

of 1969 (NEPA), as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), (2) regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality for implementing the procedural provisions of NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500–1508), (3) USDA regulations implementing NEPA (7 CFR part 1), and (4) APHIS' NEPA Implementing Procedures (7 CFR part 372).

Done in Washington, DC, this 22nd day of November 2002.

Ron DeHaven,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Agency Information Collection

Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request—Child Nutrition Labeling Program

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intention of the Food and Nutrition Service to request Office of Management and Budget review of information collection activities related to the Child Nutrition Labeling Program.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by January 28, 2003 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: 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, including use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval and will become a matter of public record. Comments may be sent to: William Wagoner, Team Leader, Technical Assistance Section, Nutrition Promotion

and Training Branch, Child Nutrition Division, room 632, Food and Nutrition Service, United States Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instruments and instruction should be directed to William Wagoner at (703) 305–2609.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Child Nutrition Labeling Program.

OMB Number: 0584–0320.

Expiration Date: 2/20/03.

Type of Request: Revision of currently approved collection.

Abstract: The Child Nutrition (CN) Labeling Program is a voluntary technical assistance program to aid schools and institutions participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), School Breakfast Program (SBP), Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), and Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) in determining the contribution a commercial product makes toward the food-based meal pattern requirements of these programs. (See Appendix C to 7 CFR Parts 210, 220, 225 and 226 for more information on this program). There is no Federal requirement that commercial products must have a CN label statement.

To participate in the Child Nutrition Labeling Program, industry submits product labels and formulations to the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) that are in conformance with the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) label approval program for meat and poultry, or United States Department of Commerce (USDC) label approval program for seafood products. FNS reviews a manufacturer's product formulation to determine the contribution a serving of the product makes toward the food-based meal pattern requirements. The application form submitted to FNS is the same application that companies submit to FSIS or USDC to receive label approval. A CN label application is also reviewed by FNS for accuracy.

Estimate of Burden: Based on our most recent interviews with manufacturers it is estimated that it takes a manufacturer forty-five minutes to complete the required calculations and to formulate the CN label application.

Respondents: Participation in the CN labeling Program is voluntary. Only manufacturers who wish to place CN labels on their products must comply with program requirements. Last year 946 establishments sent in 2584 CN label applications.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 946.

Estimated Number of Responses Per Respondent: 2.7.

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 2554.

Estimated Time Per Response: 0.75 Hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 1915 Hours.

Dated: November 21, 2002.

Roberto Salazar,

Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Scott Peak Project Area Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on a proposal to harvest timber, to enhance recreational opportunities, to perform watershed restoration work, and to develop a road management plan for the Scott Peak Project Area on northeastern Kupreanof Island, on the Petersburg Ranger District, Tongass National Forest. The proposed action for timber harvest provides for multiple timber sale opportunities resulting in the production of approximately 16 million board feet (mmbf) of timber from approximately 680 acres of forested land. Since this project is within the Mitkof/Kupreanof Biogeographic province, all timber harvest silvicultural prescriptions will meet marten standards and guidelines as described in the Tongass Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan). Approximately 3 miles of temporary road would be necessary for timber harvest; no classified road would be constructed. A range of alternatives responsive to significant issues is being developed and will include a no-action alternative. Currently the preliminary action alternatives propose timber harvest ranging from 3mmbf to 16 mmbf, with 0 to 3 miles of temporary road construction. The Record of Decision will disclose whether and where the Forest Supervisor has decided to provide timber harvest units, roads, associated timber harvesting facilities, dispersed recreation sites, and watershed improvements.

DATES: A public mailing that outlines the project timeline and public involvement opportunities is planned for distribution in Fall 2002. Individuals who want to receive this mailing should contact us within 30 days of the publication of this NOI. To be most useful, comments concerning the scope of this project should be received by December 23, 2002. The draft Environmental Impact Statement is projected to be filed with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in the winter of 2003 and will begin a 45-day public comment period. The Final Environmental Impact Statement and Record of Decision are anticipated to be published in the summer of 2003.

