

FNS-583, Employment and Training Program Report. The proposed collection is an extension of collection currently approved under OMB No. 0584-0339.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before August 7, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Send comments and requests for copies of this information collection to John Knaus, Chief, Program Design Branch, Program Development Division, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302.

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 burden of the proposed collection of information, including 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 form of information technology.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Knaus at (703) 305-2098, or send e-mail to john_knaus@fns.usda.gov via the Internet.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Type of Information Collection Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Title of Information Collection: FNS-583, Employment and Training Program Report.

OMB Number: 0584-0339.

Expiration Date: September 30, 2001.

Abstract: Title 7 CFR 273.7(c)(6) requires State agencies to submit quarterly Employment and Training (E&T) Program reports containing monthly figures for participation in the program. The FNS-583 report includes the number of participants newly work registered; work registrants exempted from the E&T Program; participants who volunteered and began an approved E&T component; E&T mandatory participants who began an approved E&T component; number of able-bodied adults without dependents (ABAWDs) exempted from the 3-month food stamp participation limit under each State agency's 15 percent ABAWD exemption

allowance; the number of filled and offered (unfilled) workfare slots in waived and unwaived geographic areas of the State; the number of filled and offered education and training slots in waived and unwaived geographic areas of the State; the amount of Federal 100 percent E&T funding spent on workfare slots that meet the requirements of section 6(o)(2)(C) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977, as amended (the Act); and the amount of Federal 100 percent E&T funding spent on education and training slots that meet the requirements of section 6(o)(2)(B) of the Act. The first quarter FNS-583 report includes the number of work registered persons in a State as of October of the new fiscal year. On the fourth quarter FNS-583 report State agencies list the components of their E&T programs and the number of participants in each.

Frequency: The FNS-583 report must be completed and submitted to FNS on a quarterly basis by the 45th day following the end of the quarter.

Affected Public: Individual households and State and local governments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 4,870,542.

Estimated Number of Responses: 4,870,701.

Estimated Time per Response: .025 hours per individual; 347.17 hours per State agency.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 195,363 hours.

Dated: May 31, 2001.

George A. Braley,

Acting Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Rocky Mountain Region: Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, Eastern Wyoming; Legal Notice of the Opportunity To Comment on Certain Proposed Actions and of Decisions Subject to Notice and Comment

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; Newspapers for Legal Notices.

SUMMARY: This is a list of those newspapers that will be used to publish notice of all decisions which are subject to appeal under 36 CFR 217, notice of the opportunity to comment on certain proposed actions pursuant to 36 CFR 215.5, and notice of decisions subject to appeal under the general provisions of

36 CFR part 215. As required at 36 CFR 215.5 and 215.9, such notice shall constitute legal evidence that the agency has given timely and constructive notice of decisions that are subject to public notice and comment and administrative appeal. Newspaper publications of notices of decisions is in addition to direct notice to those who have requested notice in writing and to those known to be interested in or affected by a specific decision.

EFFECTIVE DATES: Use of these newspapers for purposes of publishing the notices required under the provisions of 36 CFR part 215 shall begin April 16, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul Momper, Regional Appeals and Litigation Coordinator, Rocky Mountain Region, Box 25127, Lakewood, Colorado 80225, Area Code 303-275-5161.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Responsible Officials in the Rocky Mountain Region shall give notice of the opportunity to comment on certain proposed actions and of decisions subject to appeal pursuant to 36 CFR part 215 in the following newspapers which are listed by Forest Service unit. Where more than one newspaper is listed for any unit, the first newspaper listed is the primary newspaper which shall be used to constitute legal evidence that the agency has given timely and constructive notice of decisions that are subject to administrative appeal. The day after the publication of the public notice in the primary newspaper shall be the first day of the appeal filing period.

