

gravel for use in those roads and landings; and cellular phone and radio repeater tower sites.

Previous announcements relating to this project indicated that an environmental review (EIS or Environmental Assessment) would be conducted. The Services have now concluded that an EIS should be prepared. The EIS will analyze the proposal and the reasonable alternatives, as well as the associated impacts of each. Development of initial alternatives involved internal and public scoping. Public input into the environmental review of this proposal was obtained during a public scoping period conducted from August 20 to September 21, 1998, and was announced in a previous **Federal Register** notice (63 FR 44634, August 20, 1998). That public scoping period will be used to fulfill scoping requirements under 40 CFR 1501.7, consistent with 46 FR 18026 (March 23, 1981), as amended by 51 FR 15618 (April 25, 1985).

Four alternatives have been proposed thus far and will be considered for detailed analysis in the EIS. Under Alternative A (no-action alternative) no Permit would be issued and take would be avoided for any and all threatened and endangered species on the property. Alternative B (preferred alternative) involves issuing a Permit for six threatened and endangered species on the property with provisions for approximately 22 unlisted species (covered species). The Plan would have minimization and mitigation measures for each of the covered species on the property. Alternative C involves issuing a Permit for northern spotted owl and marbled murrelet only, with provisions for approximately 9 unlisted species (covered species). The Plan would have minimization and mitigation measures for each covered species. Alternative D involves a Candidate Conservation Agreement with minimization and mitigation measures for anadromous salmonids and bull trout and take

avoidance for all threatened and endangered species.

The environmental review of this project will be conducted in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), and implementing regulations (40 CFR parts 1500 through 1508), other appropriate Federal laws and regulations, and policies and procedures of the Services for compliance with those regulations. It is estimated that the draft EIS will be available for public review and comment during the first quarter of 1999.

Date: January 19, 1999.

Thomas J. Dwyer,

Acting Regional Director, Region 1, Fish and Wildlife Service, Portland, Oregon.

Date: February 1, 1999.

Kevin Collins,

Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Public Information Collection Requirement

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Notice of intent to renew information collection 3038-0007: Rules Related to Risk Disclosure Concerning Exchange Traded Commodity Futures and Options.

SUMMARY: The Commodity Futures Trading Commission is planning to renew information collection 3038-0007, Rules Related to Risk Disclosure Concerning Exchange Traded Commodity Futures and Options, which is due to expire June 30, 1999. The rules require futures commission merchants and introducing brokers to provide their

customers with standard risk disclosure statements concerning the risk of trading commodity interests. The purpose of these rules is to ensure that customers are advised of the risks of trading commodity interests and to avoid fraud and misrepresentation. This information collection contains the recordkeeping and reporting requirements needed to ensure regulatory compliance with Commission rules relating to this issue.

In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Commission solicits comments to:

- (1) Evaluate whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- (2) Evaluate 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) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- (4) Minimize the burden of the collection of the 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, e.g., permitting electronic submission of response.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before April 6, 1999.
ADDRESSES: Persons wishing to comment on this information collection should contact the CFTC Clearance Officer, 1155 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581, (202) 418-5160.

TITLE: Rules Related to Risk Disclosure Concerning Exchange Traded Commodity Futures and Options.
Control Number: 3038-0007.
Action: Extension.
Respondents: Futures commission merchants and introducing brokers.
Estimated Annual Burden: 40,897.

Respondents	Regulation (17 CFR)	Estimated number of respondents	Annual responses	Est. avg. hours per response
Futures commission merchants and introducing brokers.	33.7, 190.10(c), and 30.6	190,422	224,659	50.57

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Jean A. Webb,
Secretary of the Commission.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Proposed Amendments to the Chicago Board of Trade Soybean Oil Futures Contract; Extension of Comment Period

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Notice of extension of public comment period for the proposed amendments.

SUMMARY: The Chicago Board of Trade (CBT or Exchange) has proposed amendments to the Chicago Board of Trade soybean oil futures contract. On January 11, 1999, the Commission published a request for public comment on the proposed amendments for a 30-day comment period ending on February 10, 1999. The Acting Director of the Division of Economic Analysis (Division), acting pursuant to the authority delegated by Commission Regulation 140.96, has determined that extension of the comment period for an additional fifteen (15) days is in the public interest, will assist the Commission in considering the views of interested persons, and is consistent with the purposes of the Commodity Exchange Act.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before February 25, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons should submit their views and comments to Jean A. Webb, Secretary, Commodity

Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 21st Street, NW Washington, DC 20581. In addition, comments may be sent by facsimile transmission to facsimile number (202) 418-5521, or by electronic mail to secretary@cftc.gov. Reference should be made to the proposed amendments to the CBT soybean oil futures contract.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Please contact John Bird of the Division of Economic Analysis, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581, telephone (202) 418-5274. Facsimile number: (202) 418-5527. Electronic mail: jbird@cftc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Acting Director, acting on behalf of the Commission, has determined to extend the public comment period for the subject notice. The Division believes that an extension of the comment period until February 25, 1999 would permit interested parties to fully evaluate the proposal and to submit comments thereon to the Commission.

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John R. Mielke,
Acting Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Pope Air Force Base Runway Extension

The United States Air Force is issuing this notice to advise the public of its

intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) assessing the potential environmental impacts of extending the runway at Pope Air Force Base, North Carolina. The present runway is too short to accommodate fully loaded, fully fueled C-5, C-17, and C-141 aircraft. An extended runway will accommodate fully loaded and fueled planes and increase the efficiency of Pope's operations. The Air Mobility Command (AMC) proposes lengthening the runway in order to support Pope's strategic airlift mission better. Four alternatives are being considered—extending the northeast end, extending the southwest end, extending both ends, and leaving the runway as is ("no action"). All alternatives but the "no action" alternative involve extending the runway and adjacent taxiways, constructing a satellite fire station and various air navigation structures, rerouting of various utilities, and obtaining additional property for an end of runway clear zone and to mitigate potentially impacted wetlands.

The Air Force will hold a public scoping meeting, in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act, to request public involvement to identify environmental concerns that need to be addressed in the EIS. The schedule for the scoping meeting follows:

Date	Location	Time
25 February 1999	Spring Lake Town Hall Assembly Room, 300 Ruth St., Spring Lake, NC 28390.	7:00-10:00 p.m.

This meeting is the first step in soliciting public and government agency comments on the proposed action. Comments provided at this meeting and throughout the scoping process should focus on the nature and scope of the environmental issues and other concerns that need to be assessed in the EIS. During the meeting the Air Force will describe the proposed action and alternatives, define the process involved in preparing an EIS, and outline the opportunities for public involvement in the process. AMC will evaluate any reasonable alternatives identified during the scoping process and address them in

the Draft EIS. The Draft EIS will be made available to the public and comments on it will be addressed during a public hearing. The information presented in the Draft EIS along with public comments will be included in the Final EIS. The Final EIS together with economic and technical data will be considered in making a final decision regarding the proposed runway extension. The final decision will then be documented in a Record of Decision that will be made public by the Air Force. To assure the Air Force will have sufficient time to fully consider public inputs on the proposed action

and alternatives, written comments should be mailed no later than March 11, 1999.

Please direct written comments or requests for further information concerning the Pope AFB Runway Extension EIS to: Mr. Jonathan D. Farthing, HQ AFCEE/ECA, 3207 North Road, Brooks AFB, TX 78235-5363, (210) 536-4203.

Carolyn A. Lunsford,
Air Force Federal Register Liaison Officer.
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