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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Information Collection; Optional Ethnicity Survey

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice: request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Forest Service is seeking comments from all interested individuals and organizations on a new information collection entitled, Optional Ethnicity Survey.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing on or before February 12, 2007 to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: Comments concerning this notice should be addressed to Senior, Youth and Volunteer Programs (SYVP) United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Director, Senior, Youth and Volunteer Programs, P.O. 96090 (Mail Stop 1136), Washington, DC 20090-6090.

Comments also may be submitted via facsimile to (703) 605-5115 or by e-mail to: syvp/wo@fs.fed.us.

The public may inspect comments received at the USDA, Forest Service, Office of the Director, Senior, Youth and Volunteer Programs, Room 1010, 1621 North Kent Street, Arlington, VA 22209 during normal business hours. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead to (703) 605-4854 to facilitate entry to the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ransom Hughes, Senior, Youth and Volunteer Programs at 703-605-4854. Individuals who use TDD may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339, 24 hours a day, every day of the year, including holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Optional Ethnicity Survey.

OMB Number: 0596-NEW.

Type of Request: New.

Abstract: This new information collection will assist in the compilation of the Senior Youth and Volunteer Programs (SYVP) Accomplishment Report. The figures reported regarding participant ethnicity need to be verified and accurate, as the information in the SYVP report is included in the Report of the Forest Service, shared with Congress. SYVP program coordinators will collect information on the ethnicity of each program participant annually, and each SYVP participant will have the opportunity to respond. Inability to collect the information will result in an inability to validate the SYVP Accomplishment Report.

Estimate of Annual Burden: 2 minutes (.0333 hour).

Type of Respondents: SYVP participants.

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 100,000.

Estimated Annual Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 3,333.

Comment is invited on: (1) Whether this collection of information is necessary for the stated purposes and the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical or scientific utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, 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 respondents, including the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

All comments received in response to this notice, including names and addresses when provided, will be a matter of public record. Comments will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval.

Dated: December 7, 2006.

Irving W. Thomas,
Associate Deputy Chief.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Thorn Fire Salvage Recovery Project, Malheur National Forest, Grant County, OR

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA

ACTION: Cancellation Notice.

SUMMARY: On December 8, 2006, a Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Thorn Salvage Recovery Project on the Blue Mountain Ranger District of the Malheur National Forest, was published in the **Federal Register** (71 FR 71120). Forest Service has decided to cancel the preparation of this EIS. The NOI is hereby rescinded.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jerry Hensley, Project Manager, Malheur National Forest, 431 Patterson Bridge Road, P.O. Box 909, John Day, Oregon, telephone 541-575-3167, e-mail jhensley@fs.fed.us.

Dated: December 8, 2006.

Gary L. Benes,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Chrome Fire Salvage Recovery Project, Malheur National Forest, Grant County, OR

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Cancellation Notice.

SUMMARY: On December 8, 2006, a Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Chrome Fire Salvage Recovery Project on the Blue Mountain Ranger District of the Malheur National Forest, was published in the **Federal Register** (71 FR 71121). Forest Service has decided to cancel the preparation of this EIS. The NOI is hereby rescinded.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jerry Hensley, Project Manager, Malheur National Forest, 431 Patterson Bridge Road, P.O. Box 909, John Day, Oregon, telephone 541-575-3167, e-mail jhensley@fs.fed.us.

Dated: December 8, 2006.

Gary L. Benes,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

USDA Forest Service Open Space Conservation Strategy and Implementation Plan

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Request for public input; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: The Forest Service has extended the deadline for receiving input into the development of the USDA Forest Service Open Space Conservation Strategy and Implementation Plan from December 13, 2006, to December 29, 2006. The Strategy and Implementation Plan will help shape the agency's strategic role in a national effort to conserve open space. The Forest Service is interested in addressing the effects of the loss of open space on private forests; on the National Forests and Grasslands and surrounding landscape; and on forests in cities, suburbs, and towns. Input for the Strategy and Implementation Plan should focus on programs, research, partnerships, and/or policy recommendations that could be developed to conserve open space. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for more background on the loss of open space and the Strategy and Implementation Plan.