Decisions by the Regional Forester: *The Denver Post*, published daily in Denver, Denver County, Colorado, for decisions affecting National Forest System lands in the States of Colorado, Nebraska, Kansas, South Dakota, and eastern Wyoming and for any decision of Region-wide impact. In addition, notice of decisions made by the Regional Forester will also be published the day after in the *Rocky Mountain News*, published daily in Denver, Denver County, Colorado. For those Regional Forester decisions affecting a particular unit, the day after notice will also be published in the newspaper specific to that unit.

Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests, Colorado

Forest Service Decisions:

The Denver Post, published daily in Denver, Denver County, Colorado.

District Ranger Decisions:

Canyon Lakes District: Coloradoan, published daily in Fort Collins, Larimer County, Colorado.

Pawnee District: Greeley Tribune, published daily in Greeley, Weld County, Colorado.

Boulder District: Daily Camera, published daily in Boulder, Boulder County, Colorado.

Clear Creek District: Clear Creek Courant, published weekly in Idaho Springs, Clear Creek County, Colorado.

Sulphur District: Sky High News, published weekly in Granby, Grand County, Colorado.

Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests, Colorado

Forest Supervisor Decisions:

Grand Junction Daily Sentinel, published daily in Grand Junction, Mesa County, Colorado.

District Range Decisions:

Collbran and Grand Junction Districts: Grand Junction Daily Sentinel, published daily in Grand Junction, Mesa County, Colorado.

Paonia District: Delta County Independent, published weekly in Delta, Delta County, Colorado.

Cebolla and Taylor River Districts: Gunnison County Times, published weekly in Gunnison, Gunnison County, Colorado.

Norwood District: Telluride Daily Planet, published daily in Telluride, San Miguel County, Colorado.

Ouray District: Montrose Daily Press, published daily in Montrose, Montrose County, Colorado.

Pike and San Isabel National Forests

Forest Supervisor Decisions:

Pueblo Chieftain, published daily in Pueblo, Pueblo County, Colorado.

District Ranger Decisions:

San Carlos District: Pueblo Chieftain, published daily in Pueblo, Pueblo County, Colorado.

Comanche District: Plainsman Herald, published weekly in Springfield, Baca County, Colorado.

In addition, notice of decisions made by the District Ranger will also be published in the *La Junta Tribune Democrat*, published daily in La Junta, Otero County, Colorado, and in the *Ag Journal*, published weekly in La Junta, Otero County, Colorado.

Cimarron District: Tri-State News, published weekly in Elkhart, Morton County, Kansas.

South Platte District: News Press, published weekly in Castle Rock, Douglas County, Colorado.

Leadville District: Herald Democrat, published weekly in Leadville, Lake County, Colorado.

Salida District: The Mountain Mail,

published daily in Salida, Chaffee County, Colorado.

South Park District: Fairplay Flume, published weekly in Fairplay, Park County, Colorado.

Pikes Peak District: Gazette, published daily in Colorado Springs, El Paso County, Colorado.

Rio Grande National Forest, Colorado

Forest Supervisor Decisions:

Valley Courier, published daily in Alamosa, Alamosa County, Colorado.

District Ranger Decisions:

Valley Courier, published daily in Alamosa, Alamosa County, Colorado.

Routt National Forest, Colorado

Forest Supervisor Decisions:

Laramie Daily Boomerang, published daily in Laramie, Albany County, Wyoming. In addition, for decisions affecting an individual district(s), the local district(s) newspaper will also be used.

District Ranger Decisions:

Hans Peak-Bears Ears District: Steamboat Pilot, published weekly in Steamboat Springs, Routt County, Colorado is the newspaper of record for decision made by the Hans Peak Bears Ears District Ranger. Additional notice to inform local communities about decisions made by the District Ranger will also be placed in the *Hayden Valley Press*, published weekly in Hayden, Routt County, Colorado and in the *Northwest Colorado Daily Press*, published daily in Craig, Moffat County, Colorado.

Yampa and District: Steamboat Pilot, published weekly in Steamboat Springs, Routt County, Colorado.

Middle Park District: North Park District: Jackson County Star, published weekly in Walden, Jackson County, Colorado.

