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We have scheduled this public meeting, the fourth meeting in our series, for Friday, June 8, 2001, in the Community Meeting Room of the Twin Falls County Office Building, Twin Falls, ID. If you wish to speak at the meeting, please register in advance by calling the Regulatory Analysis and Development voice mail at (301) 734-4339. Leave a message with your name, telephone number, organization, if any, and an estimate of the time you need to speak. You may also register at the meeting by following the instructions provided by an APHIS representative at the beginning of the meeting. Starting with the advance registrants, we will call speakers in the order in which they registered.

The meeting will begin at 2 p.m. and is scheduled to end at 5 p.m. We may end the meeting early if all the registered speakers have had a chance to speak and if no one else wants to speak. We may also extend the meeting or limit the time allowed for each speaker, if necessary, so all interested persons have an opportunity to participate.

An APHIS representative will preside at the meeting. The meeting will be recorded. We encourage speakers to present written statements, though it is not required. If you choose to present a written statement, please provide the chairperson with a copy. The complete record, including the transcript and all written comments, will be available to the public.

This meeting is the fourth in our series of public meetings. The first public meeting was held on January 25, 2001, in Lake Buena Vista, FL. The second public meeting was held on February 16, 2001, in Hebron, KY, and the third public meeting was held on April 5, 2001, in Machias, ME. We plan to hold additional meetings in Washington (September 2001, in conjunction with the Pacific Coast Shellfish Growers Association Annual Conference), Pennsylvania (October 2001, in conjunction with the Pennsylvania Aquaculture Advisory Committee and Pennsylvania Aquaculture Association Annual Meeting), Mississippi (October 2001, in conjunction with a meeting of the Catfish Farmers of America), and Arkansas (October 2001, in conjunction with a meeting of the Catfish Farmers of Arkansas). We will publish a notice or notices in the **Federal Register** announcing the dates, times, and locations of the meetings.

Done in Washington, DC, this 4th day of May 2001.

**Chester A. Gipson,**

*Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service

#### Notice of Intent To Revise and Request an Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

**AGENCY:** Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) implementing regulations, this notice announces the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service's (CSREES) intention to revise and extend a currently approved information collection, Form CSREES-667 "Proposal Cover Sheet," and Form CSREES-668, "Project Summary."

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received on or before July 16, 2001 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Address all comments regarding this notice to Sally J. Rockey, Deputy Administrator, Competitive Research Grants and Awards Management, CSREES, USDA, STOP 2240, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-2240. E-mail: OEP@reeusda.gov.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Sally J. Rockey, (202) 401-1761.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Title:** Grant Application Forms for the Small Business Innovation Research Grants Program.

**OMB Number:** 0524-0025.

**Expiration Date of Approval:** July 31, 2001.

**Type of Request:** Intent to revise and extend a currently approved information collection for three years.

**Abstract:** In 1982, the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Program was authorized by Pub. L. 97-219, and in 1992 reauthorized through October 1, 2000, by Pub. L. 102-564. In 2000, the SBIR program was reauthorized through September 30, 2008, by Pub. L. 106-554. This legislation requires each Federal agency with a research and research and development budget in excess of \$100 million to establish an SBIR program.

The objectives of the SBIR Program are to stimulate technological innovation in the private sector, strengthen the role of small businesses in meeting Federal research and development needs, increase private sector commercialization of innovations derived from USDA-supported research and development efforts, and foster and encourage participation by women-owned and socially and economically disadvantaged small business firms in technological innovation. The Program is carried out in three separate phases. The purpose of Phase I is to determine the scientific or technical feasibility of ideas; Phase II is the principal research or research and development effort; and Phase III is to stimulate technological innovation and the national return on investment from research through the pursuit of commercial objectives resulting from work carried out in Phases I and II.

USDA conducts its SBIR program through the use of grants awards and these grants are administered by the Agreements and Special Projects Branch and the Grants Management Branch, Office of Extramural Programs, Competitive Research Grants and Awards Management, CSREES. Each year, USDA issues an SBIR program solicitation requesting Phase I proposals. These proposals are evaluated by peer review panels and awarded on a competitive basis. The SBIR Program Solicitation requests that applicants submit proposals following the format outlined in the Small Business Administration (SBA) Policy Directive. This simplified and standardized proposal format is used by all of the Federal agencies participating in the SBIR Program in order to reduce the application burden of the small business firms that wish to apply to more than one agency.

Before awards can be made, certain information is required from applicants as part of an overall proposal package. In addition to project summaries, descriptions of the research or teaching efforts, literature reviews, curricula vitae of principal investigators, and other, relevant technical aspects of the proposed project, supporting documentation of an administrative and budgetary nature also must be provided. Because of the nature of the competitive, peer-reviewed process, it is important that information from applicants be available in a standardized format to ensure equitable treatment.

