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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Requested Withdrawal From Mineral Location and Mineral Entry, Public Meeting and Extended Comment Period

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Forest Service has submitted a request to the Bureau of Land Management to withdraw lands under the general mining laws as authorized by the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976. The Forest Service has scheduled a meeting to accept public testimony and identify issues regarding this requested withdrawal from mineral location and mineral entry on lands in the San Bernardino National Forest. Written comments are invited, and the comment period has been extended.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on February 20, 2002, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Written comments must be received no later than February 28, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will take place at the San Bernardino Hilton, 285 East Hospitality Lane, San Bernardino, California 92408. Written comments on this proposal may be sent to Brent Handley, USDA Forest Service, Pacific Southwest Region, Director, Lands and Minerals Management, 1323 Club Drive, Vallejo, California 94592-1110; or electronically to seliason@fs.fed.us.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Scott Eliason, San Bernardino National Forest, 909-866-3437, extension 3904, seliason@fs.fed.us.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Bureau of Land Management published a notice of this Forest Service requested withdrawal in the **Federal Register** on October 29, 2001 (FR Vol. 66, No. 209, 54536). In this Forest Service notice, we announce the details of the public meeting and extend the comment period.

#### Overview

Approximately 44,575 acres on the San Bernardino National Forest are requested to be withdrawn, subject to valid existing rights, from mineral location and mineral entry under the general mining laws of the United

States. The authority to make such a withdrawal is delegated to the Secretary of the Interior under the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, and other statutes. The process by which such withdrawals are made, and the provisions for other agencies (including the Forest Service) to request such withdrawals from the Secretary of the Interior, are provided under 43 CFR 2300.

#### Purpose

The purpose of the requested withdrawal is to conserve the habitat of species listed under the federal Endangered Species Act, as directed under section 7(a) of this act. The issues raised during the public meeting, and also from written comments, will be used by the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management in finalizing the configuration and extent of the final withdrawal request to be forwarded to the Secretary of the Interior. The issues raised will also be used by the Forest Service to analyze and document the effects and impacts of the action, as required under the National Environmental Policy Act.

#### Agenda

The meeting will begin with a welcome by Forest Supervisor Gene Zimmerman, followed by a brief overview by staff of the requested withdrawal, the regulatory process, and implications to the public. A hearing coordinator will review the process of public testimony. Testimony will then be heard and recorded into the public record. Finally, staff will provide closing remarks.

Dated: December 18, 2001.

**Gene Zimmerman,**

*San Bernardino National Forest Supervisor.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Census Bureau

#### Shipper's Export Declaration Program

**ACTION:** Proposed collection; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce, as mandated by Public Law 106-113, Title XII, "Security Assistance," Subtitle E, "Proliferation Prevention Enhancement Act of 1999" and as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), invites the

general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before February 26, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Madeleine Clayton, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6086, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at [mclayton@doc.gov](mailto:mclayton@doc.gov)).

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Jerome Greenwell, Foreign Trade Division, U.S. Census Bureau, Room 3125, Federal Office Building No. 3, Washington, DC 20233-0001, 301-457-2238.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

##### I. Abstract:

The Shipper's Export Declaration (SED), Form 7525-V and the electronic equivalent, the Automated Export System (AES) are the basis for the official export trade statistics compiled by the U.S. Census Bureau (Census Bureau) used for determining the balance of trade, a principal economic indicator. Title 13, United States Code, Chapter 9, Sections 301-307 authorizes the collection of these data. Title 15, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 30 contains the regulatory provisions for preparing and filing the SED or the AES record. These data are essential in formulating basic government policy decisions affecting the economy. The U.S. businesses rely heavily on these data to develop export leads, export marketing strategies and assessing the impact of exports on the domestic economy.

The SED/AES records are also used for export control purposes under Title 50, United States Code. The SED/AES records, as official documents or export transactions, enable the U.S. Customs Service (Customs) and the Bureau of Export Administration (BXA) to enforce the Customs and Export Administration Regulations and thereby detect and prevent the export of high technology items or military goods to unauthorized destinations or end users. The Department of State (State Department) uses the SED/AES information to enforce the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR), Title 22, CFR 120-130, to detect and prevent the export of arms and ammunition to unauthorized destinations.

On November 29, 1999, the President signed H.R. 3194 into law (Public Law 106-113). The short title to this law, as specified in section 1251, is referred to as the "Proliferation Prevention Enhancement Act of 1999." Section 1252 of this law amends Title 13, United States Code, Chapter 9, Section 301, to add Section "(h)" authorizing the Department of Commerce, Census Bureau, to require by regulation mandatory reporting requirements for filing export information through the AES. This Act further specifies that all items on the Department of Commerce' Commerce Control List (CCL) and the State Department's of U.S. Munitions List (USML) be reported through the AES, when an SED is required.

