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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Agriculture will submit the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13 on or after the date of publication of this notice. Comments are requested regarding: (1) 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; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden 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 through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received by June 16, 2025. 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

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National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS)

Title: Agricultural Resource Management and Chemical Use Surveys—Substantive Change.

OMB Control Number: 0535–0218.

Summary of Collection: General authority for these data collection activities is granted under U.S. Code, title 7, section 2204 which specifies that “The Secretary of Agriculture shall procure and preserve all information concerning agriculture which he can obtain . . . by the collection of statistics . . .”. The primary objective of the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) is to provide data users with timely and reliable agricultural production and economic statistics, as well as environmental and specialty agricultural related statistics. To accomplish this objective, NASS relies on the use of diverse surveys that show changes within the farming industry over time.

The National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) is proposing a substantive change to the ARMS 1 & 2 and Chemical Use Survey IC (0535–0218) to incorporate updates to the ARMS 2 Cotton Questionnaire and the Fruit Chemical Use questionnaire.

The ARMS 2 Potato questionnaire will remain unchanged.

Need and Use of the Information: These changes will provide updated data for cotton and fruit that are essential for evaluating the economic and environmental consequences of farm chemical regulations.

Description of Respondents: Farms and Ranches.

Number of Respondent: 116,650.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Less than five times per year.

Total Burden Hours: 52,147.

Levi S. Harrell,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Pemigewasset Ranger District; White Mountain National Forest; Grafton County New Hampshire; Waterville Valley Resort EIS

AGENCY: Forest Service, Agriculture (USDA).

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

SUMMARY: The White Mountain National Forest (WMNF) is initiating the preparation of an environmental impact statement (EIS) to analyze and disclose the potential significant environmental effects of projects proposed by Waterville Valley Resort (WVR). The proposed projects (proposed action) are identified within WVR's 2020 Master Development Plan (MDP), and include installation of a village to summit lift system; construction of new traditional and gladed ski terrain; development of new on-mountain facilities; development of new snowmaking infrastructure; construction of a new parking lot; and amendments to the 2005 Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan) to permit the expansion of WVR's existing special use permit (SUP) boundary and to remove the applicability of Forest-wide Canada Lynx Standard S–3 consistent with the National Forest Management Act (NFMA). The Planning, Administrative Review, and Litigation System identification number for the project is 67459.

DATES: Comments concerning the scope of the analysis must be received by June 16, 2025. The draft EIS will be released a year from publishing of the Notice of Intent (NOI) and the final EIS will be released two years from publishing of the NOI, initiating the objection period.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be sent electronically to SM.whitemountain.comments@usda.gov or via facsimile to 603–536–3685. Please put “Waterville Valley Resort scoping” in the subject line. Send written comments to Derek Iburguen, Forest Supervisor, c/o Justin Preisendorfer, Winter Sports Team Leader, White Mountain National Forest, 71 White Mountain Drive, Campton, NH 03223.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Matt Loscalzo, Project Manager, by email at

matthew.loscalzo@usda.gov or by phone at 720-908-1213.

Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 844-433-2774, 24 hours a day, every day of the year, including holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose and Need for Action

The purpose of, and need for, Forest Service action is to respond to an application submitted by WVR under the National Forest Ski Area Permit Act of 1986 and Ski Area Recreational Opportunity Act of 2011 to expand their permit boundary and to implement projects from their Forest Service-accepted MDP.

The objective of the proposed action is to connect WVR and the Town of Waterville Valley amenities and increase the availability of terrain and services at the resort to meet growing guest expectations. To meet this objective, WVR is proposing various projects to enhance the recreation experience which cannot be accomplished with existing amenities and infrastructure.

Proposed Action

The proposed action includes projects located on, or connected to, National Forest System (NFS) lands managed by the WMNF.

WVR proposes to construct a lift system between the Town of Waterville Valley and WVR; increase terrain diversity and quantity of gladed (tree skiing) terrain; improve lift and terrain access for guests at the WVR base area; and provide additional on-mountain guest services.

