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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13. Comments are requested regarding; whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments regarding this information collection received by December 28, 2023 will be considered. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it

displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Foreign Agricultural Service

Title: Dairy Tariff-Rate Import Quota Licensing Regulation.

OMB Control Number: 0551–0001.

Summary of Collection: The Dairy Tariff-Rate Import Quota regulation (7 CFR 6.20–6.37) governs the administration of the import licensing system applicable to most dairy products subject to tariff-rate quotas (TRQs). The importation of most cheese made from cow's milk and certain noncheese dairy articles (butter, dried milks, and butter substitutes) are subject to TRQs and must be accompanied by an import license issued by the Department to enter at the lower tariff. Importers without licenses may enter these dairy articles, but are required to pay the higher tariff.

Each quota year, applicants for historical, non-historical and designated licenses must certify their eligibility for the following quota year through the online Agricultural Trade License Administration System (ATLAS) platform. The ATLAS application process requires applicants to: (1) certify they are an importer, manufacturer, or exporter of certain dairy products; and (2) certify they meet the eligibility requirements of § 6.23 of the Regulation. Applicants for non-historical licenses must request licenses in descending order of preference for specific products and countries listed on the form.

Need and Use of the Information: The information collected will be used by the Foreign Agricultural Service, Dairy Import Licensing Group, in the administration of the tariff-rate import quota licensing system for certain dairy products and the issuance of licenses in accordance with the Regulation. The Regulation requires records pertaining to an applicant's eligibility to be retained for 5 years after the end of a quota year.

Description of Respondents: Importers and manufacturers of cheese and non-cheese dairy products, and exporters of non-cheese dairy products.

Number of Respondents: 700.

Frequency of Responses: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 394.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Forest Service Manual 2000 National Forest Resource Management; Chapter 2040 National Forest System Monitoring

AGENCY: Forest Service, Agriculture (USDA).

ACTION: Notice of availability for public comment.

SUMMARY: The Forest Service (Forest Service or Agency), United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), is proposing to establish a new chapter and new direction for all types of monitoring activities across the National Forest System to track conditions and inform evidence-based decision-making and adaptive management.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing by December 28, 2023.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted electronically to <https://cara.fs2c.usda.gov/Public/CommentInput?project=ORMS-3585>. Written comments may be mailed to Mara Alexander, National Adaptive Management Program Lead, Ecosystem Management Coordination, 201 14th Street SW, Washington, DC 20024. All timely received comments, including names and addresses, will be placed in the record and will be available for public inspection and copying. The public may inspect comments received at <https://cara.fs2c.usda.gov/Public/ReadingRoom?project=ORMS-3585>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mara Alexander, National Adaptive Management Program Lead, Ecosystem Management Coordination, at 202–597–1245 or by electronic mail to mara.alexander@usda.gov. Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf and hard of hearing (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service at 800–877–8339, 24 hours a day, every day of the year, including holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed new Forest Service Manual

Chapter 2040 on National Forest System Monitoring will improve the Agency's ability to make evidence-based decisions, as required by the 2012 Planning Rule and the Foundations for Evidence-Based Policymaking Act of 2018. The proposed directive creates a framework that clearly defines the Forest Service's monitoring principles, what those principles are intended to accomplish, and the roles and responsibilities for leaders at all levels to implement the policy. An analysis of existing agency policy in Forest Service Handbooks and Manuals was conducted to evaluate monitoring requirements to inform the development of a National Forest System monitoring policy.

The Forest Service has determined that the proposed new directive sets forth policy and responsibilities, with the goal of providing current direction applicable to the Forest Service monitoring program. Therefore, the Forest Service is publishing the proposed directive for public comment in accordance with 36 CFR part 216. The Forest Service is seeking public comment on the proposed directive, including the sufficiency of the proposed directive in meeting its stated objectives, ways to enhance the utility and clarity of information within the direction, or ways to streamline processes outlined. The proposed directive location of this new chapter has the potential to change. It is expected that Chapter 2040 will replace Chapter 1940—Inventory, Monitoring, and Assessment Activities which established direction associated solely for land management planning.

