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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Information Collection; Role of Communities in Stewardship Contracting Projects

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Forest Service is seeking comments from all interested individuals and organizations on the extension with revision of a currently approved information collection, Role of Communities in Stewardship Contracting Projects.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing on or before August 1, 2016 to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: Comments concerning this notice should be addressed to Director, Forest Management Staff, Mail Stop 1103, Forest Service, USDA, 201 14th Street SW., Washington DC 20024-1103. Comments also may be submitted by email to: InfoCollection0201@fs.fed.us. Comments may also be submitted via the world wide web/Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

The public may inspect comments received at the Office of the Director, Forest Management Staff, Third Floor NW., Yates Federal Building, 201 14th Street SW., Washington, DC during normal business hours. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead to 202-649-1725 to facilitate entry to the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Lawrence, Forest Service, Forest Management Staff, 202-205-1269. Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339 twenty-four hours a day, every day of the year, including holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Role of Communities in Stewardship Contracting Projects.

OMB Number: 0596-0201.

Expiration Date of Approval: July 31, 2016.

Type of Request: Extension with Revision.

Abstract: The Forest Service is required to report to Congress annually on the role of local communities in the development of agreement or contract plans through stewardship contracting, per Section 8205 of Public Law 113-79, the Agricultural Act of 2014. To meet the requirement, the Forest Service conducts surveys to gather the necessary information. The survey provides information regarding the:

(a) Nature of the local community involved in developing agreement or contract plans,

(b) Nature of roles played by the entities involved in developing agreement or contract plans,

(c) Benefits to the community and agency by being involved in planning and development of contract plans, and

(d) Usefulness of stewardship contracting in helping meet the needs of local communities.

The Pinchot Institute for Conservation and its sub-contractors collect the information through an annual telephone survey. The survey asks Federal employees, employees of for-profit and not-for-profit institutions, employees of State and local agencies, and individual citizens who have been involved in stewardship contracting projects about their role in the development of agreement or contract plans.

The information collected through the survey is analyzed by the Pinchot Institute for Conservation and its sub-contractors and used to help develop the Forest Service report to Congress as required by Section 8205 of Public Law 113-79.

Without the information from this annual collection of data, the Forest Service will not be able to provide the required annual reports to Congress on the role of communities in development of agreement or contract plans under stewardship contracting.

Type of Respondents: Employees of for-profit and non-profit businesses and institutions, as well as individuals.

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 90.

Estimate of Burden per Response: 0.75 hours.

Estimated Annual Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 68 Hours.

Comment Is Invited

Comment is invited on: (1) Whether this collection of information is necessary for the stated purposes and the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical or scientific utility; (2) the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the 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 respondents, including the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

All comments received in response to this notice, including names and addresses when provided, will be a matter of public record. Comments will be summarized and included in the submission request toward Office of Management and Budget approval.

Dated: May 25, 2016.

Brian Ferebee,

Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest Systems.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Information Collection; Application for Permit for Use of Roads, Trails, or Areas Restricted by Regulation or Order

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Forest Service is seeking comments on the revision of a currently approved information collection, form FS-7700-40, Application for Permit, Non-Federal Commercial Use of Roads Restricted by Order. The revised information

collection is entitled, "Application for a Permit for Use of Roads, Trails, or Areas Restricted by Regulation or Order." The Forest Service is also seeking renewal of an associated existing, form FS-7700-48, Permit for Use of Roads, Trails, or Areas Restricted by Regulation or Order, and renewal of an associated existing information collection, form FS-7700-41, Non-Federal Commercial Road Use Permit.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing by August 1, 2016 to be considered.

ADDRESSES: Comments concerning this notice should be addressed to USDA Forest Service, Director, Engineering Staff, RPC5, 201 14th Street SW., Mail Stop 1101, Washington, DC 20024-1101. Comments also may be submitted via facsimile to 703-605-1542 or by email to jhumble@fs.fed.us.

The public may inspect comments received at the Office of the Director of Engineering, USDA Forest Service, 201 14th Street SW., Mail Stop 1101, Washington, DC 20024-1101 during normal business hours. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead at 703-605-4962 to facilitate entry into the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: J. Humble, Engineering Staff, 703-605-4612. Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf may call the Federal Relay Service at 800 877-8339 twenty four hours a day, every day of the year, including holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Application for Permit for Use of Roads, Trails, or Areas Restricted by Regulation or Order.

OMB Number: 0596-0016.

