

partnership. Therefore, all LLC members, including corporations or other entities, must be identified on the firm's PACA license application. If a member is a corporation or other legal entity, more information, such as the names of officers of the corporation or other data, will be required by AMS. PACA license applications submitted by LLCs should include organizational information about the company, including, but not limited to, documentation filed with the state in which the LLC is legally established, such as its articles of organization and its operating agreement. Only one member's signature is required to make a valid PACA application. In addition, just as is required of other legal entities, if the articles of organization or the operating agreements change, the LLC should notify AMS' PACA Branch as soon as possible and the LLC should submit revised documents to the PACA Branch.

The LLC business structure has become widely accepted throughout the United States as a new legal entity. AMS is hereby providing notice to all current and future licensees that certain information is required in order to obtain a license as an LLC under the PACA. In addition, notice is given to all LLC members that they are presumed to be "responsibly connected" persons and to all LLC managers, who are not also members, that they are potentially "responsibly connected" persons. The "responsibly connected" status of LLC managers will be determined on a case-by-case basis, depending upon the terms of the LLC's operating agreement and the ways in which the person's status is analogous to that of an officer, director or shareholder of a corporation. Therefore, both members and managers may be subject to PACA sanctions if the Act is violated by the LLC.

Dated: April 6, 1999

**Robert C. Keeney,**

*Deputy Administrator, Fruit and Vegetable Programs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### 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 Protein Scientific, Inc./The Protein Group, of Portland, Maine, an exclusive license to U.S. Patent No. 5,071,763 issued on December 10, 1991, and the Divisional U.S. Patent No. 5,198,351 issued on March 30, 1993, both entitled "Lactose Hydrolysis by Mutant *Streptococcus thermophilus*." Notice of availability for U.S. Patent No. 5,071,763 was published in the **Federal Register** on January 23, 1992, and notice of availability for U.S. Patent No. 5,198,351 was published in the **Federal Register** on December 17, 1991.

**DATES:** Comments must be received by June 14, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to: USDA, ARS, Office of Technology Transfer, 5601 Sunnyside Avenue, Room 4-1158, Beltsville, Maryland 20705-5131.

**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 Protein Scientific, 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, by June 14, 1999, 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.

**Richard M. Parry, Jr.,**

*Assistant Administrator.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Information Collection; Request for Comments; Public Perceptions of Land Use Change

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Forest Service announces its intent to establish a new information collection. The new collection will help the Forest Service meet the needs and expectations

of the people who live and work along the Interstate-90 (I-90) corridor, within and in proximity to, the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie and Wenatchee National Forests. Respondents will include wildlife, silviculture, timber, land planning, wildland conservation, business, and development professionals, biologists, and residents along the I-90 corridor.

**DATES:** Comments must be received in writing on or before June 14, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** All comments should be addressed to Linda Kruger, Research Social Scientist, Seattle Forestry Sciences Laboratory, Forest Service, USDA, 4043 Roosevelt Way NE, Seattle, Washington 98105 or email lkruger/r6pnw\_seattle@fs.fed.us.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Linda Kruger, Seattle Forestry Sciences Laboratory, at (206) 553-7817.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Background

The Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie and Wenatchee National Forests are in close proximity to the large, rapidly expanding Seattle, Washington, area. Urban residents and businesses are making more demands on nearby National Forest lands. Many urban residents in this metropolitan area are moving to rural communities or forested housing developments in an attempt to enjoy the natural environment of the Pacific Northwest, while maintaining access to a vibrant urban center. Multiple interests, such as recreation, tourism, housing, access to a vibrant urban center. Multiple interests, such as recreation, tourism, housing, private-sector businesses, timber, wildlife, and conservation are competing for use, within and in proximity to, the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie and Wenatchee National Forests along the Washington State I-90 corridor. This competition and increased demand have already resulted in new ski resorts, recreational facilities, shopping malls, increased resistance to timber harvesting, and heavier traffic and congestion.

Data from this information collection will be considered when revising land and resource management plans and will help the Forest Service meet multiple-use land management needs of the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie and Wenatchee National Forest lands in close proximity to the Washington State I-90 corridor.

#### Description of Information Collection

The following describes the new information collection:

*Title:* Public Perceptions of Land Use Change.

*OMB Number:* New.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* New.

*Type of Request:* The following describes a new information collection requirement and has not received approval by the Office of Management and Budget.

