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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Information Collection; Outreach Opportunity Questionnaire

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Forest Service is seeking comments from all interested individuals and organizations on the extension with revision of a currently approved information collection, Outreach Opportunity Questionnaire.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing on or before August 2, 2010 to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: Comments concerning this notice should be addressed to the Northern Research Station, Attention: Judy Terrell, Forest Service, USDA, 11 Campus Boulevard, Suite 200, Newtown Square, PA 19073. Comments also may be submitted via e-mail to: jterrell@fs.fed.us.

The public may inspect comments received at USDA Forest Service, 11 Campus Boulevard, Suite 200, Newtown Square, PA 19073 during normal business hours. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead to 610-557-4257 to facilitate entry to the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Judy Terrell, 610-557-4257. Individuals who use TDD may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339, between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title: Outreach Opportunity Questionnaire.

OMB Number: 0596-0207.

Expiration Date of Approval: November 30, 2010.

Type of Request: Extension with revision.

Abstract:

This information collection is proposing to extend the collection of information from students attending local college and university career fairs regarding the effectiveness of the information provided by the Forest Service personnel on career opportunities in the Forest Service. The collection is necessary to evaluate and determine the effectiveness of the Forest Service Northern Research Station's (NRS) Civil Rights Outreach Program.

Forest Service Civil Rights personnel have utilized a postcard to collect evaluation information from students regarding presentations at career day events as well as at colleges and universities. Data received has appeared in reports provided to the Department of Agriculture, senior Forest Service officials, the NRS Director, and the NRS Civil Rights Diversity Committee. This information is a vital component in the analysis of Agency outreach efforts.

Estimate of Annual Burden: 10 minutes.

Type of Respondents: University/ College students.

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 500.

Estimated Annual Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 84 hours.

Comment is invited on: (1) Whether this collection of information is necessary for the stated purposes and the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical or scientific utility; (2) the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the 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 respondents, including the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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

Dated: May 25, 2010.

Thelma J. Strong,

Acting Associate Deputy Chief, Business Operations.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Mt. Hood and Willamette National Forests, Oregon; Cascade Crossing Transmission Project

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

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

SUMMARY: Portland General Electric (PGE), an independent investor-owned utility regulated by the Oregon Public Utility Commission, is proposing to construct, maintain, and operate a new electric transmission system consisting of approximately 210 miles of single- and double-circuit 500 kilovolt (kV) transmission line from Boardman, Oregon to near Salem, Oregon. The proposed transmission line would cross Federal, Tribal, State, municipal, and private lands. Approximately 42 percent of the lands the transmission line would cross are administered by Federal agencies, including the Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, Department of Defense, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and Bureau of Reclamation.

DATES: Comments concerning the scope of the analysis must be received by August 2, 2010. The draft environmental impact statement is expected August, 2011 and the final environmental impact statement is expected February, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Cascade Crossing Transmission Line Project; 1515 SW Fifth Avenue, Suite 1022, Portland, OR 97201-5449. Comments may also be sent via e-mail to Comments@CascadeCrossingProject.com or via facsimile to (888) 291-6460. The project Web site is located at <http://www.CascadeCrossingProject.com>.

It is important that reviewers provide their comments at such times and in such a way that they are useful to the Agency's preparation of the EIS. Therefore, comments should be provided prior to the close of the

comment period and should clearly articulate the reviewer's concerns and contentions.

Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be part of the public record for this proposed action. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered, however.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kristy Boscheinen at (503) 668-1645, by e-mail at kboscheinen@fs.fed.us, or by postal mail at 16400 Champion Way, Sandy, OR 97055.

Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern Time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose and Need for Action

On January 20, 2010, Portland General Electric (PGE) submitted an application for a special use permit to construct, operate, and maintain a 500kv transmission line across Forest Service-managed lands. On January 20, 2010 PGE also submitted an application for right-of-way across BLM-managed lands. Under Section 501 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, there is a need for the Federal agencies to respond to applications for special use permits for rights-of-way.