Expiration Date of Approval: July 31, 2016.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved information collection, approval of an associated new information collection, and renewal of an associated existing information collection. Current: Application for Permit, Non-Federal Commercial Use of Roads Restricted by Order.

Revised: Application for a Permit for Use of Roads, Trails, or Areas Restricted by Regulation or Order.

Abstract: Authority for permits for use of National Forest System (NFS) roads, NFS trails, and areas on NFS lands restricted by order or regulation derives from the National Forest Roads and Trails Act (16 U.S.C. 532-538). This statute authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to promulgate regulations regarding use of NFS roads, NFS trails, and areas on NFS lands; establish

procedures for sharing investments in NFS roads; and require commercial users to perform road maintenance commensurate with their use of NFS roads. Forest Service regulations implementing this authority are found in 36 CFR 212.5, 212.9, 212.51, 261.10, 261.12, 261.13, 261.54, and 261.55.

In particular, 36 CFR 212.5 and 212.9 authorize the Chief of the Forest Service to establish procedures for investment sharing and to require commercial users to perform maintenance commensurate with their road use. Section 261.10 contains a national prohibition against constructing or maintaining an NFS road or NFS trail without a written authorization. Section 212.12 contains a national prohibition against violating the load, weight, height, length, or width limitations of State law when using NFS roads without a written authorization. Section 212.13 contains a national prohibition against possessing or operating a motor vehicle on NFS roads, NFS trails, or areas on NFS lands that are not designated for motor vehicle use on a motor vehicle use map, unless the use is authorized by a written authorization. Section 261.54 authorizes issuance of an order prohibiting use of an NFS road in a manner prohibited by the order without a written authorization, including commercial hauling without a permit or written authorization when required by order. Section 261.55 authorizes issuance of an order prohibiting use of an NFS trail in a manner prohibited by the order without a written authorization.

Forest Service directives implementing the regulations are found in Forest Service Manual 2350, 7710, and 7730 and Forest Service Handbook 7709.59, chapter 20. These directives provide for the size and weight limits under State traffic law to apply on NFS roads and require the responsible official to designate NFS roads, NFS trails, and areas on NFS lands for motor vehicle use; enter into appropriate investment sharing arrangements, require commercial users of NFS roads to perform maintenance commensurate with their road use; and issue orders that implement the authority in 36 CFR 261.54. The permits road users obtain contain appropriate requirements for implementation of applicable regulations and directives.

Form FS-7700-40, Application for Permit for Use of Roads, Trails, or Areas Restricted by Regulation or Order. This form will be used by individuals and entities that apply for a permit to use NFS roads, NFS trails, or areas on NFS lands that are subject to a restriction established by regulation or order. Examples of restrictions requiring

permits are motor vehicle use on NFS roads and NFS trails that are not designated for that purpose; operating trucks that exceed size limits established by State traffic law on NFS roads; area closures during periods of high fire danger; and non-Federal commercial use of NFS roads.

The following information is collected: (1) The applicant's name, address, and telephone number; (2) identification of the NFS roads, NFS trails, and areas on NFS lands proposed for use (NFS roads and NFS trails are identified by Forest Service route number, and areas on NFS lands are identified using a map); (3) purpose of use; and (4) the proposed use schedule. The applicant is asked to provide explanatory information specific to the proposed use, including information on the types and size of vehicles, through attachments and remarks. There are standard attachments available for use when the application requests oversize vehicle use or commercial use of roads. The application is submitted to the Forest Supervisor or District Ranger responsible for the NFS roads, NFS trails, or areas on NFS lands for which a permit is requested.

When applications for commercial use of roads restricted by order are received, the information is used to identify maintenance commensurate with the applicant's road use. The information is also used to calculate the proportion of acquisition, construction, and maintenance costs associated with the NFS roads proposed for use that is assignable to the applicant for purposes of investment sharing. When requests are for oversize vehicle use, the information is used to evaluate the structural capacity of bridges and potential adverse effects on the safety of other traffic on the roads proposed for use. When the application requests use of NFS roads, NFS trails, or areas on NFS lands that are not designated for motor vehicle use or are restricted by order, the information is used to decide whether and, if appropriate, when the use should be permitted.