DATES: The Forest Service will review public input received no later than December 29, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Claire Harper, USDA Forest Service, Cooperative Forestry, Mail Stop Code 1123, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-1123; via electronic mail to openspace@fs.fed.us; or via facsimile to (202) 205-1271. The agency cannot confirm receipt of comments. All comments, including names and addresses when provided, are placed in the record and are available for public inspection. The public may inspect comments during regular business hours at the office of the Cooperative Forestry Staff, 4th Floor SE., Yates Building, 201 14th Street, SW., Washington, DC. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead to (202) 205-1389 to facilitate entry into the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general information about the Open Space Conservation Strategy and Implementation Plan and the loss of

open space, contact Claire Harper, USDA Forest Service, Cooperative Forestry, by telephone at (202) 205-1389 or by electronic mail at openspace@fs.fed.us. For a summary of the Forest Service's current research, programs, and resources available to facilitate open space conservation, please review the Forest Service's publication entitled "Cooperating Across Boundaries: Partnerships to Conserve Open Space in Rural America." Electronic copies of this publication are available at <http://www.fs.fed.us/projects/four-threats/documents/cooperatingacrossboundaries.pdf>, and hardcopies are available by contacting Claire Harper at openspace@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

In 2003, Forest Service Chief Dale Bosworth identified the loss of open space as one of four great threats facing our nation's forests and grasslands. Loss of open space is an issue that affects the sustainability of both the National Forests and Grasslands and private forests. Open space—including public and private land, wilderness and working land—provides a multitude of public benefits and ecosystem services we all need and enjoy. Three interrelated trends of conversion, fragmentation, and parcelization are jeopardizing the long term health and function of forests, limiting management options, and reducing opportunities for public enjoyment and use. To address the loss of open space threat, the Forest Service is building a national strategy to identify how the agency plans to focus its efforts on the issue. This strategy will provide actions and policy recommendations to conserve open space, with an emphasis on partnerships and collaborative approaches.

II. Open Space Conservation Strategy and Implementation Plan

The Forest Service recognizes that it is not the only contributor to open space conservation; it is only one among many. The Forest Service also acknowledges that the agency's role in open space conservation is not to regulate development or land use, but is to provide expertise, resources, information, and programs. To help prioritize and focus the agency's efforts, the Forest Service plans to develop and refine an Open Space Conservation Strategy and Implementation Plan to address the loss of open space.

Input for the Strategy and Implementation Plan should focus on programs, research, partnerships and/or

policy recommendations that could be developed to conserve open space. Specifically, input regarding the following three questions is most useful:

1. How can the Forest Service protect land from conversion to other uses;
2. How can the Forest Service assist private landowners and communities in maintaining and managing their land as sustainable forests and grasslands; and
3. How can the Forest Service mitigate the impacts of existing and new developments.

By receiving input from people with diverse interests and perspectives, the agency hopes to attain an array of viewpoints and ideas regarding the Open Space Conservation Strategy and Implementation Plan. Feedback from a range of interested individuals will assist the agency in developing a well-informed, focused, and effective strategy to address the loss of open space threat.

Dated: December 7, 2006.

Robin L. Thompson,

Associate Deputy Chief, State and Private Forestry.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 46-2006]

Foreign-Trade Zone 222—Montgomery, AL; Request for Manufacturing Authority; Arvin Meritor, Inc. (Automotive Parts)

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the Montgomery Area Chamber of Commerce, grantee of FTZ 222, requesting authority on behalf of Arvin Meritor, Inc. (Arvin Meritor) to manufacture automotive parts under FTZ procedures within FTZ 222. The application was filed on December 5, 2006.

Arvin Meritor operates a facility (150 employees, annual capacity for up to 1.5 million door modules) within Site 1 of FTZ 222 located at 139 Folmar Parkway, within the Interstate Industrial Park. The proposed manufacturing activity would involve the use of foreign-sourced components (initially representing 42% of total materials) to produce door modules for the Hyundai Motor Manufacturing Alabama, LLC plant (SZ 222A). Components include latch assemblies, adaptors and retainers, guide rails, handle brackets, module panels, pulleys, drums and drum parts, clamp assemblies, support brackets,