As a result of Pub. L. 106-113, the Census Bureau is planning revisions to AES to meet the requirements of the law. The State Department has requested to have additional data items incorporated into the AES in order to accommodate the requirements of the ITAR. The collection of these additional data items are critical to the mission of the State Department in maintaining control over the export of arms and ammunition. The incorporation of these data items into AES will allow the elimination of the requirement for exporters to submit the paper SED to the State Department. The items mentioned above will not be required for the paper SED since the items on the USML or CCL must be filed through AES. Therefore, the additional data items requested by the State Department will not be incorporated on the paper SED. However, the Census Bureau is requesting one additional data item be added to the paper form to bring it up to date with regulatory changes reflected in the AES. With this submission the Census Bureau is requesting clearance for the reporting of the additional export data items.

## II. Method of Collection

A paper SED or electronic AES record is required for all export shipments valued over \$2,500 from the United States, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The SED or AES record is also required for all licensed shipments, (*i.e.* State Department or BXA export licenses) regardless of value. The SED program is unique among Census Bureau statistical collections since it is not sent to respondents soliciting responses as is the case in surveys. Filing the SED/AES information is mandatory under Title 13, Chapter 9, United States Code. The Census Bureau has seen a progressive growth in the number of electronic filers, with a comparable decrease in the number of

paper SED filers. Exporters can access the AES via the Census Bureau's free Internet-based system, AESDirect or they can integrate the AES into their company's network and file directly with Customs. Exporters can purchase paper SEDs from the Government Printing Office or they may have them privately printed. They can also download the SEDs over the Internet and print them on the required "buff" colored paper.

For exports to Canada, the United States is substituting Canadian import statistics for U.S. export statistics to Canada in accordance with a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed by both Customs and statistical agencies in both countries. Similarly, under this MOU, Canada is substituting U.S. imports statistics for Canadian exports to the United States. This data exchange eliminates the requirement for U.S. exporters to file any information with the U.S. Government for exports of non-licensed shipments to Canada. This results in the elimination of over seven million SEDs annually. However, for exports to Canada that require a license, a SED or AES record must be filed. Also, a SED or AES record is required for exports from the United States through Canada destined to a country other than Canada.

For this submission, the Census Bureau is planning revisions to the paper SED and the AES. The only change to the paper SED includes adding a box to collect the authorized forwarding agent's Employer Identification Number. Revisions to the AES format include: (1) Adding an additional field to collect a registration code assigned by the Department of State's Office of Defense Trade Controls (ODTC), (2) adding a "yes" or "no" indicator for the shipment of ODTC significant military equipment, (3) adding a "yes" or "no" indicator for ODTC eligible party certification, (4) adding an additional field to collect the ODTC USML category code, (5) adding an additional field to collect ODTC USML unit of measure, (6) adding an additional field to collect ODTC USML unit of quantity, and (7) adding an additional field to collect the ODTC export license line number. The AES and the SED currently requires the reporting of an ODTC license number or ODTC (ITAR) exemption citation. These changes will affect only a small portion of the number of AES transactions filed and will have no affect on the overall AES transactions response time of three minutes. Furthermore, because of the significant reduction in the paper filing of SEDs since the last Office of Management and Budget (OMB)

clearance approval, the estimated total annual burden hours has decreased.

The U.S. principal party in interests (USPPI) or authorized agents file individual paper SEDs with the exporting carries at the time that each export shipment leaves the United States. For AES, USPPI's or authorized agents file the export data electronically directly with the Census Bureau or Customs, according to the filing provisions established in Title 15, Code of Federal Regulations, part 30, subpart E, Electronic Filing Requirements—Shipper's Export Information." The carriers submit the paper SED documents to Customs officials when the carrier departs the United States and Customs then transmits the SEDs to the Census Bureau on a flow basis for statistical processing.

For AES, the Census Bureau extracts export data files from the Customs AES, for statistical processing. As a result of Pub. L. 106-113, the State Department will extract from AES only those records of exports subject to the ITAR.

In summary, the mandatory filing of USML and CCL shipments through the AES will substantially decrease the number of paper SEDs processed monthly and provide more timely and accurate information to Customs, BXA and the State Department for the purposes of export control.

## III. Data

*OMB Number:* 0607-0152.

*Form Number:* 7525-V, Automated Export System (AES) submissions.

*Type of Review:* Regular Submission.

*Affected Public:* Exporters, Forwarding Agents, Export Carriers.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 200,000.

