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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Regulations Governing Inspection, Certification and Standards for Fresh Fruits, Vegetables, and Other Products 7 CFR part 51.

*OMB Number:* 0581-NEW.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* Three Years from Date of OMB Approval.

*Type of Request:* New Information Collection.

*Abstract:* The Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, as amended 7 U.S.C. 1621 *et seq.* authorizes the Secretary to inspect and certify the quality of agricultural products and collect such fees as reasonable to cover the cost of services rendered. The Fresh Products Branch provides nationwide audit services for fresh fruits, vegetables, and other products to growers, shippers, importers, processors, sellers, buyers, and other financially interested parties on a "user fee" basis. The use of these services is voluntary and is made available only upon request.

Information is needed to provide audit services. This information includes: The name and location of the person or company requesting the audit, the type and location of the product to be audited, the type of audit being requested, and any information that will identify the product.

In addition, any interested party who wishes to use an official logo in conjunction with the specific audit program must submit a request form for the logo's use. Information collected for the use of this logo include: The name of the company, name of the requestor, type of product, specifications for where and how the logo will be used, and the manufacturer's name and location who is reproducing this logo. Approved use of a logo requires that the interested party successfully adhere to the specific audit program requirements. As part of the audit process, auditee documentation must be made available to the Fresh Products Branch personnel for review to show conformance to the specific audit program.

*Estimate of Burden:* Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 8.5 hours per response including documentation needed to conform to audit requirements.

*Respondents:* Growers, shippers, importers, processors, sellers, buyers, and others with a financial interest in lots of fresh fruits, vegetables and other products.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 2,000.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 17,000 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. 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: December 11, 2008.

**James E. Link,**

*Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### **Six Rivers National Forest, Mad River Ranger District, Ruth, California, Beaverslide Timber Sale and Fuel Treatment Project**

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement.

**SUMMARY:** The Forest Service is proposing the Beaverslide Timber Sale and Fuel Treatment Project to provide timber products to local economies and to reduce hazardous fuels in strategically located high-risk areas around communities in the vicinity of Ruth, California. The Beaverslide planning area encompasses approximately 13,236 acres; 11,757 acres are National Forest System (NFS) lands and 1,479 acres are in private ownership. The project would treat approximately 5,500 acres of NFS lands by harvesting timber through thinning on approximately 2,800 acres, and reducing fuels on an additional 2,700 acres.

The proposed project would take place within the Upper Mad River watershed on NFS lands administered

by the Mad River Ranger District in Trinity County, California. The legal location includes portions of the following townships: Township 2 South, Range 7 East; Township 2 South, Range 8 East; and Township 3 South, Range 7 East; Township 3 South, Range 8 East, Humboldt Baseline and Meridian, and Township 26 North, Range 12 West; Township 27 North, Range 12 West, Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian.

**DATES:** Scoping for this project is planned for December 2008. The draft environmental impact statement is expected by February 2009 and the final environmental impact statement is expected in June 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments to: Thomas Hudson; Mad River Ranger District; 741 State Highway 36; Bridgeville, CA 95526. Comments may also be sent via e-mail to [comments-pacificsouthwest-six-rivers-mad-river@fs.fed.us](mailto:comments-pacificsouthwest-six-rivers-mad-river@fs.fed.us), attention of the Beaverslide Project or via facsimile to (707) 574-6273.

Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be part of the public record for this proposed action. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered; however, anonymous comments will not provide the respondent with standing to appeal the subsequent decision.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Thomas Hudson; Mad River Ranger District; 741 State Highway 36; Bridgeville, CA 95526 or by telephone at (707)-574-6233.

Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern Time, Monday through Friday.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

The Beaverslide Timber Sale and Fuel Treatment Project is designed to contribute timber commodity outputs in support of the Six Rivers Forest National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (LRMP). One of the goals of the LRMP is to provide a stable supply of outputs and services that contribute to local, regional, and national social and economic needs. The Six Rivers National Forest seeks to provide a sustainable, predictable, long-term timber supply for local economies (LRMP p. II-2).

The project area also occurs within the wildland-urban interface (WUI) for communities in the vicinity of Ruth, California. In 2005, the Trinity County Fire Safe Council completed a

Community Wildfire Protection Plan to address the fire risk surrounding these communities. There are several homes and businesses in the area that are within the WUI. Fuel hazards are moderate but fire risk relative to human safety and property is high due to the number of people in the area. The project is designed to reduce fire hazard and risk to the community.

