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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Doc. No. AMS-TM-08-0077; TM-08-11]

Request for an Extension to a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), this notice announces the Agricultural Marketing Service's (AMS) intention to request approval from the Office of Management and Budget, for an extension of the currently approved information collection for the Farmers Market Questionnaire.

DATES: Comments received by October 27, 2008 will be considered.

Additional Information or Comments: Contact Ed Ragland, Marketing Services Division, Transportation and Marketing Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Room 2646 South Building, Ag Stop 0269, Washington, DC 20250-0269; 202-720-8317. Comments should reference Docket No. AMS-TM-08-0077; TM-08-11.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Farmers Market Questionnaire.

OMB Number: 0581-0169.

Expiration Date of Approval: April 30, 2009.

Type of Request: Extension to the currently approved information collection.

Abstract: Under the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1621 *et seq.*), AMS is responsible for conducting research to enhance market access for small- and medium-sized farmers. The role of the Marketing

Services Division (MSD) of AMS is to facilitate distribution of U.S. agricultural products. The division identifies marketing opportunities, provides analysis to help take advantage of those opportunities and develops and evaluates solutions including improving farmers markets and other direct-to-consumer marketing activities. Various types of farmers markets serve different parts of the food marketing chain but all focus on the small- to medium-sized agricultural producers that have difficulty obtaining access to large scale commercial distribution channels. Information has been collected by the MSD periodically about the size and growth of markets, farmers served, products sold, sales, and management structure to better monitor how this marketing channel changes over time and the impact farmers markets have on the farming community nationwide. *Estimate of Burden:* Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .316 hours per response.

Respondents: Farmers market managers.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 4700.

Estimated Number of Responses: 1622.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: .345.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 512 hours.

Comments are invited on: (1) 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; (2) 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; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to the following addresses:

• *Mail:* Ed Ragland, Marketing Services Division, Transportation and Marketing Programs, Agricultural Marketing Services, U.S. Department of

Agriculture, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Room 2646 South Building, Ag Stop 0269, Washington, DC 20250-0269.

• *Internet:* <http://www.regulations.gov>.

All written comments should be identified with the docket number AMS-TM-08-0077; TM-08-11. It is our intention to have all comments whether submitted by mail or Internet available for viewing on the Regulations.gov (<http://www.regulations.gov>) Internet site. Comments submitted will also be available for public inspection in person at USDA-AMS, Transportation and Marketing Programs, Marketing Services Division, Room 2646-South Building, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, (except official Federal holidays). Persons wanting to visit the USDA South Building to view comments received are requested to make an appointment in advance by calling (202) 720-8317.

The information collected is used only by authorized employees of the USDA, AMS.

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.

Dated: August 20, 2008.

Lloyd C. Day,

Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Motorized Vehicle Use on the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: The Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest (Forest) will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to document and disclose the potential environmental effects of establishing and designating a system of roads, trails and areas for wheeled motorized vehicles. The Proposed Action would designate the location, type of vehicle and season of use for motorized vehicles

across the entire Forest in order to meet the intent of the Travel Management; Designated Routes and Areas for Motor Vehicle Use, Final Rule that was published on November 9, 2005 (70 FR 216). Over-the-snow vehicles are excluded from this Proposed Action. A Forest Plan Amendment would be required to achieve the purpose and need, and implement the Proposed Action.

DATES: Comments concerning the scope of the analysis, issues about the Proposed Action, or alternatives to the Proposed Action are most helpful if received within 45 days following the date that this notice appears in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: Send electronic comments to: *con-ments-pacificnorthwest-rogue-river-siskiyou@fs.fed.us*. Send written comments to: Travel Management Team, Rogue River Siskiyou National Forest, Siskiyou Mountains Ranger District, 645 Washington St., Ashland, OR 97520.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steve Johnson, Team Leader, Siskiyou Mountains Ranger District, 645 Washington St., Ashland, OR 97520. Phone: (541) 552-2900.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On November 9, 2005, the Forest Service published final travel management regulations in the **Federal Register** (FR Vol. 70, No. 216-Nov. 9, 2005, pp. 68264-68291). This final Travel Management Rule requires designation of those roads, trails, and areas that are open to motor vehicle use by the public on National Forests. Designations will be made by class of vehicle and, if appropriate, by time of year. The final rule prohibits the use of motor vehicles by the public off the designated system as well as use of motor vehicles on routes and in areas that are not designated. Persons exempt from the final rule prohibitions would be those with a permit specifically authorizing access. Examples include access to private property, a mining claim or a communication site.

