

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section of this notice. As provided in 36 CFR part 217.5(d), the public shall be advised through **Federal Register** notice, of the newspaper of record to be utilized for publishing legal notice of decisions. Newspaper publication of notice of decisions is in addition to direct notice of decisions to those who have requested it and to those who have participated in project planning. The Responsible Official gave notice in the **Federal Register** published on November 1, 2005, of newspapers of record to be utilized for publishing notice of proposed actions and of decisions subject to appeal under 36 CFR part 215.5 and for publishing notice of opportunities to object to proposed authorized hazardous fuel reduction projects under 36 CFR part 218.4. The list of newspapers to be used for 215 notice and decision and 218 notice of objection opportunities is as listed in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

DATES: Use of these newspapers for purposes of publishing legal notice of decisions subject to appeal under 36 CFR part 217 shall begin on or after the date of this publication.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cheryl Herbster, Regional Appeals Coordinator, Southern Region, Planning, 1720 Peachtree Road, NW., Atlanta, Georgia 30309, Phone: 404-347-5235.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Deciding Officers in the Southern Region, Daniel Boone National Forest will give legal notice of decisions subject to appeal under 36 CFR part 217 in the following newspapers which are listed by Forest Service Administrative unit. The timeframe for appeal shall be based on the date of publication of the legal notice of the decision in the newspaper of record. The following newspapers will be used to provide notice.

Southern Region

Daniel Boone National Forest, Kentucky

Forest Supervisor Decisions:

Lexington Herald-Leader, published daily in Lexington, KY

District Ranger Decisions:

Cumberland Ranger District:

Lexington Herald-Ledger, published daily in Lexington, KY

London Ranger District: *The Sentinel-*

Echo, published tri-weekly (Monday, Wednesday and Friday) in London, KY

Redbird Ranger District: *Manchester*

Enterprise, published weekly

(Thursday) in Manchester, KY

Stearns Ranger District: *McCreary County Record*, published weekly (Tuesday) in Whitley City, KY

Dated: February 13, 2006.

Melvin R. Booker,

Deputy Regional Forester.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

DeBaugan Fuels Reduction EIS, Lolo National Forest, Mineral County, MT

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; intent to prepare environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: The Forest Service will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) on a proposal for a hazardous fuel reduction project to reduce the threat of wildfire to the communities of Saltese, Haugan, DeBorgia, and Cabin City in the St. Regis River drainage, Lolo National Forest, Superior Ranger District, Mineral County, Montana.

This EIS will tier to the Lolo Forest Plan Final EIS (April, 1986).

DATES: Written comments should be received within 30 days following publication this notice.

ADDRESSES: Please submit written comments on the proposed management activities or a request to be placed on the project mailing list to: Rob Harper, District Ranger, Superior Ranger District, Lolo National Forest, P.O. Box 460, Superior, Montana 59872.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Larry Svalberg, EIS Team Leader, (406) 826-4310.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The DeBaugan analysis area is located between St. Regis, Montana and Lookout Pass along the Interstate 90 corridor, in Mineral County. The project is located in parts of Townships and Ranges: T19N, R29W; T19N, R30W; T19N, R31W; and T20N, R31W; P.M.M., Mineral County, Montana. Within this area, the Lolo National Forest proposes to reduce fuels and reduce the threat of wildlife of up to 5,732. The proposed treatments include: (1) Prescribed burning approximately 1,347 acres; (2) heavy thinning of approximately 504 acres; (3) light thinning approximately 3,402 acres; (4) precommercial thinning of burning piles on approximately 58 acres; (6) constructing approximately 3.2 miles of new permanent roads; (7) constructing and later decommissioning approximately 8 miles of temporary road; (8) reconstruction of approximately 46 miles of existing roads to meet Montana Best Management Practices; (9) decommissioning of

approximately 8.4 miles of existing road; (10) approximately 30 miles of herbicide treatment of noxious weeds along roadsides; (11) application of herbicide on dry sites to minimize spread of noxious weeds approximately 2,000 acres.