PGE's purposes for proposing this transmission line are to relieve congestion on the present electric grid, provide additional capacity for transmission (including power generated from future renewable energy projects), and alleviate reliability constraints. Also, PGE believes this project would help respond to the State of Oregon's Renewable Portfolio Standard, which requires that the largest utilities and electricity service suppliers provide 15 percent of their power with renewable energy by 2015, 20 percent by 2020, and 25 percent by 2025. Finally, PGE believes there will be an increase in demand for electricity in the future in its service area, and that this line would meet that demand.

Proposed Action

PGE is proposing to construct, maintain, and operate a new electric transmission system consisting of approximately 210 miles of single- and double-circuit 500kV transmission line from Boardman, Oregon to near Salem, Oregon. The proposed transmission line would cross Federal, Tribal, State, municipal, and private lands. Approximately 42 percent of the lands

the proposed line would cross are administered by Federal agencies including the Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, Department of Defense, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Bureau of Reclamation, and Bureau of Indian Affairs.

In addition to the 210-mile transmission line, PGE has also proposed the construction of three new substations, expansion of two existing substations, fiber optic signal regeneration stations associated with the "smart" grid communication system, and permanent roads which would be used to access the substations, regeneration stations, and transmission line towers. As proposed, the right-of-way for the new transmission line would be 250 feet wide. 176 miles of the new line would be immediately adjacent to existing transmission lines. The Cascade Crossing Transmission Project is independent of any particular new generation project, and no new generation sources are proposed as part of this project. PGE is proposing to acquire the necessary approvals, rights-of-way, easements and permits in order to have the transmission line in service (transmitting electricity) by 2015.

Possible Alternatives

Two alternate routes have been preliminarily identified, but it has not been determined if the alternate routes will be considered as alternatives during the environmental analysis. One alternate route would follow the Westwide Energy Corridor as it crossed National Forest lands, then follow the existing Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) transmission lines through National Forest lands. The second alternative would follow the existing BPA transmission lines through the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Reservation and then through National Forest lands. Scoping will determine if the preliminarily identified alternate routes will be analyzed in detail or if they will be dropped from consideration. Scoping may also identify additional routes that may be considered as alternatives.

Lead and Cooperating Agencies

The Forest Service is the lead Federal agency for the Cascade Crossing Transmission Project, pursuant to the October 2009 Memorandum of Understanding Among the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Department of Commerce, Department of Defense, Department of Energy, Environmental Protection Agency, the Council on Environmental Quality, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the

Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, and the Department of the Interior, Regarding Coordination in Federal Agency Review of Electric Transmission Facilities on Federal Land. The Bureau of Land Management and the Oregon Department of Energy are cooperating agencies. The Forest Service has identified the Department of Defense, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and Bureau of Reclamation as additional potential cooperating agencies.

Responsible Official

The responsible official is Gary L. Larsen, Forest Supervisor, Mt. Hood National Forest.

Nature of Decision To Be Made

The Forest Service will sign a Record of Decision in cooperation with the other Federal land management agencies once the environmental analysis has been completed. The decision will be whether or not to issue a Special Use Permit and Right-of-way Grant to construct, operate, and maintain the Cascade Crossing Transmission Line across Federal lands. The decision will be subject to appeal under Forest Service appeal procedures at 36 CFR 215.

Authorization of this proposal may require amendments to one or more Forest Service or BLM land use plans. By this notice, the Forest Service is complying with the optional appeal procedures of plan amendments under transition procedures of 36 CFR 219.35(b)(2000) and BLM is complying with requirements in 43 CFR 1610.2(c) to notify the public of potential amendments to land use plans. If a Forest Plan Amendment or a Resource Management Plan Amendment is necessary, USFS and BLM will integrate the land use planning process with the NEPA analysis process for this project.

The Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC) has received notice from PGE that PGE intends to apply for a Site Certificate. Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE), as staff for EFSC, will analyze the application and will provide information to EFSC to determine whether the project meets the State standards required in order to issue a Site Certificate for the line to be constructed, operated, and maintained.

