

Dated: September 1, 2004.

A.J. Yates,

Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency

Request for Extension of Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Farm Service Agency, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intent of the Farm Service Agency (FSA) to request an extension of a currently approved information collection for a form used in support of the FSA Farm Loan Programs (FLP). This renewal does not involve any revisions to the program rules.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received on or before November 8, 2004 to be assured consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Constance Rime, USDA, Farm Service Agency, Loan Servicing and Property Management Division, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., STOP 0523, Washington, DC 20250-0523; Telephone (202) 690-4012; electronic mail: constance_rime@wdc.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Agreement for the Use of Proceeds/Release of Chattel Security.

OMB Control Number: 0560-0171.

Expiration Date of Approval: March 31, 2005.

Type of Request: Extension of Currently Approved Information Collection.

Abstract: This information collection is needed to implement section 335(f) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C 1985(f)), which requires release of normal income security to pay essential household and farm operating expenses of the borrower, until the Agency accelerates the loan.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 20 minutes per response.

Respondents: Individuals or households, businesses or other for profit and farms.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 55,000.

Estimated Number or Responses Per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 18,150.

Comments are invited on: (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. These comments should be sent to the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503 and to Constance Rime, Senior Loan Officer, USDA, FSA, Farm Loan Programs, Loan Servicing Division, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., STOP 0523, Washington, DC 20250-0523.

Comments will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval of the information collection. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Signed in Washington, DC, on September 1, 2004.

James R. Little,

Administrator, Farm Service Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Supplement to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Drew Creek, Diamond Rock and Divide Cattle Allotments, Tiller Ranger District, Umpqua National Forest, Douglas County, OR

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare a supplement to a draft environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: The USDA Forest Service will prepare a Supplement to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Drew Creek, Diamond Rock and Divide Cattle Allotments. The draft EIS for the Drew Creek, Diamond Rock and Divide Cattle Allotments was released by former Forest Supervisor Don Ostby in May 2001 (Notice of Availability, May 25, 2001, 66 FR 28904). Based on

comments received on the draft EIS, as well as monitoring data that indicate additional grazing opportunities can be successfully implemented through adaptive management practices, Forest Supervisor James A. Caplan decided to prepare a supplement pursuant to 40 CFR 1502.9(c)(1)(ii). This supplement will provide a new proposed action to the existing analysis. Previous notices were published in the **Federal Register** on April 2, 1999, (64 FR 15953); and May 25, 2001, (66 FR 28904).

ADDRESSES: Send written comments and suggestions concerning the scope of this supplement to Sharon R. Sprouse, District Ranger, Tiller Ranger District, 27812 Tiller-Trail Highway, Tiller, Oregon 97484.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: West Yamamoto, ID Team Leader, Tiller Ranger District, 27812 Tiller-Trail Highway, Tiller, Oregon 97484, or (541) 825-3201.

Responsible Official: Forest Supervisor James A. Caplan is the responsible official for this EIS. Mr. Caplan may be contacted at Umpqua National Forest, 2900 NW., Stewart Parkway, Roseburg, OR 97470.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the supplement is to provide a new proposed action. The proposed action would permit 1,903 head months (HM) to graze three full allotments, and portion of two other allotments, totaling 51,950 acres. Under this proposed action, 90 HM would be permitted on the Drew Creek Allotment, 680 HM on the Diamond Rock Allotment, 418 HM in the Divide Allotment, 440 HM on a portion of the Summit Allotment and 275 HM in a portion of the Acker Divide Allotment. It also will provide additional information on the biological, social and economic environments that would be affected by the proposal.

In addition to the new proposed action, the supplement will contain three other alternatives, including: (1) The no change alternative, which describes the current grazing program; (b) an alternative proposed by the South Umpqua Grazing Association, which represents local ranchers and livestock grazing permittees; and (c) the no grazing alternative, which would eliminate the range program on the Tiller Ranger District.

The supplement will be prepared and circulated in the same manner as the draft EIS (40 CFR 1502.9). Comments received on the supplement will be considered in the preparation of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS). The supplement to the draft EIS is expected to be available for public review and comment in October 2004.

The comment period on the supplement will be 45 days from the date the Environmental Protection Agency's publishes the notice of availability in the **Federal Register**.

The Forest Service believes it is important to give reviewers notice of several court rulings related to public participation in the environmental review process. First, reviewers of supplemental draft EIS must structure their participation in the environmental review of the proposal so that it is meaningful and alerts an agency to the reviewer's position and contentions.