WVR's existing 3,066-acre SUP boundary is proposed to increase by approximately 333 acres. Additionally, 377 acres would be designated as Management Area 9.2—Alpine Ski Area Expansion for potential future development requiring site-specific NEPA analysis prior to any implementation. A village-to-summit lift system is proposed to provide direct non-vehicular transit between the Town of Waterville Valley and WVR. The 10-person lift system would be approximately 8,550 feet in length and would include two separate segments and a mid-station. The bottom terminal would be located on private land owned by a sister company to the proponent which would be analyzed in the EIS as a connected action. Approximately 200 acres of new gladed terrain and up to 32 acres of traditional ski terrain is proposed within WVR's existing and proposed SUP boundary. New

snowmaking infrastructure is proposed to provide snowmaking coverage to all traditional ski terrain, totaling approximately 32 acres of new snowmaking. Two new on-mountain facilities are also proposed, including a lift system mid-station building with a guest service and administrative space, as well as a restaurant at the top of Green Peak. Additionally, a parking lot with approximately 80 parking spaces is proposed adjacent to the lift system mid-station. To provide access to the lot and to the proposed mid-station, an approximately 700-foot-long access road would be constructed from Tripoli Road.

To accommodate the proposed action, an amendment to the Forest Plan is proposed to reallocate approximately 710 acres of NFS lands to Management Area 7.1—Alpine Ski Area and Management Area 9.2—Alpine Ski Area Expansion; additionally, 387 acres of NFS lands currently designated as Management Area 9.2—Alpine Ski Area Expansion is proposed to be reallocated to new Management Areas which would preclude future expansion of downhill skiing infrastructure. Further, a programmatic amendment to the Forest Plan is also proposed to remove the applicability of Forest-wide Canada Lynx Standard S-3 from within the proposed SUP boundary expansion and adjacent block of proposed Management Area 9.2—Alpine Ski Area Expansion.

Preliminary Alternatives

An EIS is being used due to the potential loss of suitable habitat for Canada Lynx and potential significant effects to lynx habitat. These effects could drive analysis alternatives.

Expected Impacts

The proposed action has the potential to result in significant impacts to various resources. Specific issues to be analyzed in the forthcoming EIS in order to determine significance include, but are not limited to potential impacts to water quality and quantity from increases in run-off and peak flows, potential impacts to suitable Canada lynx foraging and denning habitat, the potential for increased soil erosion and soil compaction from tree-clearing and grading associated with construction and operation of the proposed projects, and potential impacts to northern long-eared, tricolored, and woodland bats due to tree clearing. In addition to the proposed ski area development, reallocations of Forest Plan Management Areas could impact resources through changes to management prescriptions and designated uses that exist for those Management Areas.

Lead and Cooperating Agencies

The Forest Service is the lead Federal agency for NEPA compliance, review, and approval concerning the EIS. While the Forest Service is the lead agency for this project, any government agency with jurisdiction or special expertise relating to a proposed action may be a cooperating agency in the NEPA process, at the request of the lead agency. Any such agency may also request to be designated as a cooperating agency. At this time, no agency has been designated or requested to be involved as a cooperating agency.

Responsible Official

The responsible official is White Mountain National Forest Supervisor, Derek Ibarguen.

Scoping Comments and the Objection Process

This notice of intent initiates the scoping process, which guides the development of the environmental impact statement. In this process, the Agency is requesting comments on potential alternatives and impacts, and identification of any relevant information, studies or analyses of any kind concerning impacts affecting the quality of the human environment. One public open house meeting and one virtual meeting will be held during the public scoping comment period. The open house date and location and link to the virtual meeting will be posted to the project website: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/r09/whitemountain/projects/67459>. Representatives from the WMNF and WVR will be present to provide additional information on the proposed action.

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 draft EIS; therefore, comments should be provided prior to the close of the comment period and should clearly articulate the reviewer's concerns. Commenting during scoping and any other designated opportunity to comment provided by the responsible official as prescribed by the applicable regulations will also govern eligibility to object once the final EIS and draft record of decision (ROD) has been published. 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, they do not establish eligibility for the objection process.

Objections will be accepted only from those who have previously submitted

specific written comments regarding the proposed project during scoping or other designated opportunity for public comment in accordance with 36 CFR 218.5 and 219.53. Issues raised in objections must be based on previously submitted timely, specific written comments regarding the proposed project unless based on new information arising after designated opportunities.