Scoping Process

This notice of intent initiates the scoping process, which guides the development of the environmental impact statement. Five public scoping meetings will be held at the following locations, dates, and times:

Date and time	Location
Monday, June 21 4–7 p.m	Maupin, South Wasco County High School, 699 4th St.
Wednesday, June 23 4–7 p.m	Oregon City, Oregon City High School, 19761 S. Beaver Creek Rd.
Thursday, June 24 4–7 p.m	Salem, McKay High School, 2440 Lancaster Dr., NE.
Tuesday, June 29 4–7 p.m	Mill City, Mill City Middle School, 450 SW. Evergreen
Thursday, July 1 4–7 p.m	Boardman, Port of Morrow County, 2 Marine Dr.

The scoping process will be conducted jointly with ODOE in order to reduce duplication with comparable State procedures.

It is important that reviewers provide their comments at such times and in such manner that they are useful to the agency's preparation of the environmental impact statement. Therefore, comments should be provided prior to the close of the comment period and should clearly articulate the reviewer's concerns and contentions.

Dated: May 17, 2010.

Gary L. Larsen,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Alpine County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC)

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Alpine County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will hold a meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on June 15th, and will begin at 6 p.m. The meeting will be held in Alpine County at the Alpine Early Learning Center, 100 Foothill Road, Markleeville, CA 96120.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Daniel Morris, RAC Coordinator, USDA, Hurnboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, Carson Ranger District, 1536 S. Carson Street, Carson City, NV 89701 (775) 884-8140; E-Mail danielmorris@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Agenda items to be covered include: (1) Update on recommended projects (2) Determine parameters and timeframes for next round of projects (3) Discuss Charter Renewal (4) Public Comment. The meeting is open to the public. Public input opportunity will be provided and individuals will have the opportunity to address the Committee at that time.

Dated: May 21, 2010.

Genny E. Wilson,

Designated Federal Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Notice of Meeting; Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (Title VIII, Pub. L. 108-447)

AGENCY: Pacific Southwest Region, Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Pacific Southwest Recreation Resource Advisory Committee (Recreation RAC) will hold a meeting in Mammoth Lakes, California. The purpose of this meeting is to conduct a field trip to view fee sites on the Inyo National Forest and to make recommendations for fee proposals for expanded amenity fees on the Inyo, Modoc, Plumas, Sequoia and Stanislaus National Forests and the San Joaquin River Gorge Management Area, Central California District, Bureau of Land Management, elimination of an expanded amenity fee on the Inyo National Forest, standard amenity fees on the Inyo National Forest and San Joaquin River Gorge Management Area, Central California District, Bureau of Land Management and special recreation permit, Dumont Dunes, California Desert District, Bureau of Land Management.

DATES: The meeting will be held June 23, 2010 from 8 a.m.–5 p.m. and June 24, 2010 from 8 am. to 2 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at various sites on the Inyo National Forest on the first day and in the Mountain View Room, Sierra Nevada Lodge, 164 Old Mammoth Road, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546 on the second day. Members of the public wishing to participate on the field trip will need to provide their own transportation. Send written comments to Marlene Finley, Designated Federal Official for the Pacific Southwest Region Recreation RAC, 1323 Club Drive, Vallejo, CA

94592, 707-562-8856 or mfinley01@fs.fed.us.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marlene Finley, Designated Federal Official, Pacific Southwest Region Recreation RAC, 1323 Club Drive, Vallejo, CA 94592.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public. Committee discussion is limited to Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management staff and Committee members. However, persons who wish to bring recreation fee matters to the attention of the Committee may file written statements with the Committee staff before or after the meeting. A public input session will be provided during the meeting and individuals who wish to address the Recreation RAC will have an opportunity at 9:30 a.m. on June 24. Comments will be limited to three minutes per person. The Recreation RAC is authorized by the Federal Land Recreation Enhancement Act, which was signed into law by President Bush in December 2004.

Dated: May 21, 2010.

Valerie Guardia,

Acting Designated Federal Official, Recreation RAC, Pacific Southwest Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Gallatin County Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Gallatin National Forest's Gallatin County Resource Advisory Committee will meet in Bozeman, Montana. The committee is meeting as authorized under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (Pub. L. 110-343) and in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The purpose is to hold the first meeting of the newly formed committee.

DATES: The meeting will be held on June 15, 2010, and will begin at 2 p.m.