Vermont Yankee Nuclear Corp. v. NRDC, 435 U.S. 519, 553 (1978). Also, environmental objections that could be raised at the draft EIS stage, but are not raised until the completion of the final EIS, may be waived or dismissed by the courts. *City of Angoon v. Hodel*, 803 F.2d 1016, 1002 (9th Cir. 1986), and *Wisconsin Heritages, Inc. v. Harris*, 490 F. Supp. 1334, 1338 (E.D. Wis. 1980). Because of these court rulings, it is important that those interested in this proposed action participate by the close of the 45-day comment period so substantive comments and objections are made available to the Forest Service at a time when it can meaningfully consider them and respond to them in the final EIS.

To assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering issues and concerns on the proposed action, comments on the supplemental draft EIS should be as specific as possible. It is also helpful if comments refer to specific pages or chapters of the supplemental draft EIS. Comments may also address the adequacy of the supplemental draft EIS or the merits of the alternatives formulated and discussed in the statement. Reviewers may wish to refer to the Council of Environmental Quality Regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act at 40 CFR 1503.3 in addressing these points.

In the final EIS, the Forest Service is required to respond to substantive comments and responses received during the comment period that pertain to the environmental consequences discussed in the supplemental draft EIS, as well as applicable laws, regulations and policies considered, in making a decision regarding the proposal. The final EIS is scheduled to be completed in December 2004. The Responsible Official is James A. Caplan, Forest Supervisor for the Umpqua National Forest. The Responsible Official will document the decision and rationale for the decision in the Record of Decision. Comments received, including the

names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record on this proposal and will be available for public inspection.

(Authority: 40 CFR 1501.7 and 1508.22; Forest Service Handbook 1909.15, Section 21)

Dated: September 1, 2004.

James A. Caplan,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Fish Creek Watershed Project, Umpqua National Forest, Douglas County, OR

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Cancellation notice.

SUMMARY: On June 1, 2001, a Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Fish Creek Watershed Project on the Diamond Lake Ranger District of the Umpqua National Forest, was published in the **Federal Register** (66 FR 29763). The Forest Service has decided to cancel the preparation for this EIS. The NOI is hereby rescinded.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions may be directed to Debbie Anderson, Forest Environmental Coordinator, Umpqua National Forest, Supervisors Office, 2900 NW., Stewart Parkway, Roseburg, Oregon 97470, or (541) 957-3466.

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James A. Caplan,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Exodus Timber Sale Project, Umpqua National Forest, Douglas County, OR

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Cancellation notice.

SUMMARY: On August 20, 2001, a Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Exodus Timber Sale Project on the North Umpqua Ranger District of the Umpqua National Forest, was published in the **Federal Register** (66 FR 43568). The Forest Service has decided to cancel the preparation for this EIS. The NOI is hereby rescinded.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions may be directed to Debbie Anderson, Forest Environmental Coordinator, Umpqua National Forest, Supervisors Office, 2900 NW., Stewart Parkway, Roseburg, Oregon 97470, or (541) 957-3466.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

A Public Forum on Weighing Practices and Use of Stored Tare in Weighing Trucks Used for Commercial Purposes

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Commerce.

ACTION: Announcement of a public forum on weighing practices and the use of stored tare with the weighing of trucks for commercial purposes.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Public Forum on Weighing Practices and the Use of Stored Tare with the Weighing of Trucks for Commercial Purposes will be held September 28, 2004, at the Department of Commerce, Washington, DC. This meeting is open to industry representatives, consumers, scale-owners-users, exporters, importers, retailers, Federal and State agencies, and other interested parties. Meeting registration can be found on the National Institute of Standards, Weights and Measures Web site (<http://www.nist.gov/owm>).

DATES: September 28, 2004.

ADDRESSES: The forum will be held at Department of Commerce, Herbert C. Hoover Building, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230. Written correspondence can be directed to the NIST Weights and Measures Division, 100 Bureau Drive, Stop 2600, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-2600, or via e-mail at owm@nist.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: G. Thomas Coleman, Weights and Measures Division, 100 Bureau Drive, Stop 2600, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-2600, or via e-mail at t.coleman@nist.gov, or fax at 301-926-0647.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of Forum

To review State laws and regulations relating to commercial transactions concerning net weight and scale