*Abstract:* The data in this information collection will be used to identify the range of perceptions, concerns, and attitudes the public has toward changes in land use along the Washington State I-90 corridor within and in close proximity to the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie and Wenatchee National Forests. The data also will be used to identify the characteristics about the I-90 corridor that the respondents value most; to explore the differences in opinion of various groups on how to use National Forest and adjacent land; and to ascertain the perceptions that the diverse group of respondents has regarding the Forest Service's land management practices and policies. Additionally, the data will be used for amendments and revisions of forest plans, as well as in assessing proposed National Forest projects and activities. Respondents include wildlife, silviculture, timber, land planning, wildland conservation, business and development professionals, biologists, and residents along the I-90 corridor.

The Forest Service will provide data from this information collection to other agencies and organizations, such as city and county planning commissions, the Washington Department of Natural Resources, and the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust (a non-profit Seattle-based organization working to create a greenbelt along the I-90 corridor from Seattle to Ellensburg). The results of the study also will be available to the participants upon request and will be published in community newspapers and organization newsletters.

The Forest Service Pacific Northwest Research Station, People and Natural Resources Program has entered into a cooperative agreement with the University of Washington to facilitate the collection of information. University of Washington staff, in collaboration with Forest Service Pacific Northwest Research Station staff, will write and administer the survey and analyze the survey results.

Respondents will be selected in such a way as to help ensure representation from all interested groups.

University of Washington staff, along with Forest Service staff, will ask respondents to complete a survey assessing their concerns about changes in how to use National Forest and adjacent land along the Washington State I-90 corridor, their familiarity with the issues related to changes in use

of these lands, their attitudes toward changes in the use of these lands, their ethnic and economic background, their education level, their name, and their address.

Data gathered in this information collection is not available from other sources.

*Estimate of Burden:* 30 minutes.

*Type of Respondents:* Respondents will include wildlife, silviculture, timber, land planning, wildland conservation, business and development professionals, biologists, and residents along the I-90 corridor.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1000.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 500 hours.

#### **Comment Is Invited**

The agency invites comments 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 this 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 respondents, including the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

#### **Use of Comments**

All comments received in response to this notice, including name and address when provided, will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: April 5, 1999.

**Robert Lewis, Jr.,**

*Acting Associate Chief.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

### **Forest Service**

#### **Lemolo Watershed Projects, Diamond Lake Ranger District, Umpqua National Forest, Douglas County, Oregon**

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

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

**SUMMARY:** The USDA, Forest Service, will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for a variety of connected resource projects within the Lemolo watershed planning area of the Diamond Lake Ranger District. These projects were developed according to direction in the Umpqua National Forest Plan, as amended, and in response to recommendations in the Diamond Lake/Lemolo Lake Watershed Analysis. They are intended to restore, to the extent possible, the desired vegetation patterns in the planning area by approximating natural disturbance processes while providing economic benefits to the local economy. The projects being proposed include several timber sales, the construction of temporary and system roads, site preparation, planting, the burning of natural fuels, road decommissioning, and soil restoration. These projects are proposed for implementation in the year 2000 and 2001. The planning area is located approximately 80 miles east of Roseburg, Oregon. The agency gives notice of the full environmental analysis and decision-making process that will occur on the proposal so that interested and affected people may become aware of how they can participate in the process and contribute to the final decision.

**DATES:** Comments concerning the scope of the analysis should be received in writing by May 21, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments and suggestions concerning this proposal to J. Dan Schindler, District Ranger, Diamond Lake Ranger District, 2020 Toketee Ranger Station RD, Roseburg, Oregon 97447-9704.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Direct questions about the proposed action, or EIS to Pat Williams, ID Team Leader/Timber Sale Planner, Diamond Lake Ranger District, 2020 Toketee Ranger Station RD, Idleyld Park, Oregon 97447-9704, or (541) 498-2531.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The area being analyzed in the Lemolo Watershed Projects EIS encompasses approximately 71,800 acres of National Forest land on the Diamond Lake Ranger District. The planning area include all or portions of sections 24 through 28 and 33 through 36, T25S, R5½E; sections 30, 31 and 32, T25S, R6E; sections 32 through 36, T25½S, R6E; sections 31, 32 and 33, T25½S, R6½E; sections 10 through 15, 22 through 25 and 36, T26S, R5E; sections 1 through 36, T26S, R6E; sections 4 through 9, 15 through 21 and 27 through 35, T26S, R6½E;