

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). Also, environmental objections that could be raised at the draft environmental impact stage but that are not raised until after completion of the final environmental statement may be waived or dismissed by the courts. *City of Angoon v. Hodel*, 803 F.2d 1016, 1022 (9th Cir. 1980) 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 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 statements. 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: August 8, 1996.

Robert L. Storch,
Forest Supervisor.

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Eastern Washington Cascades Provincial Interagency Executive Committee (PIEC), Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Eastern Washington Cascades PIEC Advisory Committee will meet on September 26, 1996 in the Wenatchee National Forest Headquarters office, Wenatchee Conference Room, 215 Melody Lane, Wenatchee, Washington. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. and continue

until 4:00 p.m. Agenda items to be covered will include agency updates, Northwest Forest Plan implementation, and management of streamside riparian areas under the Northwest Forest Plan. All Eastern Washington Cascades Province Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public. Interested citizens are welcome to attend.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Direct questions regarding this meeting to Paul Hart, Designated Federal Official, USDA, Wenatchee National Forest, 215 Melody Lane, Wenatchee, Washington. 98807, 509-662-4335.

Dated: September 4, 1996.

Paul Hart,

Designated Federal Official, Wenatchee National Forest.

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Boundary Extension, Ouachita National Forest, Arkansas

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of boundary extension.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Agriculture has extended the boundary of the Ouachita National Forest to include 425.54 acres, more or less, in Le Flore County, Oklahoma, which were recently acquired through exchange. A copy of the Secretary's establishment document which includes the legal description of the lands within the extension appears at the end of this notice.

DATES: The effective date of this boundary extension was August 22, 1996.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the map showing the boundary extension is on file and available for public inspection in the Office of the Director of Lands, Auditor's Building, 201 14th Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20090-6090.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

J. Kenneth Myers, Lands Staff, Forest Service, USDA, P.O. Box 96090, Washington, D.C. 20090-6090, telephone: (202) 205-1248.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the authority under Section 20(d), Winding Stair Mountain National Recreation and Wilderness Act of October 18, 1988 (16 U.S.C. 460), the Secretary of Agriculture has extended the boundary of the Ouachita National Forest. The Act provided authority to the Secretary of Agriculture to acquire by purchase, exchange, donation, or otherwise, any right, title, and interest in lands in Le Flore County, Oklahoma, which are outside the boundaries of the Ouachita National Forest. This Act also provided that the Secretary would

extend the boundaries of the Ouachita National Forest to include such lands.

Dated: September 3, 1996.

Larry O. Gadt,

Acting Associate Deputy Chief.

Ouachita National Forest boundary Extension

Pursuant to the Secretary of Agriculture's authority under Section 20(d), P.L. 100-499 (102 Stat. 2491) the Ouachita National Forest boundary is hereby extended to include the following lands.

Le Flore County, Oklahoma, Indian Meridian

T.4 N., R. 27 E.

Section 5: NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$

Section 7: The East Twenty Acres and the Southwest Eight and $\frac{49}{100}$ acres of Lot One, Lot Two, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$

The areas described an aggregate 425.54 acres more or less.

As provided by P.L. 100-499, the lands described shall be administered by the Secretary of Agriculture in accordance with the Act of March 1, 1911 (36 Stat. 961) and in accordance with the laws, rules, and regulations generally applicable to units of the National Forest System.

Dated: August 22, 1996.

Brian Eliot Burke,

Deputy Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment.

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Addition of Lands to the White Mountain Purchase Unit

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Addition of Lands to White Mountain Purchase Unit.

SUMMARY: On March 17, 1996, the Deputy Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment added lands to the White Mountain Purchase Unit. These additional lands comprise 455.3 acres, more or less, within Coos County, New Hampshire. A copy of the establishment document which includes the legal description of the lands within the addition appears at the end of this notice.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The effective date of this addition was March 17, 1996.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the map showing the addition is on file and available for public inspection in the Office of the Director of Lands, Forest Service, Auditor's Building, 201 14th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20090-6090.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

J. Kenneth Myers, Lands Staff, Forest Service, USDA, P.O. Box 96090, Washington, DC 20090-6090, telephone: (202) 205-1248.

Dated: September 5, 1996.
Janice McDougale,
Associate Deputy Chief.

