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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

March 8, 1996.

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Comments should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Washington, D.C. 20503 and to Department Clearance Officer, USDA, OIRM, Ag Box 7630, Washington, D.C. 20250-7630. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-6204 or (202) 720-6746.

Food and Consumer Service

- *Title:* Integrated Quality Control Review Schedule.

Summary: The Integrated Review Schedule collects both Quality Control and case characteristic data. The information needed to complete the Integrated Review Schedule is obtained from the respective Aid for Dependent Children, Food Stamps and Medicaid case records and State Quality Control finding.

Need and Use of the Information: Data collected on the Integrated Review Schedule is used by the Food and Consumer Service and the States to monitor and reduce errors, develop policy strategies, and analyze household characteristic data. In addition, FCS also uses this data to determine sanctions and incentives based on error rate performance, and to estimate the impact of some program changes to Food Stamp Program participation and costs by

analyzing the available household characteristic data.

Description of Respondents: State, Local, or Tribal Government; Individuals or households; Federal Government.

Number of Respondents: 61,840.
Frequency of Responses:
Recordkeeping; Reporting: Weekly, Monthly.
Total Burden House: 63,299.

Forest Service

- *Title:* Financial Statement and Verification of Financial Information.
Summary: Information is submitted to a Forest Service Office to review the financial status of an applicant or successful bidder who is unknown or has prior public record of financial problems including bankruptcies and prior contract defaults.

Need and Use of the Information: This financial information provides the Forest Service with needed data to determine whether the respondent: (a) has the financial ability to carry out the terms of the contract or permit, (b) should be granted deferred payment status, or (c) be granted a settlement under certain defaulted contracts.

Description of Respondents: Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; Federal Government.

Number of Respondents: 350.
Frequency of Responses; Reporting: On occasion.
Total Burden Hours: 6,714.

Forest Service

- *Title:* Research for Improving Public Involvement.

Summary: In order to meet the information needs of the Wayah Ranger District on the Natahala National Forest a study has been commissioned to provide information on how typical non-participants differ from participants in the district's public involvement process.

Need and use of the Information: Information gathered will be used by planners, managers, policy analysts, and the research community in resource management areas, and may be used in regional offices, regional research stations, and legislative offices. Data will be used for short-term operational decisions, and in longer-term analyses for districts land management planning.

Description of Respondents: Individuals or households.

Number of Respondents: 436.

Frequency of Responses; Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 109.

Food Safety and Inspection Service

- *Title:* Use of Sorbitol in Cooked Roast Beef Products.

Summary: The Food Safety Inspection Service is permitting plants to use up to two percent sorbitol as a sweetener and to reduce charring in roast beef products. Labels would need to be modified to properly label products containing sorbitol.

Need and Use of the Information: The information collected will be used to approve labels and to ensure compliance with regulations.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 315.

Frequency of Responses:

Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion.
Total Burden Hours: 788.

Emergency Processing of This Submission Has Been Requested by April 01, 1996.

Food Safety and Inspection Service

- *Title:* Official Marking Devices, Labeling, and Packaging Material.

Summary: Meat and Poultry establishment must develop product labels in accordance with regulations and have the labels approved for use.

Need and Use of the Information: The information is needed in order to prevent product adulteration, misbranding, and mislabeling.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 37,417.

Frequency of Responses:

Recordkeeping; reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 298,375.

Food Safety and Inspection Service

- *Title:* Food Standards: Requirements for Processed Meat and Poultry Products Named by use of An Expressed Nutrient Content Claim and a Standardized Term.

Summary: The Food Safety Inspection Service is proposing to amend The Federal Meat and Poultry products inspection regulation to establish a general definition and standard of identity for standardized meat and poultry food products that have been modified to qualify for use of an expressed nutrient content claim in their product name. Such products must have approved labels.

Need and Use of the Information: The information is needed to assist consumers in maintaining healthy dietary practices; to increase regulatory flexibility and support product innovation and provide consumers with an informative nutrition labeling system.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for profit.

Number of Respondents: 100.

Frequency of Responses:

Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 625.