ADDRESSES: Please send written comments to the Petersburg Ranger District, Tongass National Forest, Attn: Scott Peak Project Area EIS, PO Box 1328, Petersburg, AK 99833. The FAX number is (907) 772-3871 or Cynthia Sever, Interdisciplinary Team Leader, Petersburg Ranger District, PO Box 1328, Petersburg, AK 99833; telephone (907) 772-3871.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: The 24,110 acre Scott Peak Project Area is located within value Comparison Unit 444 on Kupreanof Island, Alaska on the Petersburg Ranger District of the Tongass National Forest. Portions of two Inventoried Roadless Areas, Missionary #212 and Five Mile #213, as identified by the Forest plan, are located within the project area. None of the proposed timber wharves units or temporary roads are within these or any other roadless area as defined by the U.S. District Court (District of Alaska in *Sierra Club v. Rey* (J00-0009 CV (JKS))). The project area includes one small old-growth habitat reserve as designated in the Forest Plan. A Forest plan amendment would be required if a decision is made to modify the old-growth habitat reserve boundary associated with this project.

The purpose and need for the Scott Peak Project is: (1) To implement the direction contained in the 1997 Tongass Land Management Plan and the 1997 ROD, including goals, objectives, management prescriptions, and standards and guidelines; (2) to maintain wood production from suitable timber lands, providing a continuous supply of wood to meet society's needs; (3) to help provide a stable supply of timber from the Tongass National Forest which meets existing and potential market demand and is consistent with sound multiple use and sustained yield objectives; and (4) to help meet the desired future condition of the landscape as described by the 1997

Tongass Land and Resource Management Plan.

Public Participation: Public participation has been an integral component of the study process and will continue to be especially important at several points during the analysis. The Forest Service will be seeking information, comments, and assistance from Tribal Governments, Federal, State, and local agencies, individuals and organizations that may be interested in, or affected by, the proposed activities. Written scoping comments have been solicited through an informal scoping package that was sent to the project mailing list and was available at open houses in Petersburg, AK and Kate, AK. The scoping process includes: (1) Identification of potential issues; (2) identification of issues to be analyzed in depth; and, (3) elimination of insignificant issues or those which have been covered by a previous environmental review. Tentative issues identified for analysis in the EIS include the potential effects of the project on, and the relationship of the project to, the old-growth habitat reserve system and timber sale economics.

Based on results of scoping and the resource capabilities within the project area, alternatives including a "no-action" alternative will be developed for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. Subsistence hearings, as provided for in Title VIII, Section 810 of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA), will be provided, if necessary, during the comment period on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

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, reviewers 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). Environmental objections that could have been raised at the Draft Environmental Impact Statement stage may be waived or dismissed by the courts. *City of Angoon 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 these 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 Environmental Impact Statement.

To assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering issues and concerns of the proposed action, comments during scoping and 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 Environmental Impact 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. Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and address of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record on this proposed action and will be available for public inspection. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered; however, those who submit anonymous comments will not have standing to appeal the subsequent decision under 36 CFR parts 215 or 217. Additionally, pursuant to 7 CFR 1.27(d), any person may request the agency to withhold a submission from the public record by showing how the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) permits such confidentiality. Requesters should be aware that, under FOIA, confidentiality may be granted in only very limited circumstances, such as to protect trade secrets. The Forest Service will inform the requester of the agency's decision regarding the request for confidentiality, and where the request is denied, the agency will return the submission and notify the requester that the comments may be resubmitted with or without name and address within 7 days.

Permits: Permits required for implementation include the following:

1. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
 - Approval of discharge of dredged or fill material into the water of the United States under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act;
 - Approval of the construction of structures or work in navigable waters of the United States under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899;
2. Environmental Protection Agency
 - National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (402) Permit;

—Review Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure Plan;

3. State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources

—Tideland Permit and Lease or Easement;

4. State of Alaska, Department of Environmental Conservation

—Solid Waste Disposal Permit;

—Certification of Compliance with Alaska Water Quality Standards (401 Certification) Chapter 20.

Responsible Official: Thomas Puchlerz, Forest Supervisor, Tongass National Forest, Federal Building, Ketchikan, AL 99901, is the responsible official. The responsible official will consider the comments, responses, disclosure of environmental consequences, and applicable laws, regulations, and policies in making the decision and state the rationale in the Record of Decision.