Proposed Addition to White Mountain Purchase Unit; Crawford's Purchase, Coos County, New Hampshire

Pursuant to the Secretary of Agriculture's authority under Section 17, P.L. 94-588 (90 Stat. 2949), the lands as described hereto are being added to the White Mountain Purchase Unit:

All that tract of land located in Crawford's Purchase, Coos County, New Hampshire, and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at Corner 26 of U.S. Tract #981, which is in the road centerline of the Mount Washington Turnpike (Also known as the Base Station Road) and on the Carroll/Crawford's Purchase townline; Thence with said Tract #981 the following 3 courses:

1. Northeasterly and southeasterly, with the centerline of the Mt. Washington Turnpike, approximately 20,259 feet (3.8 miles) to Corner 25 of said Tract 981;

2. Northwesterly, 539.98 feet to Corner 24 of said Tract #981 on the southerly sideline of Stickney Road;

3. Northwesterly, along the southerly side of the Stickney road, approximately 6,770 feet to Corner 23 of said Tract #981, which is common to lands of G.S. Phoenix L.L.C.; Thence with said lands of G.S. Phoenix L.L.C.; the following 12 courses:

1. S 73°49'15" W, 454.75 feet to the Carroll/Crawford's Purchase town line;

2. With the Carroll/Crawford's Purchase town line, N 27°01'05" W, 222.86 feet to a point;

3. N 23°13'09" E, 106.05 feet;

4. N 12°11'14" W, 654.24 feet;

5. N 77°48'46" E, 153.55 feet;

6. S 65°43'07" E, 299.56 feet;

7. N 30°27'05" E, 1038.71 feet;

8. N 60°24'30" W, 712.42 feet;

9. S 36°22'51" W, 619.45 feet;

10. N 46°55'17" W, 188.05 feet;

11. S 35°26'45" W, 267.62 feet;

12. S 70°57'07" W, 222.69 feet to the Carroll/Crawford's Purchase town line; Thence N 21°43'46" W, 897.30 feet to the southerly side of the Mount Washington Turnpike;

Thence northwesterly, 97.2 feet to the Point of Beginning on the Carroll/Crawford's Purchase townline.

Containing 455.3 acres, more or less. These lands are well suited for watershed protection and meet the

requirements of the Act of March 1, 1911, as amended.

Dated: March 17, 1996.
Brian Eliot Burke,
Deputy Under Secretary, Natural Resources
and the Environment.
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Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Notice of Request for Clearance of Information Collection Within Existing Regulation

AGENCY: Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Department's intention to reinstate information collection for the Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant Program.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before November 12, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark Wyatt, Specialty Lenders Division, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250, telephone (202) 720-0410.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant Program.

OMB Number: 0572-0086.

Expiration Date of Approval: December 31, 1994.

Type of Request: Reinstate information collection for the Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant Program.

Abstract: The Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant Program provides zero interest loans and grants to Rural Utilities Service (RUS) borrowers for the purpose of promoting rural economic development and job creation projects. The loans and grants under this program may be provided to approximately 1,700 electric and telephone utilities across the country that have borrowed funds from RUS. Under this program, the RUS borrowers may receive the loan funds and pass them on to businesses or other organizations. The RUS borrower is responsible for the loan even if it does not receive payments from the ultimate recipient. Grants may be provided to establish revolving loan funds.

Rural Business-Cooperative Service needs to receive the information

contained in this collection of information to select the projects it believes will provide the most long term economic benefit to rural areas. The selection process is competitive and the Agency has consistently received more applications than it could fund. The Agency also needs to make sure the funds are used for the intended purpose and, in the case of the loan, that the funds will be repaid. The Agency must determine that loans made from revolving loan funds established with grants were used for eligible purposes. RUS borrowers that wish to apply for zero interest loans and grants must submit an application package. RUS borrowers apply at their own discretion; no RUS borrower is required to apply under this program.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 3.4 hours per response.

Respondents: Almost all RUS electric and telecommunications borrowers are eligible for funds under this program. However, RUS borrowers apply at their own discretion. No RUS borrower is required to apply under this program.

Estimated number of Respondents: 180.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 21.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 7,240 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Sam Spencer, Rural Business Team, Information Collection Coordinator, at (202) 720-9588.

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 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. Comments may be sent to Sam Spencer, Rural Business Team, Information Collection Coordinator, Regulations and Paperwork Management Division, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Stop 0743, Washington, D.C. 20250. All responses to this will be summarized and included in the request for OMB