DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

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Notice of Extension of Public Comment Period—Sale and Disposal of National Forest System Timber; Special Forest Products and Forest Botanical Products

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA. **ACTION:** Notice of Extension of Public Comment Period.

SUMMARY: The public comment period is being extended an additional 30 days for the proposed rule governing the disposal of special forest products from National Forest System lands. The original notice called for comments to be submitted by December 21, 2007 (FR 72, 59496-59506, published on Monday, October 22, 2007). As stated in the original Public Notice, special forest products include, but are not limited to, wildflowers, mushrooms, moss, nuts, seeds, tree sap, and Christmas trees. The proposed rule also formally establishes a pilot program to charge and collect fees for the harvest and sale of forest botanical products on National Forest System lands. The proposed rule is intended to facilitate sustainable harvest of special forest products and forest botanical products. Public comment is invited and will be considered in the development of the final rule.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing by January 22, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Director, Forest Management Staff, USDA Forest Service, Mail Stop 1103, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250, by fax to (202) 205-1045, or by e-mail to wospecialproducts@fs.fed.us. Comments also may be submitted via the World Wide Web/Internet at http:// www.regulations.gov. All comments, including names and addresses when provided, are placed in the record and are available for public inspection and copying at the Office of the Director, Forest Management Staff, Third Floor SW., Yates Building, 201 14th Street, SW., Washington, DC. Persons wishing to inspect the comments are encouraged to call ahead (202) 205–1766 to facilitate entrance into the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Richard Fitzgerald, Forest Service, Forest Management Staff, (202) 205– 1753, or Sharon Nygaard-Scott, Forest Management Staff, (202) 205–1766.

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(TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday.

Dated: December 14, 2007.

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Presidential Library Facilities

AGENCY: National Archives and Records Administration.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) is issuing regulations under the Presidential Libraries Act (PLA) amendments of 1986 (codified at 44 U.S.C. 2112). Section 2112 requires the Archivist of the United States to promulgate architectural and design standards for Presidential libraries and to report to Congress before he accepts title to or enters into an agreement to use land, a facility, and equipment as a Presidential library. The Archivist must also report to Congress before accepting a gift for the purpose of making any physical or material change or addition to an existing library. Because new Presidential libraries have traditionally been built by private, nonprofit charitable foundations, either by themselves or in collaboration with state and local government or universities, this proposed rule will affect these nonfederal entities.

DATES: Comments on the proposed rule must be received by February 19, 2008. **ADDRESSES:** NARA invites interested persons to submit comments on this

proposed rule. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: http://www.regulations.gov. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *Fax:* Submit comments by facsimile transmission to 301–837–0319.
- *Mail*: Send comments to Regulations Comments Desk (NPOL), Room 4100, Policy and Planning Staff, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740–6001.

• Hand Delivery or Courier: Deliver comments to 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Nancy Allard at (301) 837–1477 or Laura McCarthy at (301) 837–3023.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: New Presidential libraries have traditionally been built by private, nonprofit charitable foundations that raise money from non-federal sources. State and local governments and universities may help with construction by providing land, money, and infrastructure improvements for the library. Upon completion of the library, the land, facility, and equipment comprising the library are either donated to the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) or made available for its use, usually in perpetuity.

The Archivist is authorized to accept new libraries, as well as gifts that modify existing libraries, pursuant to 44 U.S.C. 2112. That provision also requires the Archivist to promulgate architectural and design standards for Presidential libraries and to ensure that an endowment to defray a portion of the cost of building operations is established by the donor of a new library and deposited in the National Archives Trust Fund prior to the Archivist's acceptance of the library.

The endowment requirement applies to the library of any President who took the oath of office as President for the first time on or after January 20, 1985 (i.e., for the libraries of President George H.W. Bush and all subsequent presidents). The amount of the endowment is based on several factors specified in statute, including the size and cost of the facility that is turned over to NARA. This regulation defines the method to be used for calculating size and cost, as well as the equipment covered by the endowment requirement. In connection with determining the size of a Presidential library, NARA uses the Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) Standard Method for Measuring Floor Areas in Office Buildings, dated June 7, 1996, ANSI Z76.1-1996.

Before the Archivist can accept and take title to or enter into an agreement to use land, a facility, and equipment as a Presidential library, he must submit a written report on the proposed Presidential archival depository to Congress. The report must include, among other things, certification that the facility and equipment meet the architectural and design standards for Presidential libraries as promulgated by the Archivist, and information about the