(Authority: 40 CFR 1501.7 and 1508.22; Forest Service Handbook 1909.15, Section 21).

Dated: November 19, 2002.

Thomas Puchlerz,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Opal Creek Scenic Recreation Area (SRA) Advisory Council

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Opal Creek Scenic Recreation Area Advisory Council is scheduled to meet on Saturday, December 7, 2002 for a field visit to the Opal Creek Scenic Recreation Area. The objectives of the field visit are to:

- Orient council members to different areas within the high and low intensity zones;
- Discuss monitoring planning and identify key resource indicators that need to be assessed for the monitoring plan;
- Provide an overview of transportation system maintenance levels, current condition, reasons for access, and management options to the lay groundwork for developing the transportation plan as required by law;
- Discuss law enforcement issues and implementing no shooting corridors.

The tour is scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m., and will conclude at approximately 3:30 p.m. The tour will

begin at the Oregon Department of Forestry Office at 22965 North Fork Road in Mehama, Oregon and make several stops throughout the Opal Creek SRA. The Opal Creek Wilderness and Opal Creek Scenic Recreation Area Act of 1996 (Opal Creek Act) (Pub. L. 104-208) directed the Secretary of Agriculture to establish the Opal Creek Scenic Recreation Area Advisory Council. The Advisory Council is comprised of thirteen members representing state, county and city governments, and representatives of various organizations, which include mining industry, environmental organizations, inholders in Opal Creek Scenic Recreation Area, economic development, Indian tribes, adjacent landowners and recreation interests. The council provides advice to the Secretary of Agriculture on preparation of a comprehensive Opal Creek Management Plan for SRA, and consults on a periodic and regular basis on the management of the area.

The public comment period will begin at 3:15 p.m. when the council reconvenes at the Oregon Department of Forestry Office. Time allotted for individual presentations will be limited to 3 minutes. Written comments are encouraged, particularly if the material cannot be presented within the time limits of the comment period. Written comments may be submitted prior to the December 7 meeting by sending them to Designated Federal Official Stephanie Phillips at the address given below. The public is welcome to attend the tour, however individuals must provide their own transportation throughout the tour and bring a lunch. Four-wheel drive is recommended.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For more information regarding this meeting, contact Designated Federal Official Gina Owens; Willamette National Forest, Detroit Ranger District, HC 73 Box, 320, Mill City, OR 97360; (503) 854-3366.

Dated: November 22, 2002.

Dallas J. Emch,

Forest Supervisor.

Disclaimer: This meeting notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the meeting since this is a reschedule of the field tour that was cancelled on November 17, 2002 (**Federal Register** Notice Vol. 67, No. 216, November 7, 2002, pages 67819 for lack of confirmed attendance. The field tour is being rescheduled in a timely manner to preempt winter conditions closing the area, and so that planning can be accomplished within the timeframes that are set. This late notice is

authorized under 41 CFR 1016.1015(b)(2).

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Madera County Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Resource Advisory Committee meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the authorities in the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (Pub. L. 92-463) and under the secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-393) the Sierra National Forest's Resource Advisory Committee for Madera County will meet on Monday, December 16, 2002. The Madera Resource Advisory Committee will meet at the U.S.D.A. Forest Service Office, 57003 Road 225, North Fork, CA. The purpose of the meeting is update RAC committee outreach and RAC Proposal presentations.

DATES: The Madera Resource Advisory Committee meeting will be held Monday, December 16, 2002. The meeting will be held from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The Madera County RAC meeting will be held at the U.S.D.A. Forest Service Office, 57003 Road 225, North Fork, CA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dave Martin, U.S.D.A., Sierra National Forest, 57003 Road 225, North Fork, CA 93643 (559) 877-2218 ext. 3100; e-mail: dmartin05@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Agenda items to be covered include: (1) Update RAC committee outreach, and (2) RAC Proposal presentations. The meeting is open to the public. Public input opportunity will be provided and individuals will have the opportunity to address the Committee at that time.

Dated: November 21, 2002.

David W. Martin,

District Ranger.

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