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AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Notice of Public Information Collection Requirements Submitted to OMB for Review

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Number: OMB 0412–0562.

Form Number: AID 1570–13.

Title: Narrative/Time-Line Report.

Type of Submission: Renewal of Information Collection.

Purpose: This collection is a management and monitoring report used by the Bureau for Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance, Office of American Schools and Hospitals Abroad. The collection will ascertain that grant financed programs meet authorized objectives within the terms of agreements between its office and the recipients, which are United States Organizations that sponsor overseas institutions.

Annual Reporting Burden:

Respondents: 120.

Total annual responses: 480.

Total annual hours requested: 960 hours.

Dated: December 13, 2007.

Joanne Paskar,

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

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Number: OMB 0412–0563.

Form Number: AID 1570–14.

Title: Report on Commodities.

Type of Submission: Renewal of Information Collection.

Purpose: The purpose of this information collection is to properly respond to the annual competition among applicants who apply on behalf of their sponsored overseas institutions and independent reviewers. ASHA needs to assess the strength and capability of the U.S. organizations, the overseas institutions and the merits of their proposed projects. Easily accessible historical records on past accomplishments and performance by repeat USOs, would speed the grant-making process and provide documented reasons for both successful and unsuccessful applications.

Annual Reporting Burden:

Respondents: 65.

Total annual responses: 260.

Total annual hours requested: 650 hours.

Dated: December 13, 2007.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

December 14, 2007.

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13. Comments regarding (a) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV or fax (202) 395–5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250–7602. Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720–8958.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Food Safety and Inspection Service

Title: Application for Inspection, Accreditation of Laboratories, and Exemptions.

OMB Control Number: 0583–0082.

Summary of Collection: The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) has

been delegated the authority to exercise the functions of the Secretary as provided in the Federal Meat Inspection Act (FMIA) (21 U.S.C. 601 et seq.), the Poultry Products Inspection Act (PPIA) (21 U.S.C. 451, et seq.), and the Egg Products Inspection Act (EPIA) (21 U.S.C. 1031). These statutes mandate that FSIS protect the public by ensuring that meat, poultry, and egg products are not adulterated, wholesome, and properly labeled and packaged. FSIS requires meat, poultry, and import establishments to apply for a grant of inspection before they can receive Federal inspection. FSIS requires FSIS accredited non-Federal analytical laboratories to maintain certain paperwork and records. FSIS will collect information using several FSIS forms.

Need and Use of the Information: FSIS will collect information to ensure that all meat and poultry establishments produce safe, wholesome, and unadulterated product, and that non-federal laboratories accord with FSIS regulations. In addition, FSIS also collects information to ensure that meat and poultry establishments exempted from FSIS's inspection do not commingle inspected and non-inspected meat and poultry products, and to ensure that retail firms qualifying for a retail store exemption and who have violated the provision of the exemption are no longer in violation.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 16,755.

Frequency of Responses:

Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 114,300.

Food Safety and Inspection Service

Title: Marking, Labeling, and Packaging of Meat, Poultry, and Egg Products.

OMB Control Number: 0583-0092.

Summary of Collection: The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) has been delegated the authority to exercise the functions of the Secretary as provided in the Federal Meat Inspection Act (FMIA) (21 U.S.C. 601 et seq.), the Poultry Products Inspection Act (PPIA) (21 U.S.C. 451 et seq.), and the Egg Products Inspection Act (EPIA) (21 U.S.C. 1031, et seq.). These statutes mandate that FSIS protect the public by ensuring that meat, poultry, and egg products are safe, wholesome, unadulterated, and properly labeled and packaged. To control the manufacture of marking devices bearing official marks, FSIS requires that official meat and poultry establishments and the manufacturers of such marking devices complete FSIS form 5200-7,

Authorization Certificate and FSIS form 7234-1, Application for Approval of Labels, Marking or Device.

Need and Use of the Information: FSIS will collect information to ensure that meat, poultry, and egg products are accurately labeled. FSIS will also collect the following information: establishment number, company name and address, name of product, action requested of FSIS, size of label, product formulation, special processing procedures, and a signature on the form.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 7,536.

Frequency of Responses:

Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 85,508.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Bitterroot National Forest, West Fork Ranger District; Montana; Lower West Fork Project

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

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

SUMMARY: The USDA, Forest Service, Bitterroot National Forest, will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) to document the analysis and disclose the environmental impacts of the proposed Lower West Fork project. The project area is located in Ravalli County, about 15 miles southwest of Darby, Montana. The project area encompasses about 38,400 acres between the Pierce and Wheeler Creek drainages on the west side of the West Fork Bitterroot River, and the Piquett, Violet, Pine, Applebury, Steep Creek drainages on the east side of the river. The proposed Lower West Fork project would manage vegetation to reduce fuel loads and crown fire hazard in the wildland urban interface, improve forest health and resilience to disturbances, and maintain or increase shade intolerant species such as ponderosa pine and aspen. Roads will be evaluated for opportunities to reduce sedimentation and restore aquatic passage. Terraced lands will be evaluated for opportunities to restore soils. Site-specific Bitterroot Forest Plan amendments may be proposed for downed wood, snags, soils, or elk habitat effectiveness. Approximately

5,100 acres of the project area are proposed for vegetation treatments.

DATES: Comments concerning the scope of the analysis must be received by January 22, 2008. The draft environmental impact statement is expected in June, 2008, and the final environmental impact statement is expected in December, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Send written, oral, or e-mail comments to Lower West Fork Project; Dave Campbell, District Ranger; West Fork Ranger Station; 6735 West Fork Road; Darby, Montana 59829; phone (406) 821-3269; e-mail comments-northern-bitterroot-west-fork@fs.fed.us. For further information, mail correspondence or contact Mike Jakober, Acting South Zone Interdisciplinary Team Leader; West Fork Ranger Station; 6735 West Fork Road; Darby, Montana 59829; phone (406) 821-3269; e-mail mjakober@fs.fed.us.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mike Jakober, Acting South Zone Interdisciplinary Team Leader; West Fork Ranger Station; 6735 West Fork Road; Darby, Montana 59829; phone (406) 821-3269; e-mail mjakober@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose and Need for Action

The Lower West Fork project is proposed to respond to the goals and objectives of the Bitterroot Community Wildfire Protection Plan and the Bitterroot National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan. The purpose and need objectives of the Lower West Fork project are to: (1) Reduce fuel loads and crown fire risk in lower elevation ponderosa pine/Douglas fir forests; (2) improve forest health and resilience to natural disturbances, particularly the health and resilience of large ponderosa pine trees; (3) maintain or increase shade intolerant species such as ponderosa pine and aspen; and (4) improve soil, watershed, and fisheries conditions.

Proposed Action

The proposed action is designed to accomplish the project objectives with minimal environmental impacts. The types of vegetation treatments that may be implemented on the landscape to meet the objectives include, but are not limited to: Green tree removals such as commercial and non-commercial thinning; removal of individual dead, dying, and diseased trees; creating small openings to regenerate aspen; slashing of small, non-commercial understory trees; hand piling; and prescribed burning. The total proposed vegetation treatment acres are approximately 5,100.