San Juan National Forest, Colorado

Forest Supervisor Decisions:

Durango Herald, published daily in Durango, La Plata County, Colorado.

District Ranger Decisions:

Durango Herald, published daily in Durango, La Plata County, Colorado.

White River National Forest, Colorado

Forest Supervisor Decisions:

The Glenwood Post, published Monday through Sunday in Glenwood Springs, Garfield County, Colorado.

District Ranger Decisions:

Aspen District: Aspen Times,

published weekly in Aspen, Pitkin County, Colorado.

Blanco District: Meeker Herald, published weekly in Meeker, Rio Blanco County, Colorado.

Dillion District: Summit Daily News, published daily in Frisco, Summit County, Colorado.

Eagle District: Eagle Valley Enterprise, published weekly in Eagle, Eagle County, Colorado.

Holy Cross District: Vail Trail, published weekly in Vail, Eagle County, Colorado.

Rifle District: Citizen Telegram, published weekly in Rifle, Garfield County, Colorado.

Sopris District: Valley Journal, published weekly in Carbondale, Garfield County, Colorado.

Nebraska National Forest, Nebraska

Forest Supervisor Decisions:

The Rapid City Journal, published daily in Rapid City, Pennington County, South Dakota for decisions affecting National Forest System lands in the State of South Dakota. *The Omaha World Herald*, published daily in Omaha, Douglas County, Nebraska for decisions affecting National Forest System lands in the State of Nebraska.

District Ranger Decisions:

Bessey District/Charles E. Bessey Tree Nursery: The North Platte Telegraph, published daily in North Platte, Lincoln County, Nebraska.

Pine Ridge District: The Chadron Record, published weekly in Chadron, Dawes County, Nebraska.

Samuel R. McKelvie National Forest: The Valentine Midland News, published weekly in Valentine, Cherry County, Nebraska.

Fall River and Wall Districts, Buffalo Gap National Grassland: *The Rapid City Journal*, published daily in Rapid City, Pennington County, South Dakota.

Fort Pierre National Grassland: The Capital Journal, published Monday thru Friday in Pierre, Hughes County, South Dakota.

Black Hills National Forest, South Dakota and Eastern Wyoming

Forest Supervisor Decision:

The Rapid City Journal, published daily in Rapid City, Pennington County, South Dakota.

District Ranger Decisions:

The Rapid City Journal, published daily in Rapid City, Pennington County, South Dakota.

Bighorn National Forest, Wyoming

Forest Supervisor Decisions:

Sheridan Press, published daily in

Sheridan, Sheridan County, Wyoming. In addition, for decisions affecting an individual district(s), the local district(s) newspaper will be used (see listing below).

District Ranger Decisions:

Tongue District: Sheridan Press, published daily in Sheridan, Sheridan County, Wyoming.

Buffalo District: Buffalo Bulletin, published weekly in Buffalo, Johnson County, Wyoming.

Medicine Wheel District: Lovell Chronicle, published weekly in Lovell, Big Horn County, Wyoming.

Tensleep District: Northern Wyoming Daily News, published daily in Worland, Washakie County, Wyoming.

Paintrock District: Greybull Standard, published weekly in Greybull, Big Horn County, Wyoming.

Medicine Bow National Forest, Wyoming

Forest Supervisor Decisions:

Laramie Daily Boomerang, published daily in Laramie, Albany County, Wyoming.

District Ranger Decisions:

Laramie District: Laramie Daily Boomerang, published daily in Laramie, Albany County, Wyoming.

Douglas District: Casper Star-Tribune, published daily in Casper, Natrona County, Wyoming.

Brush Creek and Hayden Districts: Rawlins Daily Times, published daily in Rawlins, Carbon County, Wyoming.

Shoshone National Forest, Wyoming

Forest Supervisor Decision:

Cody Enterprise, published twice weekly in Cody, Park County, Wyoming.

