

site: www.fs.fed.us/r1/wmpz. CD (Compact Disk) copies of the Plans have been mailed to persons on our current mailing list and are available to others on request. Plans are also available for viewing at Supervisors Offices and Ranger Stations on the Bitterroot, Flathead and Lolo National Forests.

Please note that all comments, names, and addresses become part of the public record and are subject to the Freedom of Information Act, except for proprietary documents and information.

Dated: July 31, 2006.

Deborah L.R. Austin,

Forest Supervisor, Lolo National Forest.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Notice of Resource Advisory Committee, Custer, SD

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to authorities in the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463) and the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self determination Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-393), the Black Hills National Forest's Custer County Resource Advisory Committee will meet on Tuesday, August 15, 2006 in Custer, South Dakota for a business meeting. The meeting is open to the public.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The business meeting on August 15 will begin at 6 p.m. at the Black Hills National Forest Supervisor's office at 25041 North Highway 16, Custer, South Dakota. Agenda topics will include election of officers and discussion of potential projects.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mike Lloyd, Hell Canyon District Ranger and Designated Federal Officer, at 605-673-4853.

Dated: August 1, 2006.

Michael D. Lloyd,

District Ranger.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Highwood Generating Station

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Extension of Public Comment Period and Additional Public

Hearing, Draft Environmental Impact Statement, Highwood Generating Station, Great Falls, Montana.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) is extending the public comment period for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Highwood Generating Station (HGS), and, as requested, is conducting an additional public hearing. The Draft EIS was prepared pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) (U.S.C. 4231 et seq.) in accordance with the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of NEPA (40 CFR 1500-1508) and RUS regulations (7 CFR 1794). This document has been prepared jointly with the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ).

The Draft EIS is to evaluate the potential environmental impacts of and alternatives to the Southern Montana Electric Transmission & Generation Cooperative, Inc. (SME) application for a loan guarantee to construct a 250 megawatt (MW) coal-fired power plant near Great Falls, Montana. SME is proposing to use a coal combustion technology known as circulating fluidized bed (CFB). Along with other proposed pollution controls collectively known as Best Available Control Technology (BACT), the HGS would be among the cleanest-burning coal-fired power plants currently operating in the United States. SME also proposes to construct and operate four, 1.5-MW wind turbines to generate supplemental electrical power at the preferred project location eight miles east of Great Falls.

Receipt of the Draft EIS was announced by the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency in the **Federal Register** on July 3, 2006 (official date June 30, 2006). Requests for extension of public comment periods may be honored per 40 CFR 1506.10. The initial 45-day public comment period was to end on August 15, 2006. With the 15-day extension, the new deadline for public comments is now August 30, 2006.

In addition to the public hearing held in Great Falls, Montana on July 27, an additional hearing will be held in Havre, Montana. The Havre public hearing will be held on August 7, 2006 at the Applied Technology Center Auditorium at MSU Northern, 300 West 11th Street, Havre, MT. An open house will be held from 5-7 p.m., with the hearing beginning at 7 p.m. The hearing will include a presentation summarizing the findings of the Draft EIS and the

opportunity for attendees to submit both oral and written comments. In accordance with 40 CFR Section 1503.1, Inviting Comments, the purpose of the meeting will be to solicit comments from interested parties on the Draft EIS for the Highwood Generating Station.

DATES: Written comments on this Draft EIS will be accepted on or before August 30, 2006.

ADDRESS FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: To send comments or for more information, contact: Richard Fristik, USDA, Rural Development, Utilities Programs, 1400 Independence Avenue, Mail Stop 1571, Room 2237, Washington, DC 20250-1571, telephone (202) 720-5093, fax (202) 720-0820, or e-mail: Richard.Fristik@wdc.usda.gov.

A copy of the Draft EIS can be obtained or viewed online at <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. The files are in a portable document format (pdf); in order to review or print the document, users need to obtain a free copy of Acrobat Reader. The Acrobat Reader can be obtained from <http://www.adobe.com/prodindex/acrobat/readstep.html>.