The Lolo National Forest Plan, 1986, provides overall guidance for land management activities in the project area. The purposes for these actions are to: (1) Reduce the intensity of wildlife near the communities of Cabin City, DeBorgia, Haugan, and Saltese to improve the chances of protecting these communities in the event of wildfires as defined in the Mineral County Community Protection Plan; (2) bring existing roads that will be utilized up to "Best Management Practices Standards"; (3) improve water quality and fish passage on roads that will be used during the fuels reduction project; (4) reduce the potential for the spread of noxious weeds during project implementation.

Issues currently identified for analysis in the EIS include potential effects on wildlife, sensitive plant species, water quality, fisheries, visual quality and forest access.

Under the Healthy Forest Restoration Act, the Forest Service will consider only one action alternative (that was developed during an intensive collaborative effort) and the no action alternative.

The Draft EIS is expected to be filed with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and available for public review in May, 2007. Comments on the Draft EIS will be considered and responded to in the Final EIS, scheduled to be completed by January, 2008.

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 Federal Register.

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 reviews 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 that 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 scoping 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.

Responsible Official: Deborah L.R. Austin, Forest Supervisor, Lolo National Forest, Building 24—Fort Missoula, Missoula, MT 59804, is the responsible official. In making the decision, the responsible official will consider comments, responses, disclosure of environmental consequences, and applicable laws, regulations, and policies. The responsible official will state the rationale for the chosen alternative in the Record of Decision.

Dated: February 13, 2006.

Deborah L.R. Austin,
Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Plumas County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC)

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Plumas County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will hold a meeting on March 10, 2006, in Quincy, CA. The primary purpose of the meeting is to review, discuss, and comment on the concept papers submitted for Cycle 6 funding consideration.

DATES AND ADDRESSES: The March 10, 2006 meeting will take place from 9–4 at the Mineral Building-Plumas/Sierra County Fairgrounds, 208 Fairgrounds Road, Quincy, CA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lee Anne Schramel Taylor, Forest Coordinator, USDA, Plumas National Forest, P.O. Box 11500/159 Lawrence Street, Quincy, CA 95971; (530) 283–7850; or by e-mail eataylor@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Agenda items for the March 10 meeting include: (1) Forest Service Update; (2) Review, discuss, and comment on the concept papers submitted for Cycle 6 funding consideration; and, (3) Review future meeting schedule and agenda. The meetings are open to the public and individuals may address the Committee after being recognized by the Chair. Other RAC information including previous meeting agendas and minutes may be obtained at http://www.notes.fs.fed.us:81/r4/payments_to_states.

Dated: February 15, 2006.

Michael K. Condon,

Forest Fire Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Housing Service

Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Rural Housing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Proposed collection; Comments requested.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Rural Housing Service's intention to request an extension for a currently approved information collection in support of the regulation for Account Servicing Policies.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by April 24, 2006 to be assured of consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janet Stouder, Multi-Family Housing Portfolio Management Division, Rural Housing Service, STOP 0782, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250–0782; Telephone: (202) 720–9728.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Account Servicing Policies.

OMB Number: 0575–0075.

Expiration Date of Approval: June 30, 2009.

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

Abstract: The Rural Housing Service provides supervised credit in the form of Multi-Family Housing and Community Facility loans and grants. 7 CFR part 1951, subpart A sets forth the policies and procedures, including the collection and use of information, regarding the application of payments on loans made under the programs administered by the agencies and the return of paid-in-full and satisfied promissory notes.

The programs are administered under the provisions of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (CONACT), as amended. Section 335(a) of the CONACT authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to make the rules and regulations necessary to carry out the programs authorized within the Act.

Information collection is submitted by Agency borrowers to the local Agency office servicing the county in which their operation is located and is used by agency servicing officials.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .25 hours per response.

Respondents: Individuals or households and businesses and other for-profits.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 110.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

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Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 28 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Renita Bolden, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, at (202) 692–0035.

Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Agency'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 Renita Bolden, Regulations and