

A Federal Seed Analysis Certificate is issued giving the test results. Most of the seed tested under this program is scheduled for export. Many importing countries require a Federal Seed analysis Certificate on U.S. seed.

The only information collected is information needed to provide the service requested by the applicant. This includes information to identify the seed being tested, the seed treatment (if treated with a pesticide), the tests to be performed, and any other appropriate information required by the applicant to be on the Federal Seed Analysis Certificate.

The number of seed companies applying for the seed testing service has increased from 65 to 82 during the past 3 years due to an increase in the number of companies exporting seed. The total number of samples received for testing has increased also. Therefore, the average burden for information collection has remained about the same for seed companies applying for the service.

The information in this collection is used only by authorized AMS employees to track, test, and report results to the applicant.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .25 hours per response.

Respondents: Applicants for seed testing service.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 82.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 24.3.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 498.5 hours.

Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to Richard C. Payne, Chief, Seed Regulatory and Testing Branch, LS, AMS, USDA, 801 Summit Crossing Place, Suite C, Gastonia, North Carolina 28054-2193 or by E-mail to richard.payne2@usda.gov. All comments received will be available

for public inspection during regular business hours at the same address.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Dated: July 9, 2003.

A.J. Yates,

Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Revised Southeast Geographic Area Rangeland Allotment Management Plans on Some National Forest System Lands on the Buffalo Gap National Grassland in South Dakota

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement in conjunction with the revision of allotment management plans.

SUMMARY: Revise Rangeland Allotment Management Plans (RAMP) for all allotments within the Fall River Southeast Geographic Area (FRSEGA) and the Fox Allotment whose boundary lies within the Fall River West Geographic Area (FRWGA), and analyze continuation of grazing within the constraints of the Revised Nebraska Land and Resource Management Plan (NLRMP).

DATES: Comments concerning the scope of the analysis must be received within 30 days after publication in the **Federal Register**. The draft environmental impact statement is expected August 2003 and the final environmental impact statement is expected October 2003.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to: Mike Erk, Interdisciplinary Team Leader, USDA Forest Service, PO Box 732, 1801 Highway 18 By-pass, Hot Springs, SD 57747.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mike Erk, Interdisciplinary Team Leader, USDA Forest Service, PO Box 732, 1801 Highway 18 By-pass, Hot Springs, SD 57547. Phone (605) 745-4107

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose and Need for Action: The purpose of the EIS is to determine current conditions, analyze environmental consequences of actions to these conditions, and assist the decision maker in selecting management/monitoring strategies

consistent with meeting desired condition sin the NLRMP. The need for the action is to reverse undesirable conditions, and ensure that authorized uses and associated management activities move them towards desired NLRMP conditions.

Proposed Action: The Fall River Ranger District proposes to implement best management practices and activities with adaptive management and monitoring strategies to ensure there are no disparities between current conditions and NLRMP desired conditions.

Possible Alternatives: No-Action Alternative is to not change current permitted uses. No-Use alternative is to eliminate any uses on the project area.

Responsible Official: Michael E. McNeill, District Ranger, Fall River Ranger District, PO Box 732, 1801 Highway 18 By-pass, Hot Springs, SD 57747.

Nature Of Decision To Be Made: The decision to be made is whether or not to continue permitted uses within the project area. If uses are permitted, then adaptive management strategies and monitoring will be identified to ensure compliance with desired NLRMP conditions.

Scoping Process: The agency sent a letter to interested parties on April 30, 2003 requesting comments concerning the scope of the analysis. Comments were due by May 20, 2003.

Release and Review of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement: The draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) is expected to be filed with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and to be available for public comment by August 2003. At that time, the EPA will publish a notice of availability for the DEIS in the **Federal Register**. The comment period on the DEIS will be 45 days from the date the EPA publishes the notice of availability in the **Federal Register**.

Reviewers of the DEIS 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 Power Com. v. NRDC*, 435 U.S. 519, 553 (1978). Also, environmental objections that could be raised at the DEIS stage but are not raised until after completion of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) may be waived or dismissed by the courts; *City of Angoon v. Hodel*, 803 F. 2d 1016, 1022 (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 very important that those interested in this proposed

action participate by the close of the 45 day comment period so that 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 FEIS.

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

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: July 1, 2003.

Michael E. McNeill,
District Ranger.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce has submitted 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 Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST).

Title: Fastener Quality Act Requirements.

Form Number(s): None.

OMB Approval Number: 0693-0015.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Burden Hours: 21.5.

Number of Respondents: 2.

Average Hours Per Response: 1.5 hours per accreditation body and 20 hours per petitioner.

Needs and Uses: The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), a component of the Technology Administration reporting to the Under Secretary for Technology, under the Fastener Quality Act (the Act) (Pub. L.

101-592 amended by Pub. L. 104-113, Pub. L. 105-234 and Pub. L. 106-34) is required to accept an affirmation from laboratory accreditation bodies and quality system registrar accreditation bodies. The affirmation must meet the applicable International Organization for Standardization/International Electro-technical Commission (ISO/IEC) Guide (ISO/IEC Guide 58 for laboratory accreditors and ISO/IEC Guide 61 for registrar accreditors). An organization having made such an affirmation to NIST may accredit either fastener testing laboratories or quality system registrars for fastener manufacturers in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Fastener Quality Act. NIST will solicit information declarations from U.S. and foreign private accreditation bodies. The information collected will enable NIST to compile a list of accreditation bodies able to provide accreditations meeting all the requirements of the Act and of the procedures, 15 CFR part 280.

Section 10 of the Act requires NIST to accept petitions from persons publishing a document setting forth guidance or requirements providing equal or greater rigor and reliability compared to ISO/IEC Guide 25, ISO/IEC Guide 58, ISO/IEC Guide 61, or ISO/IEC Guide 62. Petitions to consider a document as an alternative to one of the ISO/IEC guides may be accepted by the Director of NIST for use provided the document provides equal or greater rigor and reliability as compared to the ISO/IEC guide.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: On occasion.

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

OMB Desk Officer: Jacqueline Zeiher, (202) 395-4638.

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 Jacqueline Zeiher, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: July 9, 2003.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Secretarial Oil and Gas Business Development Mission to Russia

AGENCY: Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice to announce Secretary Evans—Oil and Gas Business Development Mission to Russia, September 21–25, 2003.

SUMMARY: Secretary of Commerce Donald L. Evans will lead a senior-level business development mission to St. Petersburg and Moscow, Russia from September 21–25, 2003. The focus of the mission will be to assist U.S. businesses to explore trade and investment opportunities in the oil and gas sector including exploration and production, equipment and services, and transportation. The delegation will include approximately 15 U.S. based senior executives of small, medium and large sized U.S. firms. The mission will reaffirm U.S. Government support of U.S.-Russian cooperation in the energy sector and seek to expand opportunities for U.S. companies. Members will participate in the U.S.-Russia Commercial Energy Summit in St. Petersburg on September 22–23, and will participate in additional meetings in Moscow on September 24–25.

DATES: Applications should be submitted to the Office of Business Liaison by August 8, 2003. Applications received after that date will be considered only if space and scheduling constraints permit.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Office of Business Liaison; Room 5062; Department of Commerce; Washington, DC 20230; Tel: (202) 482-1360; Fax: (202) 482-4054.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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I. Description of the Mission

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