*Estimated Number of Responses:* 15,043,756.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 11.0 minutes for 7525-V 3.0 minutes for AES Submissions.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 944,188 (SEDs 264,000)( AES 680,188).

*Estimated Total Annual Cost:* \$14,162,820.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Mandatory.

*Legal Authority:* Title 13, United States Code, Chapter 9 and Public Law 106-113, Title XII, "Security Assistance," Subtitle E, "Proliferation Prevention Enhancement Act of 1999".

## IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the

agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: December 20, 2001.

**Madeleine Clayton,**

*Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer,  
Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Census Bureau

#### Special Census Program

**ACTION:** Proposed collection; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before February 26, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Madeleine Clayton, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6086, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC, 20230 (or via the Internet at [mclayton@doc.gov](mailto:mclayton@doc.gov)).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to J. Michael Stump or Josephine Ruffin, Bureau of the Census, Room Number 1314, Building #2, Washington, DC, 20746 and 301-457-1429.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

The Special Census Program is a reimbursable service offered and performed by the Census Bureau for the government of any state; county, city, or

other political subdivision within a state; for the government of the District of Columbia; and for the government of any possession or area over which the U.S. exercises jurisdiction, control, or sovereignty, and other governmental units which require current population data between decennial censuses.

Many states distribute funds based on current population statistics. In addition, special census data are used by the local jurisdictions to plan new schools, transportation systems, housing programs, and water treatment facilities.

The Census Bureau will use the following forms to update addresses listed on the Census Bureau's Master Address File and to enumerate populations in special censuses:

- **Special Census Enumerator Questionnaire**—This interview form will be used to collect special census data at regular housing units (Hus).
- **Special Census Special Place Questionnaire**—This interview form will be used to collect special census data at group quarters in special places such as hospitals, prisons, boarding and rooming houses, campgrounds, hotels, college dormitories, military facilities, and convents.
- **Address Listing Page**—This page will include existing addresses from the Census Bureau Master Address File (MAF). Special Census enumerators will update these addresses, if needed, at the time of enumeration.
- **Group Quarters Enumeration Control Sheet**—This page will be used by Special Census enumerators to list residents/clients at group quarters.
- **Housing Unit Add Page**—This page will be used by enumerators to add HUs that are observed to exist on the ground and that are not contained on the address listing page.
- **Special Place/Group Quarter (SP/GQ) Add Page**—This page will be used by enumerators to add special places/group quarters that are observed to exist on the ground and that are not reflected in the address listing page.

The Special Census Program developmental process is in its early stages. Meetings and other planning discussions may require minor changes to the design and content of the forms.

The Special Census Program will operate as a generic OMB clearance including a library of forms and the operational procedures that will be used for the many special censuses we anticipate conducting this decade. The Census Bureau will establish a reimbursable agreement with a variety of potential special census customers that are unknown at this time. Prior to conducting any special census, the Census Bureau will submit

documentation to OMB providing the details of the Special Census under consideration. We will also submit for OMB's review and approval, under cover of a change worksheet, any special-purpose questions requested by customers to be added to special census questionnaires.

##### II. Method of Collection

The Special Census Program will use the Census 2000 Update/Enumerate (U/E) methodology. Enumerators will canvass their assigned areas with an address register that contains addresses obtained from the Census Bureau's Master Address File. Special Census enumerators will update the address information, as needed, based on their observation of HUs and/or SPs/GQs that exist on the ground. Additionally, enumerators will interview households at regular HUs and residents at GQs using the appropriate Special Census questionnaire.

##### III. Data

*OMB Number:* None.

*Form Number:* Not available yet.

*Type of Review:* Regular.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households, business or other for profit entities, not-for-profit institutions.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* (September 2002 through early 2008).

Enumerator Questionnaire—848,000 respondents.

Special Place Questionnaire—2000 respondents.

Address Listing Page—848,000 respondents.

Group Quarters Enumeration Control Sheet—375 respondents.

Housing Unit Add Page—1,000 respondents

Special Place/Group Quarters Add Page—150 respondents

*Estimated Time Per Response:*

Enumerator Questionnaire—about 7 minutes

Special Place Questionnaire—about 5 minutes

Address Listing Page—about one minute

Group Quarters Enumeration Control Sheet—10 minutes

Housing Unit Add Page—about one minute

Special Place/Group Quarters Add Page—about one minute

*Estimated Total Annual Burden*

*Hours:* Estimated total annual burden hours are 113,527.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost:* There are no costs to respondents other than that of their time to respond.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*Legal Authority:* Title 13, United States Code, Section 196.