In June 2007, the Forest hosted a series of four open houses in southwest Oregon to provide people an opportunity to learn more about the Travel Analysis process that identifies and designates roads, trails, and areas open to motor vehicles. In addition, Forest representatives met with a number of individuals, groups and neighboring land management agencies in order for motorized and non-motorized users alike to get involved

early as we began to gather information for the project.

Since that time Forest planners and resource specialists have verified and completed an inventory of existing open roads and trails. Currently, there are approximately 4,620 road miles and approximately 1,155 trail miles. Motorized trails account for approximately 15% (170 miles) of the total trail miles.

Under the Proposed Action, roads, trails and areas that are currently part of the Forest transportation system and are open to wheeled motorized vehicle travel would remain designated for such use except as described below. This proposal focuses on the designation of wheeled motorized vehicle routes and areas. The Proposed Action is being carried forward in accordance with the Travel Management Rule (36 CFR Part 212).

In accordance with the rule and following a decision on this proposal, the Forest will publish a Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM) identifying all Forest roads, trails and areas that are designated open for motor vehicle use by the public. The MVUM shall specify the classes of vehicles and, if appropriate, the times of year for which use is authorized. The MVUM will be updated and published annually (or more frequently if needed) when changes to the Forest's transportation system are made. Future decisions associated with changes to the MVUM may trigger the need for documentation of additional environmental analysis.

Purpose and Need

The purpose for action is to enact the Travel Management Rule. Motorized use is a popular use and is an important form of recreation for many individuals, families, and groups. A designated and managed system is needed to provide this use. Increased demand for motorized use, lack of designated areas/routes, and the inconsistent direction contained in the Forest Plans, has led to resource damage and social impacts, user conflicts, and safety concerns.

Proposed Action

Based on the stated purpose and need for action and as a result of the recent Travel Analysis process, the Forest proposes to:

- Prohibit motorized public access on approximately 60-65 miles of roads currently open in order to minimize or reduce resource damage;
- Formally designate approximately 3,390 miles of road where mixed use would be allowed. Mixed use is defined as designation of a National Forest System (NFS) road for use by both

highway-legal and non-highway-legal motor vehicles;

- Construct two motorized trails to provide loop route opportunities (approximately 2 miles);
- Convert approximately 20-25 miles of NFS roads to motorized trails;
- Designate two areas where off-road motorized use is allowed. This includes continued use of the Woodruff area near Prospect and the development of an additional area near Willow Lake. Both areas are located on the High Cascades Ranger District; and
- Enact Forest Plan amendments to make the plans consistent with the Travel Management Rule. The Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest is guided by two separate Forest Plans.

Maps illustrating the Proposed Action can be found at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/rogue-siskiyou/projects/travel/>.

In addition, maps will be available for viewing at:

Forest Supervisor's Office, 3040 Biddle Road, Medford, OR 97504

Gold Beach Ranger District, 29279 Ellensburg Ave., Gold Beach, OR 97444 or 539 Chetco Ave, Brookings, OR 97415

High Cascades Ranger District, 47201 Highway 62, Prospect, OR 97536 or 730 Laurel St., Butte Falls, OR 97522

Powers Ranger District, 42861 Highway 242, Powers, OR 97466

Siskiyou Mountains Ranger District, 6941 Upper Applegate Road, Jacksonville, OR 97530 or 645 Washington Street, Ashland, OR 97520

Wild Rivers Ranger District, 2164 N.E. Spalding Avenue, Grants Pass, OR 97526 or 26568 Redwood Hwy., Cave Junction, OR 97523

Responsible Official

The Forest Supervisor, Scott D. Conroy, is the Responsible Official for making the decision and providing direction for the analysis under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

Scoping and NEPA Process

Public participation will be especially important at several points during the analysis. The Forest Service will be seeking information, comments, and assistance from the federal, state, and local agencies and other individuals or organizations who may be interested in or affected by the Proposed Action.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement is expected to be filed with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and to be available for public review by December 2008. EPA will publish a notice of availability (NOA) of the Draft EIS in the **Federal Register**.

The comment period on the Draft EIS will extend 45 days from the date the EPA publishes the NOA in the **Federal Register**. At that time, copies of the Draft EIS will be distributed to interested and affected agencies, organizations, and members of the public for their review and comment. It is very important that those interested in the management of the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest participate at that time. Submission of comments in response to the Draft EIS is a prerequisite for eligibility to appeal under the 36 CFR part 217 regulations.

The Final EIS is scheduled to be completed in February 2009. In the Final EIS, the Forest Service will respond to comments received during the comment period that pertain to the environmental consequences discussed in the Draft EIS and applicable laws, regulations, and policies considered in making the decision.

