parties. A limited number of copies of the FONSI are available to fill single copy requests at the above address. Basic data collected during the environmental assessment are on file and may be reviewed by contacting Donald W. Gohmert.

No administrative action on implementation of the proposal will be taken until 30 days after the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**.

Donald W. Gohmert,

State Conservationist.

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Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at LEngelme@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: September 8, 1999.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Committee was established in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, (Title 5, United States Code (U.S.C.), Appendix 2) in 1995. The following provides information about the Committee, membership, and the nomination process.

Objectives and Duties

1. The Committee provides an organized and continuing channel of communication between the African American community and the Bureau of the Census on efforts to reduce the differentials in totals for all population groups during Census 2000 and on ways census data can be disseminated for maximum usefulness of the African American population and other users.

2. The Committee draws on the experience of its members with the 1990 census process and procedures, results of evaluation and research studies, test censuses, and the expertise and insight of its members to provide advice and recommendations on data collection, processing, promotional, and evaluation activities during the implementation phase of Census 2000. The Committee provides advice regarding the tabulation plans for race and ethnic data.

3. The Committee functions solely as an advisory body under the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

4. The Committee reports to the Director of the Bureau of the Census.

Membership

The Committee consists of nine members who are appointed for three-year terms by, and serve at the discretion of, the Secretary of Commerce. Committee members are selected on a clear, standardized basis, in accordance with applicable Department of Commerce guidelines. The Committee aims to have a balanced representation, considering factors such as geography, gender, and ethnic diversity of Committee membership and the expertise and knowledge of census procedures and activities. The Committee aims to include members from academic, media, research, community-based, and religious organizations, the business community, and local governments. No employee of the Federal Government can serve as a member of the Committee. Consideration for reappointment of membership after a term is contingent upon the individual's satisfactory attendance and participation in the activities of the advisory committee as well as criteria established for input and advice from the advisory committee.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce (DOC) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: Bureau of Export Administration (BXA).

Title: Offsets in Military Reports.

Agency Form Number: n/a.

OMB Approval Number: 0694-0084.

Type of Request: Renewal of an existing collection of information.

Burden: 1,000 hours.

Average Time Per Response: 10 hours per response.

Number of Respondents: 100 respondents.

Needs and Uses: The Defense Production Act Amendments of 1992, Section 123 (Pub.L. 102558), which amended Section 309 or the Defense Production Act of 1950, requires United States firms to furnish information regarding offset agreements exceeding \$5,000,000 in value associated with sales of weapon systems or defense-related items to foreign countries. The information collected on offset transactions will be used to assess the cumulative effect of offset compensation practices on U.S. trade and competitiveness, as required by statute.

Affected Public: Individuals, businesses or other for-profit institutions.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.
OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, DOC Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, (202) 482-3272, Department of Commerce, Room 5033, 14th and Constitution

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of the Census

Request for Nominations of Members To Serve on the Census Advisory Committee on the African American Population

AGENCY: Bureau of the Census, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of request for nominations.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended by Pub. L. 94-409, Pub. L. 96-523, and Pub. L. 97-375), the Census Bureau invites and requests nominations of individuals for appointment by the Secretary of Commerce to the Census Advisory Committee on the African American Population. The terms of some of the members of the Committee will soon expire. The Census Bureau will consider nominations received in response to this notice for appointment to the Committee in addition to nominations already received. The Supplementary Information section for this notice provides information about the objectives and duties of the Advisory Committee and membership criteria.

DATES: Please submit nominations on or before September 29, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Please submit nominations to Nampeo R. McKenney, Senior Research and Technical Advisor, Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Room 3631, Federal Building 3, Washington, DC 20233, telephone 301-457-2070. Nominations may also be submitted via FAX to 301-457-2642 or by e-mail to Nampeo.R.McKenney@ccmail.census.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nampeo R. McKenney, Senior Research and Technical Advisor, at the above address or via e-mail.