

commercial poultry substituted and the amount of donated poultry received by the processor will be adjusted according to guidelines furnished by USDA.

- Any donated poultry not used in end products because of substitution must only be used by the processor at one of its facilities in other commercial processed products and cannot be sold as an intact unit. However, in lieu of processing the donated poultry, the processor may use the product to fulfill other contracts with USDA provided all terms of the other contract are met.

- The only regulatory provision or State processing contract term affected by the demonstration project is the prohibition on substitution of poultry (§ 250.30(f)(1)(i) of the regulations). All other regulatory and contract requirements remain unchanged and must still be met by processors participating in the demonstration project.

The demonstration project will enable FNS to evaluate whether to amend program regulations to provide for the substitution of donated poultry with commercial poultry in the State processing program. Particular attention will be paid to whether such an amendment of the regulations would probably increase the number of processors participating, and whether it would probably increase the quantity of donated poultry that each processor accepts for processing. Further, FNS will attempt to determine whether the expected increase in competition and the expected increase in the quantity of donated poultry accepted for processing enables processors to function more efficiently, producing a greater variety of processed poultry end products in a more timely manner at lower costs.

The data gathered to date from recipient agencies, AMS graders, and AMS procurement has been positive. The data suggests that given additional time, more poultry processors will decide to participate.

Interested processors should submit a written proposal to FNS outlining how they plan to carry out the substitution while complying with the above conditions. Processors who are currently participating in the demonstration should apply to continue in the demonstration. The proposal must contain (1) a step-by-step description of how production will be monitored (2) a complete description of the records that will be maintained for (a) the commercial poultry substituted for the donated poultry (b) the disposition of the donated poultry delivered. All proposals will be reviewed by representatives of the Food Distribution Division of FNS and by

representatives of AMS Poultry Division's Grading Branch. Companies approved for participation in the demonstration project will be required to enter into an agreement with FNS and AMS which authorizes the processor to substitute commercial bulk pack poultry and poultry parts in fulfilling any current or future State processing contracts during the demonstration project period. Participation in the demonstration project will not ensure the processor will receive any State processing contracts.

Dated: June 24, 1999.

Samuel Chambers, Jr.,
Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Foreign Agricultural Service

Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces that the Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) intends to request an extension for a currently approved information collection procedure for Sugar Import Licensing Programs described in 7 CFR part 1530.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received on or before August 30, 1999 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Mail or deliver comments to Stephen C. Hammond, Director, Import Policies and Programs Division, Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Stop 1021, 1400 Independence Ave SW, Washington DC 20250-1021, telephone (202) 720-2916.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David J. Williams, Licensing Authority, Stop 1021, 1400 Independence Ave SW, Washington DC 20250-1021, (202) 720-2916.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Sugar to be Imported and Re-exported in Refined Form or in Sugar Containing Products or Used for the Production of Polyhydric Alcohol.

OMB Number: 0551-0015.

Expiration Date of Approval: November 30, 1999.

Type of Request: Extension and revision of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: The primary objective of the Sugar Import Licensing Program is to permit entry of raw cane sugar exempt from the sugar tariff-rate quota for re-export in refined form or in a sugar containing product or for the production of certain polyhydric alcohols. These programs are in use by as many as 400 licensees currently eligible to participate. Under 7 CFR part 1530, licensees are required to submit the following: (1) "Application for a license" information required for participation as outlined in sections 1530.104 and 1530.110, (2) "Regular reporting" of import, export, transfer, or use for charges and credits to licenses under section 1530.109, and (3) "miscellaneous submission" of bonds or letters credit under section 1530.107, appeals to determinations by the licensing authority under section 1530.112, or requests to the licensing authority for waivers under section 1530.113. In addition, each participant must maintain records on all program reports as set forth in section 1530.110. The information collected is used by the licensing authority to manage, plan, evaluate and account for program activities. The reports and records are required to ensure the proper operation of these programs.

Estimate of Burden: (1) "application for a license" would require 20 hours per response; (2) "regular reporting" would require between 10 and 15 minutes per transaction. The number of transactions per respondent will vary; (3) "miscellaneous submission" would require between 1 or 2 hours per bond or letter of credit, 2 to 10 hours per waiver request, and 10 to 100 hours per appeal.

Respondents: Sugar refiners, manufacturers of sugar containing products and producers of polyhydric alcohol.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 250.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: New/Renew License: 1; Regular reporting: 75 transactions, average; Miscellaneous: 50/250 bonds/letters of credit; 5/250 waiver requests; and 0/250 appeals.

Estimated Total Burden Hours on Respondents: 8,230 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Kimberly Chisley, the Agency Information Collection Coordinator, at (202) 720-2568.

Request for Comments

The public is invited to submit comments and suggestions to the above address regarding the accuracy of the burden estimate, ways to minimize the burden, including the use of automated

collection techniques or other forms of information technology, or any other aspect of this collection of information. Comments on issues covered by the Paperwork Reduction Act are most useful to OMB if received within 30 days of publication of the Notice and Request for Comments, but must be submitted no later than 60 days from the date of publication to be assured consideration. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also be a matter of public record.

Signed at Washington, DC, on June 22, 1999.

Timothy J. Galvin,

Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Quitcupah Creek Road, UTU-57907, Fishlake National Forest and Bureau of Land Management, Richfield District, Sevier and Emery Counties, Utah

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare a third-party environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: The Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management will jointly direct preparation of a Third-Party Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to document the analysis and disclose the environmental and human effects of proposed actions to upgrade and realign an existing road/trail through Quitcupah Canyon, Sevier and Emery Counties, Utah. The road crosses public land parcels administered by the Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management, and the State of Utah, as well as land that is privately owned.

The 9.2-mile Quitcupah Creek Road would connect State Road 10 in T 22 S, R 6 E, Section 30 of Emery County, with an existing Sevier County road in T 22 S, R 4 E, Section 11. This Sevier County road in Convulsion Canyon is utilized predominantly for hauling coal from the SUFCO Mine.

Currently, the Quitcupah Creek Road is unpaved, and is only maintained over the lower 3 to 4 miles.

Within the Quitcupah Creek canyon area, steep cut slopes, the incised stream channel, and erodible soils have

recently rendered the road impassable by vehicles. Livestock are trailed through the canyon seasonally; other users are primarily local recreationists and/or hunters.

Agency Decisions

Separate Records of Decision would be issued by the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management on whether or not to grant right-of-way to Sevier County and under what terms and conditions.

DATES: Written comments concerning the scope of the analysis described in this Notice should be received on or before July 31, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to JBR Environmental Consultants, Inc., 8160 South Highland Drive, Suite A-4, Sandy, Utah 84093.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kay Erickson, Bureau of Land Management, Richfield District, (435) 896-1500; or Linda Jackson, Fishlake National Forest, Richfield, (435) 896-9233.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Sevier County has proposed to upgrade the Quitcupah Creek Road as an additional, shorter haul road for trucks entering Emery County from Canyon Fuels' SUFCO Mine. The Mine would be the primary user of the upgraded road. The road would also provide access to the Accord Lakes area, and a shorter route for those in the Emery area traveling west toward Salina and I-15.

The proposed project would generally follow the existing Quitcupah Creek Road alignment. However, where needed to avoid archeological sites or other constraints to widening, short reaches of the road are proposed to be realigned. Given the proximity of the existing road with Quitcupah Creek in the narrow canyon bottom, it is anticipated that stream crossings would be required.

When completed, the road would have a 26-foot wide paved surface. The corridor width to be disturbed during construction would be expected to average about 100 feet. In addition, several construction equipment staging areas would be required, and would be located along the road corridor. Borrow sites to obtain fill material would also be needed and they may be located adjacent to the project area. The disturbed area associated with this project is expected to be less than 200 acres.

Preliminary Issues

Initially identified issues of concern include: archaeological resources, wildlife, livestock, land use, sensitive

species, wetlands and riparian habitat, stream quality, and socioeconomics.

Possible Alternatives

The EIS will analyze the Proposed Action and No Action Alternatives. Other alternatives may include altering portions of the route, or designing parameters to provide mitigation for resources of concern.

Tentative Project Schedule

The tentative project schedule is as follows:

- Begin Public Comment Period—July, 1999.
- Hold Public Scoping Meetings—July, 1999.
- File Draft EIS—March, 2000.
- File Final EIS—June, 2000.
- Record of Decision—July, 2000.

Public Scoping Meetings

Two public scoping meetings will be held in Utah, each an open house type meeting from 7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m. The open house will include displays explaining the project and a forum for commenting on the project. The meetings will be held as follows:

- July 21, 1999—Museum of the San Rafael, Castle Dale, Utah.
- July 22, 1999—Quality Inn, Richfield, Utah.

Public Input Requested

Comments concerning the Proposed Action and EIS should address issues to be considered, feasible alternatives to examine, possible mitigation, and information relevant to or having bearing on the Proposed Action.

Dated: June 23, 1999.

Ron Sanden,

Acting Forest Supervisor, Fishlake National Forest.

Dave Henderson,

Acting Field Manager, Richfield Bureau of Land Management Field Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Revised Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement; Indian River Timber Sale(s), Sitka and Hoonah Ranger Districts, Tongass National Forest, Sitka, AK

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Revised notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The Department of Agriculture, Forest Service will prepare a Final Environmental Impact Statement