Copies of the Draft EIS will be available for public review during normal business hours at the following locations:

Montana State Library System, Attn: Roberta Gebhardt, P.O. Box 201800, Helena, MT 59620-1800, (406) 444-5393.
University of Montana at Missoula, 32 Campus Drive 59801, Mansfield Library, Missoula, MT 59812, (406) 243-6866.
Missoula Public Library, 301 East Main, Missoula, MT 59802-4799, (406) 721-2665.
Montana State University Libraries, P. O. Box 173320, Bozeman, MT 59717-3320, (406) 994-3119.
Great Falls Public Library, 301 2nd Ave North, Great Falls MT 59401-2593, (406) 453-0349.
Chouteau County Library, 1518 Main, Fort Benton, MT 59442.
Branches: Box 1247, Big Sandy, MT 59520; Box 316, Geraldine, MT 59446.
MSU-Northern Library, P. O. Box 7751, Havre, MT 59501-7751.
Havre-Hill County Library, 402 3rd St., Havre, MT 59501-3644.
Stone Child College Library, R. R. 1 Box 1082, Box Elder, MT 59521.
Belt Public Library, 70 Castner St., Belt, MT 59411-0467.
Wedsworth Memorial Library, 9-1/2 Front St., Cascade, MT 59421-0526.
Fort Belknap College Library and Tribal Archives, P. O. Box 159, Harlem, MT 59526.
Harlem Public Library, 37 First Ave., SE, Harlem, MT 59526.

Choteau-Teton County Library, 17 Main Ave., North, Choteau, MT 59422.

Copies of the Draft EIS may also be obtained by contacting either Richard Fristik at (202) 720-5093 (e-mail: Richard.Fristik@wdc.usda.gov) or Kathy Johnson at (406) 444-1760 (e-mail: katjohnson@mt.gov).

Dated: August 1, 2006.

Mark S. Plank,

Director, Engineering and Environmental Staff.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Title: U.S. Caribbean Small-Scale Fleet Economic Performance Study.

Form Number(s): None.

OMB Approval Number: None.

Type of Request: Regular submission.

Burden Hours: 1,000.

Number of Respondents: 1,000.

Average Hours per Response: Survey, one hour.

Needs and Uses: The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) proposes to collect socioeconomic data on small-scale fishing fleets operating in the U.S. Caribbean (e.g., hook and line, net, and dive fisheries). The survey intends to collect economic information about revenues, variable and fixed costs, capital investment and other auxiliary and demographic information. The data gathered will be used to describe economic performance in small-scale fisheries and to evaluate the socioeconomic impacts of future federal regulatory actions. In addition, the information will be used to strengthen and improve fishery management decision-making, and to satisfy legal mandates under Executive Order 12866, the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*), the Regulatory Flexibility Act, the Endangered Species Act, and the National Environmental Policy Act, and other pertinent statutes.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: One-time only.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-0266, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, fax number (202) 395-7285, or David_Rostker@omb.eop.gov.

Dated: August 1, 2006.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Title: NMFS Alaska Region Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) Program.

Form Number(s): None.

OMB Approval Number: 0648-0445.

Type of Request: Regular submission.

Burden Hours: 23,838.

Number of Respondents: 1,854.

Average Hours per Response: VMS transmission, 5 seconds; VMS installation, 6 hours; VMS maintenance, 4 hours annually; one-time VMS check-in report, 12 minutes; notification of VMS malfunction, 2 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Alaska Region requires use of the VMS when fishing under certain conditions in the following fisheries: Atka Mackerel, Pollock, Pacific Cod, Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands (BSAI) Management Area Crab, essential fish habitat (EFH) and habitat areas of particular concern (HAPC) in the Aleutian Islands and Gulf of Alaska. The Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) transmitter automatically determines the vessel's position several times per hour using a Global Positioning System satellite. A communications service provider

receives the transmission and relays it to NMFS, Office for Enforcement. The VMS transmitters are designed to be tamper-resistant and automatic. In most cases, the vessel owner is unaware of exactly when the unit is transmitting and is unable to alter the signal or the time of transmission. The VMS unit is passive and automatic, requiring no reporting effort of the vessel operator.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-0266, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, fax number (202) 395-7285, or David_Rostker@omb.eop.gov.

Dated: August 1, 2006.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

Current Population Survey (CPS)—Annual Social and Economic Supplement (ASEC)

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before October 6, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625,