

Other Information: Additional information about APHIS and its programs is available on the Internet at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information on the regulations for the interstate movement of certain land tortoises, contact Dr. Peter Merrill, Senior Staff Veterinarian, National Center for Import and Export, VS, 4700 River Road Unit 41, Riverdale, MD 20737; (301) 734-0649. For copies of more detailed information on the information collection, contact Mrs. Celeste Sickles, APHIS' Information Collection Coordinator, at (301) 734-7477.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Interstate Movement of Certain Land Tortoises.

OMB Number: 0579-0156.

Type of Request: Extension of approval of an information collection.

Abstract: The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) regulates the importation and interstate movement of certain animals and animal products to prevent the introduction into or dissemination within the United States of pests and diseases of livestock.

The regulations in 9 CFR part 93 prohibit the importation of the leopard tortoise, the African spurred tortoise, and the Bell's hingeback tortoise to prevent the introduction and spread of exotic ticks known to be vectors of heartwater disease, an acute, infectious disease of cattle and other ruminants. The regulations in 9 CFR part 74 prohibit the interstate movement of those tortoises that are already in the United States unless the tortoises are accompanied by a health certificate or certificate of veterinary inspection. The certificate must be signed by an APHIS accredited veterinarian and must state that the tortoises have been examined by that veterinarian and found free of ticks.

We are asking the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve our use of this certificate for an additional 3 years.

The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments from the public (as well as affected agencies) concerning our information collection. These comments will help us:

(1) Evaluate 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) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the information collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the information collection on those who are to respond, through use, as appropriate, of automated, electronic, mechanical, and other collection technologies, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Estimate of burden: The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.083 hours per response.

Respondents: APHIS accredited veterinarians, U.S. tortoise breeders, and members of tortoise adoption organizations.

Estimated annual number of respondents : 150.

Estimated annual number of responses per respondent: 20.

Estimated annual number of responses: 3,000.

Estimated total annual burden on respondents: 249 hours. (Due to averaging, the total annual burden hours may not equal the product of the annual number of responses multiplied by the reporting burden per response.)

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Done in Washington, DC, this 12th day of March 2007.

Kevin Shea,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Klamath National Forest, California, Westpoint

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Cancellation notice.

SUMMARY: On June 23, 2006, a Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Westpoint Project on the Scott River Ranger District of the Klamath National Forest, was published in the **Federal Register** (71 FR 36056-36058). The Forest Service has decided to cancel the preparation of this EIS. The NOI is hereby rescinded.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bill Bailey, Timber Management Officer, Salmon/Scott River Ranger District, 11263 N. Highway 3, Fort Jones, CA 96032, telephone (530) 468-5351.

Dated: March 9, 2007.

Margaret J. Boland,

Forest Supervisor, Klamath National Forest.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Pike and San Isabel National Forest Cimarron and Comanche Grasslands, Colorado; Upper Arkansas Water Conservancy District Reservoir Analysis

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: The USDA Forest Service (FS) and the Upper Arkansas Water Conservancy District (UAWCD) have agreed to work cooperatively for the creation of the necessary environmental analysis and associated documents for the purpose of potential expansion construction of the North Fork Reservoir Water storage facility, reconstruction of the Boss Lake Reservoir emergency spillway, and long term operations and maintenance of all three reservoirs operated by UAWCD (Boss Lake, O'Haver, and North Fork). The FS has determined that all three facilities should be analyzed under an "all-inclusive" Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) which addresses each facility individually.

The UAWCD has agreed to pay for all necessary NEPA analysis through a third party consultant working for the FS. The FS will oversee the final approval of:

1. The environmental firm awarded the contract to conduct the NEPA analysis.

2. The quality/thoroughness of the final environmental document.

3. Any future long-term Special Use Permit (naming UAWCD as the holder) covering the operational hydrology and maintenance needs of each individual water storage facility.

DATES: Comments concerning the scope of the analysis must be postmarked or received within 45 days from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** to ensure full consideration. The draft environmental impact statement is expected January 2008 and the final environmental impact statement is expected April 2008.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to; USDA Forest Service, Salida Ranger District, ATTN: Mike Sugaski, 325 W. Rainbow Blvd., Salida, CO 81201.