Donald E. Hulcher,

Deputy Departmental Clearance Officer.

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Agricultural Research Service

Notice of Intent To Grant Exclusive License

AGENCY: Agricultural Research Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service, intends to grant to Biotechnology Research and Development Corporation of Peoria, Illinois, an exclusive license for U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/095,552, filed July 26, 1993, entitled "A Composition Containing 2-Deoxy-D-Glucose and *Candida saitoana* and Method of Use for the Biological Control of Postharvest Diseases," and U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/336,079, filed November 7, 1994, entitled "Bioactive Coating for Harvested Commodities." Notice of Availability for U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/095,552 was published in the Federal Register on September 24, 1993, and Notice of Availability for U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/336,079 was published in the Federal Register on April 19, 1995.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before May 13, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Send Comments to: USDA, ARS, Office of Technology Transfer, Room 415, Building 005, BARC—West, Baltimore Boulevard, Beltsville, Maryland 20705-2350.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: June Blalock of the Office of Technology Transfer at the Beltsville address given above; telephone: 301-504-5989.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Government's patent rights to this invention are assigned to the United States of America, as represented by the Secretary of Agriculture. It is in the

public interest to so license this invention as Biotechnology Research and Development Corporation has submitted a complete and sufficient application for a license. The prospective exclusive license will be royalty-bearing and will comply with the terms and conditions of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7. The prospective exclusive license may be granted unless, within sixty days from the date of this published Notice, the Agricultural Research Service receives written evidence and argument which establishes that the grant of the license would not be consistent with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7.

R. M. Parry, Jr.,

Assistant Administrator.

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Forest Service

Rocky Mountain Region; Environmental Impact Statement for the Stevens Gulch Road and Related Timber Sales, Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests, Delta County, CO

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to supplement a final environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: The Forest Service will prepare a supplement to the final environmental impact statement for the Stevens Gulch Road and Related Timber Sales located on the Gunnison National Forest, Paonia Ranger District.

DATES: Comments concerning the scope and issues of the analysis should be received 45 days after publication of the Draft Supplement to the Final EIS: April, 1996. Final Supplement to the Final EIS: June, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Ray Kingston, District Ranger, Paonia Ranger District, P.O. Box 1030, Paonia, CO 81428.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carol McKenzie, Silviculturist, Forest Supervisor's Office, 2250 Hwy 50, Delta, CO, Gunnison, CO 81416, (970) 874-7691 or Andrea Wang, Wildlife Biologist, Paonia Ranger District, P.O. Box 1030, Paonia, CO 81428, (970) 527-4131.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Forest Service is proposing to prepare a supplement to the final environmental impact statement for the Stevens Gulch Road and Related Timber Sales. In accordance with FSH 1909.15 the final environmental impact statement for the

Stevens Gulch road and Related Timber Sales has been reviewed by an interdisciplinary team. Significant new information have been discovered. The Forest Service is considering alternatives to change the Record of Decision in relation to the timing of use of existing and future roads within the Stevens Gulch project area used by active timber sales; and, mitigation measures to protect species identified in the updated Biological Evaluation and Biological Assessment. The scope and analysis of the proposed supplement to the Final EIS will be limited to these alternatives and mitigation measures.

The original Notice of Intent for this project was published in the Federal Register Vol. 108, No. 49, June 4, 1985 Page 23092. A Record of Decision and Final environmental impact statement were approved September 12, 1986 by then Forest Supervisor Evans. This decision was upheld on August 7, 1987 by then Regional Forester Cargill. A second level appeal was then filed on September 8, 1987 to the Chief of the U.S. Forest Service. Regional Forester Cargill's decision was upheld on October 24, 1988.

The comment period on the draft supplemental final environmental impact statement will be 45 days from the date the Environmental Protection Agency's notice of availability appears 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, reviewers of draft supplemental 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 have been raised at the draft stage may be waived if not raised until after completion of the final supplemental environmental impact statement. *City of Angoon v. Hodel*, (9th Circuit, 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 re made available to the Forest Service at a time when it can meaningfully consider them and respond to them in the final supplement to the final environmental impact statement.