

OMB Number: 0584-0506.

Expiration Date: July 31, 2001.

Type of Request: Extension of previously approved collection.

Abstract: In December, 2000, FNS announced a program for competitively awarding grants and cooperative agreements for research that will improve the administrative effectiveness of the Food Stamp Program (FSP) in delivering nutrition related benefits (65 FR 81819, December 27, 2000). FNS solicited proposals to that would support research on the effects of community partnerships to reach underserved populations such as working families, children, immigrants, and elderly.

This action described in this Notice is authorized under section 17(a)(1) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977, (7 U.S.C. 2026(a)(1)) with Fiscal Year (FY) 2001 funding set aside for grants projects to educate potentially eligible persons about the nutritional benefits of the FSP. As specified in the Notice, competitive grants would be awarded to non-food stamp governmental authorities such as local school districts, public health clinics, non-profit community based organizations, and institutions of higher education, foundations and other non-profit research institutes. Grantees (winning respondents) may operate their projects for up to two years.

FNS will use the information reported from the grantees to consolidate a report of success stories, and lessons learned from the projects. Moreover, this information will be used to inform FNS about useful strategies that promote access and are successful in increasing participation of eligible persons in the FSP. FNS also intends to share widely with the public so others may replicate effective strategies of public education and outreach.

OMB approval for the collection burden associated with the solicitation for grant proposals was approved on an emergency basis for 6 months. This Notice summarizes the burden estimates that were presented in the emergency approval. This Notice will also provide burden estimates that will continue to apply to the winning grantees for the remaining period in which the projects are in operation. In January, 2001, FNS announced that it was awarding grants to 14 of the responding applicants. Each grantee was awarded no more than \$300,000 for their project.

Respondents: Respondents to the "Request for Applications for Research Grants to Improve FSP Access Through Partnerships and New Technology" are non-food stamp governmental authorities, nonprofit local organizations, institutions of higher

learning, foundations, and other non-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: Under the initial collection burden, FNS estimated that 250 respondents would request and submit an application for the research grants and up to 15 of these respondents would be selected to receive grant funds from FNS. The actual number of applications received by FNS was 108, of which 14 were selected to receive funding.

Estimate of Burden: Under the initial collection burden, FNS estimated that each applicant (respondent) would need 80 hours to complete the application as specified in the Request for Applications. The winning respondents (grantees) would subsequently be required to submit quarterly reports (total of 8) and a draft and final report. The burden estimates for these actions are as follows

- **Submission of Application**—250 respondents times 80 hours equals 20,000 hours.
- **Quarterly Reports**—14 grantees times 8 quarterly reports times 3 hours equals 336 hours.
- **Draft and Final Report**—14 grantees times 2 reports times 60 hours (approximate for each report) equals 1,680 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: The total reporting and recordkeeping burden for OMB No. 0584-0506 is estimated to be 22,016 hours for the entire grant period. For the remaining two year period, the total annual burden placed on the 14 grantees is estimated to be 2,016 hours (estimate for quarterly and draft and final report) divided by 2 (time in which grants may be in operation) equals 1,008.

Dated: May 2, 2001.

George A. Braley,

Acting Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Buick Vegetation Management Environmental Assessment, Deschutes National Forest, Deschutes County, Oregon

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Assessment for the Buick Vegetation Management project is available for review and comment. This project analyzes 33,505 acres of National Forest

lands within General Forest, Deer Habitat, Scenic Views and Old Growth Management Area. The objective of the project is to begin the process of creating forest conditions that are resilient and resistant to disturbances, maintain and enhance wildlife habitat, visual integrity, and historic forest characteristics. The project would also amend the boundaries of two Old Growth Areas within the Old Growth Management Area allocation of the Deschutes National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan. The Buick Vegetation Management project area is located about 35 miles south of Bend, Oregon, and 17 miles east of La Pine, Oregon.

The Environmental Assessment is available upon request from the Bend/Ft. Rock Ranger District, 1230 NE Third St., Suite 262-A, Bend, OR, 97701; at the Deschutes National Forest Supervisor's Office, 1645 Highway 20 East, Bend, Oregon; and at the Deschutes National Forest website at www.fs.fed.us/r6/deschutes.

Written comments should be addressed to Walter C. Schloer, District Ranger, 1230 NE Third St., Suite 262-A, Bend, OR 97701. Comments can also be sent by email to dfrantz@fs.fed.us. Written or oral comments should include your name, address, and telephone number. Please include the title of the document; specific facts or comments, and supporting reasons for your comments.

DATES: Please submit comments within 30 days of Wednesday, May 9, 2001, which is the publication date of the legal notice of availability in The Bulletin newspaper, Bend, Oregon.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For Further information, contact David Frantz, Bend/Ft. Rock Ranger District, 1230 NE Third St., Suite 262-A, Bend, OR, or phone (541) 383-4721.

Dated: April 27, 2001.