#### **Purpose and Need for Action**

Given Forest goals, and environmental conditions within the planning area, the Purpose and Need for the proposed action is to:

- Provide timber commodities that contribute towards the Forest's goal to provide a sustainable, predictable, long-term timber supply for local economies; and
- Reduce fuel loading in strategic locations to improve fire protection and human safety around communities in the vicinity of Ruth, California.

Within the context of meeting the purpose and need, there would be opportunities for fuelwood or biomass utilization associated with proposed activities.

#### **Proposed Action**

The proposed action is designed to meet the project's purpose and need while meeting the standards and guidelines of the LRMP. The Beaverslide Timber Sale and Fuel Treatment Project would treat vegetation to provide commodities and reduce hazardous fuel conditions.

1. Approximately 20–30 million board feet (MMBF) of timber would be harvested from approximately 2,800 acres within 95 treatment units. Harvesting would be accomplished by utilizing ground-based, skyline, and helicopter logging systems.

Actions connected with commercial timber harvest include:

- Treating harvest activity generated fuel;
- Constructing approximately 5.4 miles of new temporary road, and re-opening/re-utilizing approximately 2.9 miles of existing non-system roads;
- Constructing new landings and reutilization of existing landings;
- Hauling of commercial timber products on County Road 504 and Forest Service System roads within the planning area;
- Felling and removal, where appropriate, of hazard trees along haul routes; and
- Decommissioning, maintaining, and reconstructing roads as needed.

2. Fuel loading would be reduced on approximately 2,700 acres within 20 fuel treatment units and 7 strategic fuel treatment corridors.

#### **Responsible Official**

The responsible official will be the Forest Supervisor for the Six Rivers National Forest.

#### **Nature of Decision To Be Made**

The responsible official will consider the comments, response, disclosure of environmental consequences, and applicable laws, regulations, and policies in making the decision and stating the rationale in the Record of Decision.

#### **Scoping Process**

This notice of intent initiates the scoping process, which guides the development of the environmental impact statement. Public scoping will include notices in the newspaper of record and mailings of the scoping package to interested and affected parties and posting of the project on the agency's project planning web page and notice in the agency's quarterly Schedule of Proposed Action. A preliminary scoping package was mailed to interested and affected parties in October 2008.

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 environmental impact statement. 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 10, 2008.

**Tyrone Kelley,**

*Forest Supervisor, Six Rivers National Forest.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

### **National Agricultural Library**

#### **Notice of Intent To Seek Renewal of Existing Information Collection**

**AGENCY:** USDA, Agricultural Research Service, National Agricultural Library.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–13) and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations at 5 CFR part 1320 (60 FR 44978, August 29, 1995), this notice announces the National Agricultural Library's intent to

request approval for a new electronic mailing list subscription form from researchers and practitioners working with water quality and water resources. This voluntary form gives individuals an opportunity to receive and post messages to an electronic discussion list maintained by the Water Quality Information Center (WQIC).

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by February 20, 2009 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- **Agency Web site:** <http://www.nal.usda.gov/wqic/askaquestion.php>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments on the Water Quality Information Center Web site.

- **Fax:** 301–504–6409 attention Water Quality Information Center.

- **Mail/Hand Delivery/Courier:** Water Quality Information Center/National Agricultural Library, 10301 Baltimore Ave., Room 107, Beltsville, Maryland 20705–2351.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Title:** Electronic Mailing List Subscription Form.

**OMB Number:** 0518–0045.

**Expiration Date:** 3 years from date of approval.

**Type of Request:** Renewal of existing information collection from Water Quality Information Center distribution list subscribers.

**Abstract:** The National Agricultural Library's Water Quality Information Center (WQIC) currently maintains an on-line (electronic) announcement-only distribution list. Announcements are distributed to and by distribution list subscribers (participants) through e-mail messages (the service). Participants study or practice in the subject areas covering water and agriculture. Submission of the voluntary "Electronic Mailing List Subscription Form" gives individual researchers and practitioners the opportunity to directly receive and post (share) appropriate announcements through the service. This form contains five items and is used to collect information regarding subjects of interest of potential participants prior to the assignment of distribution list subscriptions. An electronic distribution list subscription form is in place to determine significant interest in potential subscribers through self-description. Information collected includes the potential participant's name, e-mail address, job title, work affiliation, and topics of interest. The online submission form will continue to serve as an efficient vehicle that allows WQIC staff to ensure topical integrity of