Comments may be submitted electronically to musgaski@fs.fed.us. Comments may also be sent by fax to (719) 539-3593.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mike Sugaski, Recreation Staff, Salida Ranger District at the address noted above or by calling (719) 539-3591.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose and Need for Action

The UAWCD has determined that there is a need to operate all three reservoirs to meet the user demands and a growing population. Also driving this project's Purpose and Need is the fact that each facility's term Special Use Permit (SUP) has expired. The FS feels that a thorough understanding of each facility's associated watershed and operational hydrology must be reached before term SUPs can be reissued to UAWCD. The Instream Flow Incremental Methodology (IFIM) will be used to assist in determining appropriate discharge volumes and flow regimes necessary for protection of terrestrial and aquatic life and maintain stream channel stability below each reservoir.

Proposed Action

UAWCD proposes to operate all three reservoirs to meet future water demands. They intend to analyze the feasibility of increasing the capacity of North Fork Reservoir and reconstructing the Boss Lake Reservoir emergency spillway, as well as assess the long term operation and maintenance requirements and future operational hydrology scenarios for all three reservoirs. The proposed expansion being analyzed for North Fork Reservoir could double the live storage capacity from 516 acre feet to 1024 acre feet, which would increase the surface acreage of the lake from 33 acres to 42 acres. To accommodate the additional storage, the dam height would be raised 15 feet.

The FS proposes that all three water storage facilities be analyzed under an "all-inclusive" Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) which addresses each facility individually.

Possible Alternatives

Other than the "Proposed Action" brought forward by UAWCD, and the "No Action" alternative, additional alternatives to this proposed project have not been identified at this time. Potential alternatives to the proposed action will undoubtedly surface during the internal and external scoping and public comment periods required during the NEPA process.

Lead and Cooperating Agencies

The USDA Forest Service will be the lead agency for this project, but will consult with other concerned local, state, and federal entities as appropriate. For example, Section 7 consultation with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service will be completed for the analysis area for Threatened and Endangered Species (TES).

Responsible Official

The responsible official is Robert J. Leaverton, PSICC Forest Supervisor, 2840 Kachina Drive, Pueblo, CO 81008.

Nature of Decision To Be Made

The responsible official will decide whether or not to allow for expansion of North Fork Reservoir, allow the reconstruction of the Boss Lake Reservoir emergency spillway, and approve the long term operation and maintenance requirements and future operational hydrology scenarios for all three reservoirs. The decision and rationale for the decision will be documented in the Record of Decision, which will be subject to Forest Service Appeal Regulations (36 CFR part 215).

Scoping Process

Internal FS scoping has already begun in the form of posting the project within the Schedule of Proposed Actions (SOPA), Interdisciplinary Team (IDT) meetings, conference calls, and FS specialist field reviews of various sites within the analysis area. External public scoping was initiated by way of listing the project within SOPA, posting a legal public notice in the Salida District's local newspaper, the Mountain Mail, on August 25, 2004, as well as radio announcements by the local Colorado Division of Wildlife (CDOW).

In addition to these preliminary forms of scoping, the FS plans on holding public meetings throughout various stages of this project to ensure that all relevant issues and concerns are brought to the attention of the agency before issuing the final decision. The times and locations of these meetings are yet to be determined.

Preliminary Issues

Some preliminary issues identified for this project include the following:

1. Expired long-term SUP's for all three facilities.
2. Appropriate discharge volumes needed to protect terrestrial and aquatic life and maintain stream channel stability below each reservoir while meeting UAWCD water rights and user demands.

3. Effects to the high-use scenic campground at North Fork and Boss Lake.

4. Unrestricted public access to each facility.

5. Effects to private landowners adjacent to North Fork and Boss Lake.

6. Impacts to sub-alpine wetland areas at North Fork, and effects to two rare plant species identified near the North Fork facility (moonwort, *Botrychium spp.*).

Permits or Licenses Required

Each facility's term Special Use Permit (SUP) has expired. The FS feels that a thorough understanding of each facility's associated watershed and operational hydrology must be reached before term SUPs can be reissued to UAWCD. Temporary Special Use Permits have been issued to UAWCD to allow for the continued operation of the existing water storage facilities.

An Army Corps of Engineers 404 permit has been obtained by UAWCD in order to implement work that may be necessary within or adjacent to designated wetland areas around the North Fork facility. Additional 404 permits may be necessary at Boss Lake and North Fork prior to implementing any selected alternative.

Comment Requested

This Notice of Intent supports the scoping process which guides the development of the environmental impact statement.

Early Notice of Importance of Public Participation in Subsequent Environmental Review

A draft environmental impact statement will be prepared for public comment. The comment period on the draft environmental impact statement will be 45 days from the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes the notice of availability in the local newspaper. The Forest Service believes, at this early stage, it is important to give reviewers notice of several court rulings related to public participation in the environmental review process.

First, reviewers of draft environmental impact statements must structure their participation in the environmental review of the proposal so that it is meaningful and alerts an agency to the reviewer's position and contentions (*Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corp. v. NRDC*, 435 U.S. 519, 553 (1978)). Also, environmental objections that could be raised at the draft environmental impact statement stage, but are not raised until after completion of the final environmental impact

statement may be waived or dismissed by the courts (*City of Angoon v. Hodel*, 803 F.2d 1016, 1022 (9th Cir. 1986) and *Wisconsin Heritages, Inc. v. Harris*, 490 F. Supp. 1334, 1338 (E.D. Wis. 1980)).

Because of these court rulings, it is very important that those interested in this proposed action participate by the close of the 45-day comment period so that substantive comments and objections are made available to the Forest Service at a time when it can meaningfully consider them and respond to them in the final environmental impact statement.

To assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering issues and concerns on the proposed action, comments on the draft environmental impact statement should be as specific as possible. It is also helpful if comments refer to specific pages or chapters of the draft statement. Comments may also address the adequacy of the draft environmental impact statement or the merits of the alternatives formulated and discussed in the statement.

Reviewers may wish to refer to the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act at 40 CFR 1503.3 in addressing these points. Comments received, including the names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record on this proposal and will be available for public inspection.

(Authority: 40 CFR 1501.7 and 1508.22; Forest Service Handbook 1909.15, Section 21)

Dated: March 12, 2007.

Robert J. Leaverton,
Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Lake Tahoe Basin Federal Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Lake Tahoe Basin Federal Advisory Committee will hold a meeting on March 29, 2007 at the North Tahoe Conference Center, Kings Beach, CA 96143. This Committee, established by the Secretary of Agriculture on December 15, 1998 (64 FR 2876), is chartered to provide advice to the Secretary on implementing the terms of the Federal Interagency Partnership on

the Lake Tahoe Region and other matters raised by the Secretary.

DATES: The meeting will be held March 29, 2007, beginning at 9 a.m. and ending at 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the North Tahoe Conference Center, Kings Beach, CA 96143.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Arla Hains, Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, Forest Service, 35 College Drive, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150, (530) 543-2773.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Items to be covered on the agenda include: (1) The revised Lake Tahoe Federal Advisory Committee Communications Plan; (2) the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act Round 8; and, (3) Public Comment. All Lake Tahoe Basin Federal Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend at the above address. Issues may be brought to the attention of the Committee during the open public comment period at the meeting or by filing written statements with the secretary for the Committee before or after the meeting. Please refer any written comments to the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit at the contact address stated above.

Dated: March 12, 2007.

Joseph Keely,

Acting Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Meeting of the Land Between the Lakes Advisory Board

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Land Between The Lakes Advisory Board will hold a meeting on Thursday, April 5, 2007. Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2.

The meeting agenda includes the following:

- (1) Welcome/Introductions
- (2) Board Discussion on Public Comments Received
- (3) Strategies for Environmental Education
- (4) Brandon Spring Group Center Program Presentation
- (5) Discussions with Students Visiting Brandon Spring Group Center

The meeting is open to the public. Written comments are invited and may

be mailed to: William P. Lisowsky, Area Supervisor, Land Between The Lakes, 100 Van Morgan Drive, Golden Pond, Kentucky 42211. Written comments must be received at Land Between The Lakes by March 29, 2007, in order for copies to be provided to the members at the meeting. Board members will review written comments received, and at their request, oral clarification may be requested at a future meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on April 5, 2007, 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Brandon Spring Group Center at Land Between The Lakes, Kentucky, and will be open to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sharon Byers, Advisory Board Liaison, Land Between The Lakes, 100 Van Morgan Drive, Golden Pond, Kentucky 42211, 270-924-2002.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: None.

Dated: March 9, 2007.

William P. Lisowsky,

Area Supervisor, Land Between The Lakes.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the California Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights and the Federal Advisory Committee Act, that a factfinding, planning meeting with briefing of the California Advisory Committee will convene at 10 a.m. and adjourn at 4 p.m. on Friday, March 23, 2007, at the Federal Building, 300 N. Los Angeles Street, Conference Room 8529, Los Angeles, California 90012. The purpose of the factfinding, planning meeting with briefing is to obtain information for the FY 2008 Statutory Report on Religion in Prisons.

Persons desiring additional information, or planning to present a statement to the Committee, should contact Thomas V. Pilla, Civil Rights Analyst of the Western Regional Office, 213-894-3437 (TDD 213-894-3435). Hearing impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Regional Office at least ten (10) working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission and the Federal Advisory Committee Act.