Comment Requested

This Notice of Intent initiates the scoping process which guides the development of the Environmental Impact Statement. Comments received, including the names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record on this proposal and will be available for public inspection.

The Forest Service believes, at this early stage, it is important to give reviewers notice of several court rulings related to public participation in the environmental review process. First, reviewers of Draft Environmental Impact Statements must structure their participation in the environmental review of the proposal so that it is meaningful and alerts an agency to the reviewer's position and contentions (*Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corp. v. NRDC*, 435 U.S. 519, 553 (1978)). Also, environmental objections that could be raised at the Draft Environmental Impact Statement stage, but that are not raised until after completion of the Final Environmental Impact Statement may be waived or dismissed by the courts. *City of Angoon v. Hodel*, 803 F.2d 1016, 1022 (9th Cir. 1986) and *Wisconsin Heritages, Inc. v. Harris*, 490 F. Supp. 1334, 1338 (E.D. Wis. 1980). Because of these court rulings, it is very important that those interested in this Proposed Action participate by the close of the 45 day comment period so that substantive comments and objections are made available to the Forest Service at a time when it can meaningfully consider them and respond to them in the Final Environmental Impact Statement.

To assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering issues and concerns on the Proposed Action, comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement should be as specific as possible. It is also helpful if comments refer to specific pages or chapters of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. Comments may also address the adequacy of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement or the merits of the alternatives formulated and discussed in the statement. Reviewers may wish to refer to the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act at 40 CFR 1503.3 in addressing these points.

(Authority: 40 CFR 1501.7 and 1508.22; Forest Service Handbook 1909.15, Section 21)

Dated: August 18, 2008.

Scott D. Conroy,

Forest Supervisor, Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Sequoia National Forest, Western Divide Ranger District; California; Tule River Reservation Protection Project

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

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

SUMMARY: The proposed project is to reduce surface and ladder fuels on approximately 1,574 acres by constructing fuel breaks, treating planted stands, and prescribed burning between planted stands and fuel breaks. The purpose of the project is to respond to a proposal from the Tule River Tribal Council under the Tribal Forest Protection Act and to reduce the spread of wildland fire starting on the Sequoia National Forest or private lands onto the Tule River Indian Reservation.

DATES: Comments concerning the scope of the analysis must be received by Wednesday, September 24, 2008. The draft environmental impact statement is expected June 2009 and the final environmental impact statement is expected November 2009.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Priscilla Summers, District Ranger, Western Divide Ranger District, 32588 Hwy 190, Springville, CA 93265.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Teresa Sue, Planner, Western Divide

Ranger District, 32588 Hwy 190, Springville, CA 93265.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In July 2004, Congress passed the Tribal Forest Protection Act (Act). The Act was in response to devastating wildfires that started on Federal lands and crossed onto adjacent Tribal lands. The Act provides a tool for tribes to propose work that will reduce the threat of fires starting on Federal lands from spreading onto trust lands for Indian tribes. The Act allows tribes to enter into contracts and agreements with the U.S. Forest Service or Bureau of Land Management to accomplish the work.

In October 2005, the Tule River Tribal Council submitted a project proposal to the Forest Supervisor of the Sequoia National Forest under the authority of the Tribal Forest Protection Act of 2004. The Pacific Southwest Regional Forester granted authority to work with the Tule River Tribal Council on their proposal. This project is the first under this authority. Subsequent projects will be analyzed separately.

Purpose and Need for Action

To respond to the proposal from the Tule River Tribal Council under the Tribal Forest Protection Act and to reduce the risk of wildland fire starting on the Sequoia National Forest or private lands from spreading onto the Tule River Indian Reservation by reducing surface and ladder fuels.

Proposed Action

The proposed action is to reduce surface and ladder fuels on approximately 1,574 acres along the northern boundary between the Sequoia National Forest, Giant Sequoia National Monument, and the Tule River Indian Reservation. The proposed action includes the construction of shaded fuel breaks along ridgelines, private land, and roads; the reduction of fuels in planted stands by thinning, limbing and removing brush; disposal of resulting fuels by pile and burning, jackpot burning, or utilizing biomass as commercial and/or personal fuel; and prescribed burn between planted stands and shaded fuel breaks.

Responsible Official

Tina Terrell, Forest Supervisor, Sequoia National Forest, 1839 South Newcomb Street, Porterville, CA 93257.

Nature of Decision To Be Made

The decision to be made is whether or not to approve the fuels reduction project as described. The decision will not include a Forest Plan Amendment.