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AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Notice of Public Information Collections Being Reviewed by the Agency for International Development; Comments Requested

SUMMARY: U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) is making efforts to reduce the paperwork burden. USAID invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act for 1995. Comments are requested concerning: (a) Whether the proposed or continuing collections of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the burden estimates; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Submit comments on or before April 22, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beverly Johnson, Bureau for Management, Office of Administrative Services, Information and Records Division, U.S. Agency for International Development, Room 2.07-106, RRB, Washington, DC 20523, (202) 712-1365 or via e-mail bjohnson@usaid.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB No.: OMB 0412-0506.

Form No.: AID 1420-50.

Title: Vendor Database (formerly known as ACRIS) Instruction Books for the Organization Profile.

Type of Review: Renewal of Information Collection.

Purpose: USAID procuring activities are required to establish bidders mailing

lists to assure access to sources and to obtain meaningful competition (41 CFR section 1-2.205). In compliance with this requirement, USAID's Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization/Minority Resource Center has responsibility for developing and maintaining a Contractor's Index of bidders/offers capable of furnishing services for use by the USAID procuring activities. (AIDAR 719.271-2(b)(4)).

Annual Reporting Burden

Respondents: 1,000.

Total annual responses: 1,000.

Total annual hours requested: 1,000 hours.

Dated: February 12, 2002.

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Information and Records Division, Office of
Administrative Services, Bureau for
Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Helena National Forest Weed Treatment Project Helena National Forest, Powell, Lewis & Clark, Jefferson, Broadwater, and Meagher Counties, Montana

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; intent to prepare Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: The USDA, Forest Service will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for weed treatments on the Helena National Forest including wilderness and roadless areas. The treatment plan will utilize an integrated pest management approach, utilizing a variety of chemical, biological and mechanical controls. Chemical treatments will include both ground and aerial herbicide applications.

Further analysis of the proposed action and alternatives to that proposal may result in a decision(s) that includes amendments to the Forest Plan.

DATES: Comments concerning the scope of the analysis should be received in writing no later than June 1, 2002.

ADDRESSES: The responsible official is Thomas J. Clifford, Forest Supervisor, Helena National Forest, Supervisor's Office, 2880 Skyway Drive, Helena, MT 59601. Phone: (406) 449-5201.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dea Nelson, Townsend Ranger District, 415 So. Front Townsend, MT 59644. Phone: (406) 266-3425.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The project would occur on National Forest lands of the Townsend, Helena, and Lincoln Ranger Districts. Treatments would take place in general forest zones as well as the Elkhorn Wildlife Management Area, the Gates of the Mountains Wilderness Area, the Scapegoat Wilderness Area and inventoried roadless areas. The treatment plan will utilize an integrated pest management approach, utilizing a variety of chemical, biological and mechanical controls. Chemical treatments will include both ground and aerial herbicide applications. Approximately 18,000 acres will be treated with ground based application equipment and approximately 5,000 acres with aerial equipment, either fixed wing or helicopters. Chemical applications will take place at the appropriate time of year for the individual weed species. Biological controls will be introduced where appropriate and as they become available. These will include insects, pathogens, and grazing of livestock such as sheep or goats to control weeds in situations where similar practices have been successful in other locations. Some particularly sensitive area or areas of small, new infestations may be treated mechanically, which could include hand pulling or cultivation.

This EIS will tier to the Helena Forest Plan Final EIS of April 1986, that provides program goals, objectives, and standards and guidelines for conducting management activities in this area. All activities associated with the proposal will be designed to maintain or enhance the resource objectives identified in the Forest Plan.

The Forest Service is seeking information and comments from Federal, State, and local agencies together with organizations or individuals who may be interested in or affected by the proposed action. The Forest Service invites written comments and suggestions on the issues for the proposal and the area being analyzed. Information received will be used in preparation of the Draft EIS.

Preparation of the EIS will include the following steps: