

- Practices to minimize potential spread of non-native invasive species and treatment of high priority populations when found. Practices to minimize effects to threatened, endangered or sensitive wildlife or plant species which may include adjustments to project timing, pre-work surveys in potential habitat, avoiding activities in certain locations, maintaining key parts of the habitat (snags, cavities, rock outcrops are examples), and avoidance of live advanced regeneration in the understory.

- Safety items such as alerting the public of activities, signing roads, ensuring equipment meets operational standards and oversight by Forest Service staff.

Since the decision will be implemented using an adaptive management process, the use of monitoring results to advise Forest Service managers is critical to success of the project. Basic steps used in the adaptive management process are:

- An interdisciplinary team (IDT) will be used to complete all required surveys for a particular project area, complete required layout and marking to the stand, decide the appropriate design features to be applied, and determine how best to implement required monitoring. A project "checklist" documenting compliance with requirements of the EIS will be completed. Members of the IDT will sign the checklist documenting compliance.

- Projects will be implemented through timbersale contracts or other appropriate mechanisms. Forest Service employees (e.g. sale administrators) will oversee provision of the contract to ensure compliance.

- During and following implementation of vegetation treatment project, monitoring required by the EIS will be completed. Findings will be summarized in an annual monitoring report that will be posted on the Forest Web site and utilized to inform Forest Service Managers.

- Forest Service Managers incorporate "key findings" into design of future vegetation treatments within bounds of the EIS decision.

Possible Alternatives

The No Action alternative would not authorize any actions on the project area at this time. Other alternatives may be developed in response to public comments.

Lead and Cooperating Agencies

No cooperating agencies have been identified.

Responsible Official

Scott Armentrout, Forest Supervisor, Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests is the Responsible Official.

Nature of Decision To Be Made

After considering the proposed action and any alternatives, the environmental analysis, and public comment, the Forest Supervisor will decide whether to conduct treatments to remove dead and dying trees, treat fuels, reforest trees, reduce and slow the progress of the beetle epidemic, and promote regeneration of aspen stands. If an action alternative is selected, the Forest Supervisor will decide where treatments may occur, and what actions are appropriate and may be taken. Finally, the decision will include the scope of monitoring that should occur. No Forest Plan amendment is proposed.

Scoping Process

This notice of intent initiates the scoping process, which guides the development of the environmental impact statement. 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. 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.

Objection Process

Only those individuals and entities should submit timely and specific written comments (36 CFR 218.2) during official comment periods may file objections during the objection period, which will follow publication of the final environmental impact statement and draft record of decision. Objections filed according to the conditions in 36 CFR 218 Subparts A and B will be reviewed by a Reviewing Officer, who will submit a written response to objections. The final record of decision will be issued only after all the concerns and instructions identified by the reviewing officer have been addressed.

Dated: July 25, 2013.

Scott G. Armentrout,
Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Request for Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; proposed collection; comments requested.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Rural Business-Cooperative Service's intention to request an extension for a currently approved information collection in support of the Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant Program.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by September 30, 2013, to be assured of consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Director, Specialty Programs Division, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, STOP 3226, 1400 Independence Ave. SW., Washington, DC 20250-3225, Telephone (202) 720-1400.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant Program.

OMB Number: 0570-0035.

Expiration Date of Approval: December 31, 2013.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: Under this program, loans and grants are provided to electric and telecommunications utilities that have borrowed funds from the Agency. The purpose of the program is to encourage these electric and telecommunications utilities to promote rural economic development and job creation projects such as business start-up costs, business expansion, community development, and business incubator projects. The utilities must use program loan funds to make a pass-through loan to an ultimate recipient such as a business. The utility is responsible for fully repaying its loan to the government even if the ultimate recipient does not repay its loan. The intermediary must use program grant funds, along with its required contribution, to create a revolving loan fund that the utility will operate and administer. Loans to the ultimate recipient are made from the revolving loan fund for a variety of community development projects. The information requested is necessary and vital in order for the Agency to be able to make prudent and financial analysis decisions.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 2 hours per response.

Respondents: Rural Utilities Service Electric and Telecommunications Borrowers.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 120.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 17.

Estimated Number of Responses: 1,955.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 4,545.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Jeanne Jacobs, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, Support Services Division at (202) 692-0040.

Comments: Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of USDA, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of USDA's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (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 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 may be sent to Jeanne Jacobs, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, Support Services Division, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, STOP 0742, 1400 Independence Ave. SW., Washington, DC 20250-0742. 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.

Dated: July 22, 2013.

Ashli Palmer,

Chief of Staff, Rural Business-Cooperative Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

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Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 247—Erie, Pennsylvania, Notification of Proposed Production Activity, GE Transportation (Locomotives, Off-Highway Vehicles and Motors/Engines), Lawrence Park and Grove City, Pennsylvania

GE Transportation submitted a notification of proposed production activity to the FTZ Board for its facilities in Lawrence Park and Grove City, Pennsylvania within FTZ 247. The notification conforming to the requirements of the regulations of the FTZ Board (15 CFR 400.22) was received on July 18, 2013.

Separate applications for subzone status at the GE Transportation facilities are currently pending (Dockets S-69-2013 and S-70-2013) under Section 400.31 of the Board's regulations. The facilities are used for the manufacturing of locomotives; off-highway vehicle wheels, inverters and brake systems; components, spare parts and subassemblies for locomotives and off-highway vehicles; drill equipment; marine equipment; stationary equipment; diesel locomotive engines; engine turbo chargers; power assemblies; other engine assemblies; and, engine components and spare parts. Pursuant to 15 CFR 400.14(b), FTZ activity would be limited to the specific foreign-status materials and components and specific finished products described in the submitted notification (as described below) and subsequently authorized by the FTZ Board.

Production under FTZ procedures could exempt GE Transportation from customs duty payments on the foreign status components used in export production. On its domestic sales, GE Transportation would be able to choose the duty rates during customs entry procedures that apply to: pads; sand fill assemblies; hoses; couplings; arm rest assemblies; sleeves; tube assemblies; pipe assemblies; caps; elbow assemblies; flange assemblies; coupling assemblies; connector assemblies; adapter assemblies; chain assemblies; lock pin assemblies; washer assemblies; adapters; washer plates; retainers; retainer rings; clevis assemblies; adapter plates; plates; cleats; channels; clamps; sheets; angles; covers; connection straps; valve assemblies; cable assemblies; clear scraper I-beams; barrel bolt assemblies; hinge assemblies; keepers; angle assemblies; base assemblies; baffles; brackets; latch

assemblies; supports; blocks; bracket assemblies; holders; conduit assemblies; diesel engines; engines; piping; air inlets; crankcase assemblies; cylinder head assemblies; doors; orifices; master rod assemblies; piston rod assemblies; piston crowns; piston pin assemblies; power assemblies; shaft assemblies; strongbacks; water header assemblies; nozzle rings; motors; lube oil pumps; water pump assemblies; pipes; support assemblies; air foil fans; blower motor assemblies; fan and motor assemblies; gear units; radial fans; rotors; compressor assemblies; turbo assemblies; stators and frames; air ducts; barrels; blowers; casing; compressors; diffusers; flanges; hubs; impellers; oil drains; rotor assemblies; shroud assemblies; turbine assemblies; shelf assemblies; bonnet assemblies; core lubes; shell assemblies; cover assemblies; strainer assemblies; oil filter assemblies; air filter assemblies; screen assemblies; filter assemblies; breather assemblies; filter box assemblies; sand trap assemblies; valve stems; brake and check valve assemblies; mag valve assemblies; panel assemblies; pipe assemblies; valve bodies; bearing housings; bearing caps; arm shafts; cam shafts; shafts; crankshafts; drive shafts; roller assemblies; bearing assemblies; gear box assemblies; flywheels; coupling assemblies; drive end assemblies; fans; adapter rings; collars; flingers; gears; pinions; rings; auxiliary generators; blower motors; motorized wheels; AC drills; alternators; armatures; bus rings; armature coils; coils; commutators; dynamic brakes; exciter coils; frame barrels; frame heads; magnetic frames; rewind kits; retainer plates; seal rings; stator assemblies; wheel hubs; retarders; panels; commutator coils; field coils; stator frame barrels; exciters; strip heaters; cards; antenna supports; horn assemblies; capacitor assemblies; resistor assemblies; snubber assemblies; potentiometer assemblies; braking potentiometer assemblies; resistors; potentiometers; EFM mod kits; connector boxes; terminals; contactors; brake/switch assemblies; contactor assemblies; relays; braking switches; pressure switches; lamp assemblies; light assemblies; connection assemblies; receptacles; boxes; connector rings; stator kits; PC cards; box assemblies; control groups; controllers; module lists; reverser switches; auxiliary groups; case weldments; auxiliary weldments; arc chute assemblies; weldments; barrier assemblies; coil assemblies; door assemblies; duct assemblies; dynamic brake assemblies; finger assemblies; interlock assemblies; tape rails; diodes; speed sensors; bearing clamps; sensor