This program also uses forms approved in the OMB-approved collection of information package 0524-0039. These forms include Form

CSREES-2004, "Budget;" Form CSREES-2006, "National Environmental Policy Act Exclusions Form;" and Form CSREES-2008, "Assurance Statement(s)—For Research Projects."

Forms CSREES-667, "Phase I and Phase II Proposal Cover Sheet;" and CSREES-668, "Phase I and Phase II Project Summary" are used to obtain USDA recordkeeping data, required certifications, and information used to respond to inquiries from Congress, other Government agencies, and the grantee community concerning grant projects supported by the USDA SBIR Program.

The following information has been collected and will continue to be collected:

Forms CSREES-667—Identification: designates the research topic area under which a proposal is submitted for consideration; *USDA recordkeeping data*: provides names and addresses of principal investigators and authorized agents of small business firms; and *Certifications*: Provides required certifications; for example, the applicant qualifies as a small business for purposes of the SBIR Program; the applicant qualifies as a minority and disadvantaged and/or women-owned small business.

Form CSREES-668—*Project summary*: Provides a Technical Abstract used when releasing information about grant projects supported and keywords to identify the technology/research thrust/commercial application of the projects.

*Estimate of Burden*: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 5.15 hours per response.

*Respondents*: Businesses or other for-profits.

*Estimated Number of Responses Per Form*: 480 for Form CSREES-667 and 480 for Form CSREES-668.

*Estimated Number of Responses Per Respondent*: 1.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents*: 2,472 hours, broken down by: 672 hours for Form CSREES-667 (1.4 hours per 480 respondents) and 1,800 hours for Form CSREES-668 (3.75 hours per 480 respondents).

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Duane Alphs, Policy and Program Liaison Staff, CSREES, (202) 401-3319. E-mail: OEP@reeusda.gov.

*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 to be 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 should be sent to the address stated in the preamble.

*Comments also may be submitted directly to OMB and should be addressed to*: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20502.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments also will become a matter of public record.

Done at Washington, DC, this 2d day of May, 2001.

**Colien Hefferan,**

*Administrator, Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### **Fox and Crescent Reservoir Maintenance, High Uintas Wilderness, Ashley National Forest, Duchesne County, UT**

**AGENCY**: Forest Service, USDA.

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

**SUMMARY**: Dry Gulch Irrigation Company (DGIC), holder of special use permits to operate Fox and Crescent reservoir dams in the High Uintas Wilderness on the Ashley National Forest, has requested permission to maintain the dam structures to correct deficiencies that may result in failure of the dams in the near future. This maintenance work will require an assessment of environmental consequences, including those associated with proposals to use motorized and mechanical tools and equipment within the boundaries of the High Uintas Wilderness.

**DATES**: To be most useful for early identification of issues, comments concerning the scope of the analysis should be received in writing by May 29, 2001.

**ADDRESSES**: Written comments and questions should be sent to: Dave Frew, Interdisciplinary Team Leader, Attn: Fox Lake Project, Roosevelt/Duchesne Ranger Districts, Ashley National Forest, 244 West Highway 40, Roosevelt, Utah 84066.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Specific questions about the proposed project and analysis should be directed to Dave Frew, Interdisciplinary Team Leader, 244 West Highway 40, Roosevelt, Utah 84066.

*Responsible Official*: Jack Blackwell, Regional Forester, Intermountain Region, is the responsible official for this EIS and the Record of Decision.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**: This proposal arose due to concerns found in various state and federal inspections of these dams over the past couple of years. Both of these dams are over 70 years old, and like all human made structures require periodic maintenance to insure their safe continued operation. These reservoirs are accessible only by primitive trail—there are not roads accessing these facilities. In the past, these reservoirs have been accessed from time to time by helicopter. The reservoirs must be maintained if storage is to continue to be allowed.

In 1984, Congress designated the area encompassing these reservoir sites at the High Uintas Wilderness, further complicating access by the wilderness provision against motorized or mechanical access or the use of motorized or mechanical tools and equipment. The 1964 Wilderness Act provides that motorized transport, tools and equipment and/or mechanical access may be authorized in specific circumstances, that being when it is determined they are the minimum requirement necessary for the proper administration of the area, and when authorized by the proper authority.

#### **Proposed Action**

DGIC proposes the following activities to insure the proper maintenance of the dams. Both the State of Utah Department of Natural Resources, Division of Water Rights, and the Forest Service agree that the maintenance activities proposed meet the technical requirements, and are necessary to accomplish if the dams are to continue to be used for their intended purpose. The proposed action involves helicopter transport to the reservoir sites for materials and equipment, and also proposes on-site motorized equipment to complete the work.

#### *Fox Lake*

Repairs to the outlet pipe with consist of slip lining the existing 36 inch