

to determine project eligibility and feasibility, and to ensure that borrowers operate on a sound basis and use funds for authorized purposes.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions.

Number of Respondents: 740.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 50,242.

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Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Boundary Descriptions for the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area, Hood River, Multnomah and Wasco Counties, Oregon; Clark, Klickitat and Skamania Counties, Washington State

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Act of Nov. 17, 1986, the Forest Service has prepared boundary descriptions for the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area exterior boundary, Special Management Area boundaries, and Urban Area boundaries.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Information may be obtained by contacting the Headquarters Office of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area, 902 Wasco Avenue, Suite 200, Hood River, OR 97031-3117; may call (541) 308-1700 or directly, Miki Fujikawa, Lands Staff Officer, at miki.fujikawa@usda.gov. Additional information concerning this notice may be obtained from the Columbia River Gorge Commission at <http://www.gorgecommission.org>. Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Forest Service and Columbia River Gorge Commission partnered to produce legal descriptions for three Congressionally Designated areas of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area: The National Scenic Area exterior boundary, Special Management Area boundaries, and Urban Area boundaries. The boundary descriptions clarify

previously existing boundary maps. Documents may be viewed at the following offices: USDA Forest Service, Yates Building, 14th and Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20024; at the USDA Forest Service Region 6 Regional Office, 1220 SW 3rd Ave., Portland, OR 97204; and at the Headquarters Office of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area, 902 Wasco Avenue, Suite 200, Hood River, OR 97031. Additionally, should the above offices be closed due to Covid-19 precautions, the documents can be viewed at the following website: http://www.gorgecommission.org/images/uploads/amendments/Commission_Rule_350-10_Final_amended_as_of_Dec._31_2018.pdf.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Forest Service Handbook 2709.11, Chapter 80; Special Uses; Operating Plans and Agreements for Powerline Facilities

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Issuance of Proposed Directives; notice of availability for public comment.

SUMMARY: The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Forest Service, is seeking public comment on a proposed directive implementing section 512 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA), as added by the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2018. Section 512 of FLPMA governs development, review, and approval of proposed operating plans and agreements for vegetation management, inspection, and operation and maintenance of powerline facilities on National Forest System (NFS) lands.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing by January 11, 2021.

ADDRESSES: The proposed directives are available at, and comments may be submitted electronically to, <https://cara.ecosystem-management.org/Public/CommentInput?project=ORMS-2718>. Comments may be mailed to Gregory C. Smith, Director, Lands and Realty Management, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250-1124. All timely comments, including names and addresses, will be placed in the record and will be available for public inspection and copying. The

public may inspect comments received at <https://cara.ecosystem-management.org/Public/ReadingRoom?project=ORMS-2718>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Reggie Woodruff, Lands and Realty Management, at 202-205-1196 reginal.woodruff@usda.gov. Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf may call the Federal Relay Service at 800-877-8339 between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., Eastern Time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 211 of division O of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2018 amended Title V of FLPMA, 43 U.S.C. 1761-1771, to add section 512, codified at 43 U.S.C. 1772. Section 512 of FLPMA governs development, review, and approval of proposed operating plans and agreements for vegetation management, inspection, and operation and maintenance of powerline facilities on NFS lands. Section 512 of FLPMA requires the Forest Service to promulgate implementing regulations and issue implementing agency guidance. The Forest Service promulgated regulations implementing section 512 of FLPMA on July 10, 2020 (85 FR 41387). The proposed directive would add Chapter 80 to the Special Uses Handbook, to implement section 512 of FLPMA.

The Forest Service has determined that the proposed directive would formulate standards, criteria, and guidelines applicable to a Forest Service program and is therefore publishing the proposed directive for public comment in accordance with 36 CFR part 216.

After the public comment period closes, the Forest Service will consider timely and relevant comments in developing the final directive. A notice of the final directive, including a response to timely and relevant comments, will be posted on the Forest Service's web page at <https://www.fs.fed.us/about-agency/regulations-policies/comment-on-directives>.

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