Permits, Licenses or Other Authorizations Required

Permits and other authorizations required for this project include a Forest Service SUP amendment. Additionally, WVR will be responsible for acquiring all relevant permits prior to implementation such as but not limited to a New Hampshire (NH) Department of Transportation (DOT) driveway permit, NH DOT encroachment agreement, NH Department of Environmental Services (DES) alteration of terrain permit, and NH DES wetlands permit.

Nature of Decision To Be Made

Given the purpose and need, the responsible official will review the proposed action, any other potential alternatives to be developed, and environmental consequences to determine whether the proposed action complies with all applicable laws governing Forest Service actions and with applicable standards and guidelines found in the Forest Plan; whether the EIS has sufficient site-specific environmental analysis to make an informed decision; and whether the proposed action meets the purpose and need for action. With this information, the responsible official must decide whether to select the proposed action, in whole or in part, or one of any other potential alternatives that may be developed, and what, if any, additional actions should be required.

Substantive Requirements

The substantive requirements of 36 CFR 219.8 through 219.11 that directly apply to the proposed Forest Plan amendments are § 219.8(a) and (b) sustainability, § 219.9(a) diversity of plant and animal communities, § 219.10(a) multiple uses, and § 219.11(c) and (d) timber requirements based on NFMA.

Ellen Shultzabarger,

Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest System.

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

Notice of Decennial Review of Operational Files Designations

AGENCY: Central Intelligence Agency.

ACTION: Notice of decennial review of CIA operational file designations.

SUMMARY: The Central Intelligence Agency (“CIA” or “the Agency”) is soliciting comments regarding the historical value of, or other public interest in, the CIA files designated by the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency (DCIA) pursuant to the CIA Information Act of 1984.

DATES: Comments must be received by June 16, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted by the following methods: By mail to Michelle Y. Murphy-Bell, Director Enterprise Data Management, Central Intelligence Agency, Washington, DC 20505, or by fax to (703) 613-3007.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michelle Y. Murphy-Bell, Director Enterprise Data Management, Central Intelligence Agency, telephone (703) 613-1287.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The CIA Information Act of 1984, codified in section 3141 of title 50 of the United States Code, authorizes the DCIA to designate certain operational files of the CIA Directorate of Operations (DO), Directorate of Science and Technology (DS&T), and Office of Security (OS) as exempt from the search, review, and disclosure provisions of the Freedom of Information Act. The statute defines operational files as:

1. Files of the DO that document the conduct of foreign intelligence or counterintelligence operations or intelligence or security liaison arrangements or information exchanges with foreign governments or their intelligence or security services;

2. Files of the DS&T that document the means by which foreign intelligence or counterintelligence is collected through scientific and technical systems; and

3. Files of the OS that document investigations conducted to determine the suitability of potential foreign intelligence or counterintelligence sources; except that files that are the sole repository of disseminated intelligence are not operational files.

The CIA Information Act of 1984 requires that, not less than once every ten years, the DCIA shall review the exemptions in force to determine whether such exemptions may be removed from any category of exempted

files or any portion thereof. The last review was completed in November 2015. The following represents a summary of the general categories of operational files that have been maintained within the DO, the DS&T, and the OS since the last decennial review:

1. Files of the DO that document the intelligence sources and methods associated with various operational and foreign liaison activities, that document the conduct and management of various operational and foreign liaison activities, and that document the assessment of the viability of potential operational and foreign liaison activities and potential intelligence sources and methods;

2. Files of the DS&T that document the use of scientific and technical systems in the conduct of and in support of various operational and intelligence collection activities;

3. Files of the OS that document various aspects of the investigations conducted to determine the suitability of potential foreign intelligence or counterintelligence sources proposed for use in various operational activities.

The CIA is in the process of conducting the 2025 decennial review of its operational files to determine whether any of the previously designated files, or portions thereof, can be removed from any of the specified categories of exempted files. The CIA Information Act of 1984 requires that the decennial review “include consideration of the historical value or other public interest in the subject matter of the particular category of files or portions thereof and the potential for declassifying a significant part of the information contained therein.” In accordance with this requirement, the CIA hereby solicits comments for the DCIA’s consideration during the decennial review of the CIA’s operational files regarding the historical value of, or other public interest in, the subject matter of these particular categories of files or portions thereof described above.

Dated: May 7, 2025.

Michelle Y. Murphy-Bell,

Director, Enterprise Data Management, Central Intelligence Agency.

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