Becki Heath,

Acting Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Keenes Horse Camp, Gifford Pinchot National Forest, Skamania County, Washington

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to 36 CFR 219.35(b), this serves as notification that the Gifford Pinchot National Forest Land

and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan) is amended to authorize the Keenes Horse Camp Project, which was analyzed in the Keenes Horse Camp Environmental Assessment. This project is located in Township 11 North, Range 10 East, Section 34, Skamania County, Washington State. The project will close, rehabilitate and relocate eight of the existing 13 campsites at Keenes Horse Camp to better meet long-term Aquatic Conservation Strategy objectives regarding water quality and riparian condition. Construction of an access road for the relocated sites would be contrary to the Gifford Pinchot Forest Plan, which precludes new developments and road construction in the vicinity of the Keenes Horse Camp. The decision amends the Forest Plan to make an exception for relocation of the campsites and construction of the associated 400 feet of access road. A copy of the Environment, Decision Notice and Forest Plan Amendment #15 is available upon request from the Cowlitz Valley Ranger District, P.O. Box 670, Randle, WA 98377-0670.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information, contact Lynn Schinnell, Cowlitz Valley Ranger District, P.O. Box 670, Randle, WA 98377-0670, or phone (370) 497-1121.

Dated: April 30, 2001.

Claire Lavendel,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Clancy-Unionville Vegetation Manipulation and Travel Management Project; Including Timber Harvest, Prescribed Fire, and Noxious Weed Control Activities. Helena National Forest, Lewis & Clark and Jefferson Counties, MT

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; intent to prepare Supplement to Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: The NOI to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for this project was published in the October 17, 1997 issue of the **Federal Register**. The FEIS was released to the public in February 2000. A Record of Decision was issued in November, 2000, but was subsequently reversed on appeal due to insufficient cumulative effects analysis. At this time, the Helena National Forest is soliciting comments which would help to identify past,

ongoing, or reasonably foreseeable activities which could reasonably interact cumulatively with the activities considered with the Clancy-Unionville Vegetation Manipulation and Travel Management Project. The agency will use the information received in conjunction with other compiled information to develop the Draft Supplement EIS. A 45-day comment period will provide, and all comments will be used to develop a Final Supplemental EIS.

ADDRESSES: The responsible official is Thomas J. Clifford, Forest Supervisor, Helena National Forest, Supervisor's Office, 2880 Skyway Drive, Helena, MT. 59602, Phone: (406) 449-5201.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jerry Meyer, Interdisciplinary Team, Leader, Helena National Forest, Supervisor's Office, 2880 Skyway Drive, Helena, MT. 59602, Phone: (406) 446-5201, extension 278.

Dated: April 24, 2001.

Thomas J. Clifford,

Forest Supervisor, Helena National Forest.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

North Belts Travel Plan/Magpie-Confederate Vegetation Restoration Project; This project Will Henceforth be Entitled the North Belts Travel Plan Project; Helena National Forest, Broadwater, Lewis & Clark and Broadwater Counties, MT

AGENCIES: Forest Service, USDA; Bureau of Land Management, USDI.

ACTION: Notice; intent to prepare Supplement to Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: The NOI to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for this project was published in the February 25, 1998 issue of the **Federal Register**. A Draft EIS was released to the public in March 1999. In July and August of 2000, an extensive wildfire called the Cave Gulch Fire burned a high percentage of the project area being considered for vegetation treatments (The Magpie-Confederate Vegetation Restoration portion of the original project). Because of this changed condition, the Forest Service is withdrawing all vegetation management proposals from the project including treatment of noxious weeds, renaming the project, and proceeding with the travel planning portion of the project. The Forest Service feels this is the

appropriate approach with this project in that it retains a considerable amount of public input received in conjunction with previous scoping efforts. The BLM has considered only travel management throughout the course of the project. The agencies expect to release a Draft Supplement EIS in June, 2001. A 45 day comment period will be provided, and all comments will be used to develop a Final EIS.

ADDRESSES: The responsible official is Thomas J. Clifford, Forest Supervisor, Helena National Forest, Supervisor's Office, 2880 Skyway Drive, Helena, MT. 59602. Phone: (406) 449-5201.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lois Olsen, Interdisciplinary Team Leader, Helena National Forest, Supervisor's Office, 2880 Skyway Drive, Helena, MT. 59602. Phone: (406) 449-5201, extension 251.

Dated: April 24, 2001.

Thomas J. Clifford,

Forest Supervisor, Helena National Forest.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Pineknott Shortleaf Pine Restoration Project, Mark Twain National Forest, Carter County, MO

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA Forest Service.

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

SUMMARY: The 10,831 acre Pineknott project area is located on National Forest lands within the Current River watershed south of Fremont, Missouri and southwest of Van Buren, Missouri T26N, R1W sections 18-20, 29-32 and T26N, R2W sections 13-16 and 21-36, Fifth Principal Meridian.

The Forest Service will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) to analyze and disclose the effects of restoring a closed, densely stocked shortleaf pine forest to the open pine woodland conditions described by early explorers in southern Missouri.

The primary purpose of this project is restoration of a large landscape (around 10,000-acre) of native shortleaf pine community in the Ozarks of southern Missouri. A secondary purpose of this project is to showcase a federal, state, and private partnership to manage a native, biologically diverse forest ecosystem that can provide a sustainable source of revenue. Additionally, analysis will be