The identifying information collected on form FS-7700-40, Application for Permit for Use of Roads, Trails, or Areas Restricted by Regulation or Order, is used on form FS-7700-41, Non-Federal Commercial Road Use Permit, and form FS-7700-48, Permit for Use of Roads, Trails, or Areas Restricted by Regulation or Order, to identify the permit holder and the routes or areas requested for use. When form FS-7700-41 is issued, road maintenance requirements, road use schedules, and any necessary payments to be made in lieu of performance of maintenance developed

from the data submitted on or with form FS-7700-40 are included in form FS-7700-41. When form FS-7700-48 is issued, requirements resulting from data submitted with form FS-7700-40, such as requirements for signs and pilot cars when moving oversize vehicles, are included. A copy of form FS-7700-41 or form FS-7700-48 must be carried in the holder's motor vehicle during use of the NFS roads, NFS trails, or areas on NFS lands covered by the permit.

Forms FS-7700-41, Non-Federal Commercial Road Use Permit, and FS-7700-48, Permit for Use of Roads, Trails, or Areas Restricted by Regulation or Order. Form FS-7700-41, FS-7700-41, and FS-7700-48 have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The Forest Service is seeking renewal of this approval. No information beyond that collected on form FS-7700-40 will be collected on forms FS-7700-41 and FS-7700-48.

Estimate of Annual Burden: 15 minutes per application.

Type of Respondents: All those who need to use NFS roads, NFS trails, or areas on NFS lands that are restricted by regulation or order.

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 20,000.

Estimated Annual Number of Responses per Respondent: One.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 5,000 hours.

Public Comment: Public comment is invited on (1) whether this information collection is necessary for the stated purposes and the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical or scientific utility; (2) the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the information collection, 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 information collection on respondents, including the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

All comments received in response to this notice, including names and addresses when provided, will be a matter of public record. Comments will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval of the information collection.

Dated: May 25, 2016.

Brian Ferebee,

Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest Systems.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Information Collection; Request for Comment; Objections to New Land Management Plans, Plan Amendments, and Plan Revisions

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice, request for comments.

SUMMARY: Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Forest Service is seeking comments from all interested people and organizations on the extension of a currently approved information collection, objections to new land management plans, plan amendments, and plan revisions.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing on or before August 1, 2016 to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: Comments concerning this notice should be addressed to Forest Service, Assistant Director for Planning, Ecosystem Management Coordination, Mail Stop 1104, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250-1104.

Comments also may be submitted via facsimile to (202) 205-1056 or by email to: aegoode@fs.fed.us.

The public may inspect comments received at the Ecosystem Management Coordination Office, 201 14th St. SW., Washington, DC, during normal business hours. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead to (202) 205-0895 to assist entry into the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Annie Eberhart Goode, Ecosystem Management Coordination, at (202) 205-1056 or email to: aegoode@fs.fed.us. Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339, 24 hours a day, every day of the year, including holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Objection to new land management plans, plan amendments, and plan revisions.

OMB Number: 0596-0158.

Expiration Date of Approval: 07/31/2016.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The information that would be required by Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 219-Planning, Subpart A-National Forest System Land Management Planning (36 CFR part 219, subpart B), section 219.54 is the minimum information needed for a person to make a clear objection to a proposed land management plan, plan amendment, or plan revision. Under 36 CFR 219.54, a person must provide: name, mailing address, and telephone number or email address if available; signature; the name of the specific plan, amendment or revision that is the subject of the objection; and the name and title of the responsible official; a statement of the issues and/or the parts of the plan, plan amendment, or plan revision to which the objection applies; a concise statement explaining the objection and suggesting how the proposed plan decision may be improved. If applicable, the objector should identify how the objector believes that the plan, plan amendment, or plan revision is inconsistent with law, regulation, or policy; and a statement that demonstrates the link between prior substantive formal comments attributed to the objector and the content of the objection, unless the objection concerns an issue that arose after the opportunities for formal comment (§ 219.53(a)).

The reviewing officer must review the objection(s) and relevant information and then respond to the objector(s) in writing.

Estimate of Annual Burden: 10 hours to prepare the objection.

Type of Respondents: Interested and affected people, organizations, and governmental units who participate in the planning process: such as people who live in or near National Forest System (NFS) lands; local, State, and Tribal governments who have an interest in the plan; Federal agencies with an interest in the management of NFS lands and resources; not-for-profit organizations interested in NFS management, such as environmental groups, recreation groups, educational institutions; and commercial users of NFS land and resources.

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 50 a year.

Estimated Annual Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 500 hours.

Comment is invited on: (1) Whether the right information is being requested, including whether the information will have practical value; (2) whether the instructions in 36 CFR 219.54 are clear; (3) whether the Forest Service estimate of the burden of the collection of