

information collected; or (d) minimizing the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other forms of informational technology. Comments should be sent to the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503, and to Michael D. Thompson at the address listed above. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

OMB is required to make a decision concerning the collection(s) of information contained in these proposed regulations between 30 and 60 days after publication of this document in the **Federal Register**. Therefore, a comment to OMB is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

Signed at Washington, DC, on September 18, 1997.

**Keith Kelly,**

*Administrator, Farm Service Agency and Executive Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Silver Creek Integrated Resource Project, Boise National Forest, Idaho

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice, intent to prepare environmental impact statement.

**SUMMARY:** The Emmett Ranger District of the Boise National Forest will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for an integrated resource management project in the Silver Creek subwatershed, a headwater tributary to the Middle Fork Payette River drainage. The project area is located about 80 road miles north of Boise, Idaho.

The Forest Service is seeking information and comments from Federal, State, tribal, and local agencies, as well as individuals and organizations who may be interested and/or affected by the proposed action. The agency invites written comments and suggestions on the issues related to the proposal and the area being analyzed. The information received will be used in preparing the draft and final EIS. For most effective use, comments should be submitted within 30 days from the date

of publication of this Notice in the **Federal Register**.

### Proposed Action

Six objectives have been identified for the project: (1) Restore and/or maintain the presence of the seral, shade intolerant tree species (i.e., ponderosa pine, aspen) as part of the area's vegetative mosaic; (2) improve forest resilience to damaging insects and disease; (3) improve timber stand vigor and growth; (4) reduce the risk of large, stand-destroying wildfire, especially in the vicinity of the Silver Creek Plunge Hot Springs Resort and rural subdivision; (5) restore streambanks, riparian areas, and other wet, upland sites damaged by unrestricted, cross-country motorized travel; and, (6) provide sawlogs and other wood products to help sustain local sawmills and communities.

The proposed action would treat, either with timber harvest or prescribed fire, a total of 9,545 acres. An estimated 23 million board feet (MMBF) of timber would be harvested by ground-based (1,089 acres), skyline/cable (304 acres), or helicopter (4,722 acres) yarding systems. The proposed action would employ a variety of silvicultural systems, including improvement selection (38 percent), commercial thinning (31 percent), sanitation/salvage (13 percent), irregular shelterwood (9 percent) and group selection (6 percent). Prescribed fire would also occur on another 3,430 acres to rejuvenate old, decadent aspen stands and/or provide seedbeds for potential white-bark pine regeneration. The existing transportation system would be improved to facilitate the harvest operation and reduce sedimentation, 3 miles of road relocation and construction, 1.3 miles of temporary road construction, and spot graveling of intermittent sections of Roads No. 698 (Middle Fork Payette), No. 671 (Silver Creek), and No. 678 (Bridge-Bryan Creek). Two bridges would be constructed to provide log haul access. Six existing helicopter landings would be used, however, each would be first "stabilized" to improve drainage and reduce potential sediment delivery. Two dry, upland meadows would also be used as possible log landing sites. An estimated 4 miles of existing, user-developed roads, the majority which either lies immediately adjacent to perennial streams or is deeply eroded, would be obliterated. Five existing, user-developed stream crossings would be closed and rehabilitated. Upon completion of post-harvest activities, motorized travel east of Silver Creek would be restricted to designated routes

(i.e., roads and trails), except for snowmobiles during the winter.

To meet the project's objectives, several changes to the Boise Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan) would be needed. The proposed Forest Plan changes include redefining the visual quality objectives (VQO's) for the Peace Rock, Silver Creek, and Lightning Creek management areas (MA's) as well as changing the prohibition concerning the use of ground-based yarding systems, mechanized equipment, and road construction in the Peace Rock MA.

### Preliminary Issues

Anticipated concerns related with the proposed action are: (1) Timber harvest and road relocation and/or construction could effect a portion of the Peace Rock inventoried roadless area's (IRA) wild character; (2) bridge construction and road relocation/reconstruction activities could result in short-term increases in the sediment entering area streams; (3) the project could alter the scenic quality of the Silver Creek area; (4) the proposed restrictions on cross-country, motorized travel could displace some outdoor enthusiasts and/or reduce recreational opportunities for some user groups; and (5) the activities resulting from the proposed Forest Plan changes could alter the semiprimitive, motorized character of the area. Other potential issues may be identified during the current scoping period.