Forest Service National Environmental Policy Act procedures exclude from documentation in an environmental assessment or impact statement "rules, regulations, or policies to establish service wide administrative procedures, program processes, or instructions" 36 CFR 220.6(d)(2). The Agency's conclusion is that these proposed directives fall within this category of actions and that no extraordinary circumstances exist as currently defined that require preparation of an environmental assessment or an environmental impact statement.

After the public comment period closes, the Forest Service will consider timely comments that are within the scope of the proposed directive in the development of the final directive. A notice of the final directive, including a response to timely comments, will be posted on the Forest Service's web page at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/about-agency/regulations-policies/comment-on-directives>.

Dated: November 9, 2023.

Gregory Smith,

Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest System.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests; Idaho; Land Management Plan Revision for the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests

AGENCY: Forest Service, Agriculture (USDA).

ACTION: Notice of opportunity to object to the revised land management plan and Regional Forester's list of species of conservation concern for the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests.

SUMMARY: The Forest Service is revising the Nez Perce and Clearwater National Forests' 1987 Land and Resource Management Plans. The Forest Service has prepared a final environmental impact statement (EIS) for the revised land management plan and a draft record of decision (ROD).

This notice is to inform the public that the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests are initiating a 60-day period where individuals or entities with specific concerns about the revised land management plan and the associated final EIS may file objections for Forest Service review prior to the approval of the revised land management plan. This is also an opportunity to object to the Regional Forester's list of species of conservation concern on the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests.

DATES: The publication date of the legal notice in the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests' newspaper of record, Lewiston Morning Tribune, initiates the 60-day objection filing period and is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an objection (36 CFR 219.52(c)(5)). An electronic scan of the legal notice with the publication date will be posted at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/nezperceclearwater>.

ADDRESSES: The Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests' revised land management plan, final EIS, draft ROD, and other supporting information will be available for review at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/nezperceclearwater> and click on Nez Perce-Clearwater Forest Plan Revision. The Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests' list of species of conservation concern and other supporting information will be available for review at: <http://bit.ly/>

NorthernRegion-SCC. These web addresses include an objection template as an aid to providing the required information. Please be explicit as to whether the objection is for the land management plan or the species of conservation concern.

Objections must be submitted to the Objection Reviewing Officer by one of the following methods:

- *Electronically:* Electronic objections must be submitted to the Objection Reviewing Officer via the objection webform at <https://cara.fs2c.usda.gov/Public//CommentInput?Project=44089>. Electronic submissions must be submitted in a format that is readable with optical character recognition software (e.g., Word, PDF, Rich Text) and be searchable.

- *Regular mail, private carrier, or hand delivery:* Address to the Objection Reviewing Officer, USDA Forest Service, Northern Region, 26 Fort Missoula Road, Missoula, MT 59804. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding Federal holidays.

- *Fax:* Objections can be faxed to the Objection Reviewing Officer at (406) 329–3411. The fax coversheet must include a subject line with "Nez Perce-Clearwater Forest Plan Objection" or "Nez Perce-Clearwater Species of Conservation Concern" and should specify the number of pages being submitted.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Public and Government Relations Staff Officer Zach Peterson, 1008 Highway 64, Kamiah, Idaho 83536, 208–935–4239. Additional information concerning the draft ROD may be obtained on the internet at the websites listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this document.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The decision to approve the revised land management plan for the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests and the Regional Forester's identification of species of conservation concern is subject to the objection process identified in 36 CFR part 219 subpart B (219.50 to 219.62). Per 36 CFR 219.53, only individuals and entities who have submitted substantive formal comments related to a plan revision during the opportunities for public comment that are attributable to the objector may file an objection unless the objection