

extent of reductions in single-storied late-seral and old forest habitats within the lower montane forests over the last 100 years that were previously dominated by large ponderosa pine trees and snags. These changes over the last 100 years are largely due to stand replacement wildfires, historical timber harvest, fire exclusion and increases in human occupancy and use.

There is a need to reconsider Forest Plan direction in response to new information and changed resource conditions:

- Forestwide and management area objectives need to consider the WCS habitat prioritization framework currently being developed.
- Management prescription MPC 5.2 allocations may need to be reallocated to management prescriptions with desired conditions consistent with habitat conservation, maintenance and restoration.
- Forest plan standards and guidelines pertaining to large tree-dominated habitat (e.g., wildlife standard WIST01) and large snags need to be reviewed to assure that these habitat components are conserved, maintained or restored, especially in lower montane and montane forests.
- There is a need to evaluate whether Forest Plan direction should be added that specifically addresses conservation of the subset of large tree-dominated habitat in lower montane forests called "old forest" habitat.

Impacts resulting from increases in human occupancy and use in priority habitat areas for species of concern need to be considered.

**Proposed Action:** The Proposed Action is threefold:

- (1) Develop a Forest Plan Wildlife Conservation Strategy (WCS) that provides the information needed to improve Forest Plan strategies in a way that focuses limited funds and resources toward the highest priority habitats and species of concern, while minimizing threats to those species or habitats;
- (2) Determine if amendments to Forest Plan management direction and/or other components of the three Forest Plans are needed to reflect findings and priorities identified in the WCS; and
- (3) Update the wildlife assessments pertaining to 36 CFR 219.19 (1982), as needed, to reflect findings in updated analyses supporting the WCS, as well as outcomes anticipated from implementing the amended Forest Plans.

**Responsible Officials:** The Responsible Officials are the three Forest Supervisors for the Boise, Payette, and Sawtooth NFs.

**Nature of Decision To Be Made:** The Responsible Officials will review the final ETS and determine if the 2003 Plan for her respective Forest should be amended and/or modified, or if the current Forest Plan should remain unchanged.

**Scoping Process:** This corrected notice of intent continues the scoping process, which guides development of the ETS. Written comments must be received within 30 days following publication of this NOI in the Federal Register. Providing comments within this time period ensures that they will be available to the Forest Service at a time when it can meaningfully consider them during preparation of the specific proposed amendments and Draft EIS.

Beginning in December 2008, information about and status updates of this amendment process will be available on the Web site, <http://fs.usda.gov/boise> (click on "Wildlife Conservation Strategy").

It is important that reviewers provide their comments at such times and in such manner that they are useful to the agency's preparation of the EIS. Therefore, comments should be provided prior to the close of the comment period and should clearly articulate the reviewer's concerns and contentions. The submission of timely and specific comments can affect a reviewer's ability to participate in subsequent administrative appeal or judicial review.

Dated: December 2, 2008.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit 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:** Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA).

**Title:** Direct Transactions of U.S. Reporter with Foreign Affiliate.

**OMB Control Number:** 0608-0004.

**Form Number:** BE-577.

**Type of Request:** Regular submission.

**Burden Hours:** 62,000.

**Number of Respondents:** 15,500 respondents (4 responses each per year).

**Average Hours per Response:** 1 hour.

**Needs and Uses:** The survey, BE-577, is conducted under the authority of the International Investment and Trade in Services Survey Act and obtains quarterly data on transactions and positions between U.S.-owned foreign business enterprises and their U.S. parent companies. The survey is a sample survey that covers all foreign affiliates above a size-exemption level. The data are used to derive universe estimates in nonbenchmark years by extrapolating forward similar data reported in the BE-10, Benchmark Survey of U.S. Direct Investment Abroad, which is taken every five years. It is also used in the preparation of the U.S. international transactions accounts, the input-output accounts, and the national income and product accounts. The data are needed to measure the size and economic significance of direct investment abroad, measure changes in such investment, and assess its impact on the U.S. and foreign economies.

The data from the survey are primarily intended as general purpose statistics. They should be readily available to answer any number of research and policy questions related to U.S. direct investment abroad.

**Affected Public:** Business or other for-profit organizations.

**Frequency:** Quarterly.

**Respondent's Obligation:** Mandatory.

**OMB Desk Officer:** Paul Bugg, (202) 395-3093.

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 7845, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 or via the e-mail at [dhynek@doc.gov](mailto:dhynek@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Paul Bugg, OMB Desk Officer, FAX number (202) 395-7245 or via e-mail at [pbugg@omb.eop.gov](mailto:pbugg@omb.eop.gov).

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