District Ranger Decisions:

Clarks Fork District: Powell Tribune, published twice weekly in Powell, Park County, Wyoming.

Wapiti and Greybull Districts: Cody Enterprise, published twice weekly in Cody, Park County, Wyoming.

Wind River District: The Dubois Frontier, published weekly in Dubois, Teton County, Wyoming.

Lander District: Wyoming State Journal, published twice weekly in Lander, Fremont County, Wyoming.

Dated: May 11, 2001.

David A. Heerwagen,

Deputy Regional Forester, Operations.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Giant Sequoia National Monument Management Plan EIS

AGENCY: USDA, Forest Service.

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Agriculture, Forest Service is preparing an environmental impact statement (EIS) to establish management direction for the land and resources within the Giant Sequoia National Monument (GSNM) created by Presidential Proclamation on April 15, 2000. The agency is to develop a management plan within three years of the signing of the Proclamation. The Forest Service, as the responsible agency, proposes to amend the Sequoia National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (FLMP) to provide for the protection of the objects of interest identified in the Proclamation.

DATES: The public is asked to submit any issues (points of concern, debate, dispute, or disagreement) regarding potential effects of the proposed action by July 24, 2001. The draft EIS is expected to be available for public comment in February 2002 and the final EIS is expected to be published in September 2002.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to: Jim Whitfield, EIS Team Leader, USDA Forest Service, Sequoia National Forest, 900 W. Grand Avenue, Porterville, CA 93257.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jim Whitfield, EIS Team Leader, Sequoia National Forest, at the address listed above. The phone number is (559) 784-1500. Information regarding the monument and the planning process can also be found on the Giant Sequoia National Monument website located at www.r5.fs.fed.us/giant_sequoia. Public meetings will be held during the scoping period to allow the public to gather information prior to submitting comments. Information on the times, dates, locations, and agendas for these meetings will be provided in local newspapers, on the website, and by direct mailings.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On April 15, 2000, a Presidential Proclamation creating the Giant Sequoia National Monument was signed. The Proclamation designated 327,769 acres within the boundary of the Sequoia National Forest as a National Monument

to provide protection for a variety of objects of historic and scientific interest, including giant sequoia trees and their surrounding ecosystem. The President directed the Secretary of Agriculture to prepare a management plan within three years, and that the plan is to include a transportation plan. The plan will provide for and encourage continued public access and use consistent with the purposes of the Giant Sequoia National Monument. A range of alternatives will be analyzed, including the no-action alternative, which is the management direction provided by the current Forest Land and Resource Management Plan, as amended.

Purpose and Need for Action

The Presidential Proclamation identifies the need to take action regarding two critical problems facing giant sequoias and their ecosystems: (1) The heavy buildup of surface fuels and woody debris, leading to an increased hazard from wildfires, and (2) a lack of regeneration of young giant sequoias to ensure long-term sustainability of the species. The proclamation also clearly identifies opportunities for scientific research, interpretation, recreation, and the need for a transportation plan. We are committed to preparing a management plan that is responsive to these needs and opportunities and that provides proper care for the objects of interest as identified in the proclamation. These objects include:

1. The naturally occurring groves of giant sequoia,
2. The ecosystems within the GSNM that surround the groves and provide enriching recreational and social experiences, outstanding landscapes, and an array of rare and endemic species, such as the fisher, the great gray owl, the American marten, the northern goshawk, the peregrine falcon, the spotted owl, and the California condor,
3. The historical landscape in and around the Hume Lake Basin associated with the Euro-American use of the giant sequoia since the late 1800's, and
4. The limestone caverns and prehistoric archaeological sites that provide a paleontological record of the ecological changes that giant sequoias have undergone, as well as a prehistoric record of the relationship of the area to the native tribes.

Management Direction

Current management direction for the Sequoia National Forest and the GSNM includes the Presidential Proclamation and the Forest Land and Resource Management Plan as amended by the Sierra Nevada Forest Plan Amendment. The Sierra Nevada Forest Plan