### Schedule

The draft EIS is anticipated to be available for public review and comment in April 1998; the final EIS by July 1998.

### Public Involvement

The Forest Service is inviting the public to visit Silver Creek with Emmett District personnel. Two field tours are scheduled for the project area; one on October 3, 1997; the other on October 4, 1997. Both field tours will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., beginning at the Garden Valley Station, Garden Valley, Idaho, with a brief presentation and then proceeding to the project area. In addition, a public meeting will be held at the Garden Valley Senior Citizens' Center, Crouch, Idaho on October 6, 1997, from 7-9 p.m. to discuss the proposed activities. Comments received from those field tours, as well as the public meeting will be incorporated into the analysis and decision-making process.

### Comments

Written comments concerning the proposed project should be received on

or before 30 days following publication of this announcement in the **Federal Register**. Mail comments to, or for further information contact, Chris Worth, Project Team Leader, Emmett Ranger District, 1805 Highway 16, Room 5, Emmett, ID 83617, or telephone 208-365-7000.

Comments received in response to this solicitation, including the names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record on this proposal and will be available to 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 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. Persons requesting such confidentiality should be aware that, under FOIA, confidentiality may be granted in only 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 10 days.

#### Responsible Official

David D. Rittenhouse, Forest Supervisor, Boise National Forest is the responsible official.

Dated: September 15, 1997.

**Cathy Barbouletos,**

*Acting Forest Supervisor.*

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#### COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

##### Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Vermont Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, that the Vermont Advisory Committee to the Commission will conduct a two-day community forum on November 4 and 5, 1997. The November 4 session will be held at the Sheraton Hotel and Conference Center, Emerald Room I and II, 870 Williston Road, Burlington, Vermont 05403, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. The November 5 session will be

held at the Franklin Conference Center, Howe Center, One Scale Avenue, Rutland, Vermont 05701, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. The Advisory Committee will receive information from Federal and State government officials, community leaders, minority students, and parents concerning racial harassment in the Vermont public schools.

Persons desiring additional information, or planning a presentation to the Committee, should contact Committee Chairperson Kimberly B. Cheney, 802-229-0334, or Ki-Taek Chun, Director of the Eastern Regional Office, 202-376-7533 (TDD 202-376-8116). Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Regional Office at least five (5) working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission.

Dated at Washington, DC, September 15, 1997.

**Carol-Lee Hurley,**

*Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

##### Economic Analysis Bureau

##### 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 the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

*Agency:* Bureau of Economic Analysis.

*Title:* Annual Survey of Royalties, License Fees, and Other Receipts and Payments for Intangible Rights Between U.S. and Unaffiliated Foreign Persons.

*Agency Form Number:* BE-93.

*OMB Approval Number:* 0608-0017.

*Type of Request:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Burden:* 2,200 hours.

*Number of Respondents:* 550.

*Avg. Hours Per Response:* 4 hours.

*Needs and Uses:* The BE-93 annual survey is required in order to obtain reliable, up-to-date and detailed information on transactions in intangible rights between U.S. companies and foreign persons. Data from this survey will be used in monitoring U.S. services trade,

analyzing its impact on the U.S. and foreign economies, formulating U.S. international trade policy on services, supporting bilateral and multilateral trade negotiations, monitoring and assessing the impact of trade agreements on the U.S. and foreign economies, compiling the U.S. balance of payments and national income and product accounts, developing U.S. international price indexes for services, assessing and promoting U.S. competitiveness in international trade in services, and improving the ability of U.S. businesses to identify and evaluate market opportunities.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations, or other institutions receiving royalties and license fees from, or paying royalties and license fees to unaffiliated foreign persons.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Mandatory.

*Legal Authority:* Title 22 U.S.C., Sections 3101-3108, as amended.

*OMB Desk Officer:* Paul Bugg, (202) 395-3093.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing DOC Clearance Officer, Linda Engelmeier, (202) 482-3272, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20230.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days to Paul Bugg OMB Desk Officer, Room 10201, New Executive Office Building, 725 17th Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: September 19, 1997.

**Linda Engelmeier,**

*Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

##### Economic Analysis Bureau

##### 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 the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

*Agency:* Bureau of Economic Analysis.

*Title:* Annual Survey of Selected Services Transactions with Unaffiliated Foreign Persons.