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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Foreign Agricultural Service

#### Notice of Request for Extension and Revision 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 the Foreign Agricultural Service's (FAS) intention to request an extension for a currently approved information collection that aids in analyzing existing information products to better meet reader needs.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by May 20, 1996 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS:** Contact Sally Klusaritz, Deputy Director, Information Division, Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 14th and Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20250-1004, (202) 720-3448.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* FAS/Readership Survey.

*OMB Number:* 0551-0022.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* August 31, 1996.

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

*Abstract:* The delivery of information on foreign supply and demand for agricultural products is one of the primary missions of the Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS). In order for this mission to be done effectively and in a cost-efficient manner, FAS requires a good understanding of the various audiences for FAS materials, their needs for various types of information, and the use they make of this information. The FAS Readership Survey will have an

impact on the type of information delivery system FAS uses.

*Estimate of Burden:* Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 10 minutes per response.

*Respondents:* U.S. subscribers to FAS periodicals.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 800.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 16.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 134 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained without charge from Pamela Hopkins, the Agency Information Collection Coordinator, at (202) 720-6713.

*Request for Comments:* Send comments regarding the accuracy of the burden estimate, ways to minimize the burden, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, or any other aspect of this collection of information, to: Sally Klusaritz, Deputy Director, Information Division, Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 14th and Independence Ave., S.W., AG BOX 1004, Washington, DC 20250-1004.

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.

Signed at Washington, D.C., March 14, 1996.

August Schumacher, Jr.,

*Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service.*

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### Forest Service

#### Newspapers Used for Publication of Legal Notice of Appealable Decisions for Intermountain Region, Utah, Idaho, Nevada, and Wyoming

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice lists the newspapers that will be used by all ranger districts, forests, and the Regional Office of the Intermountain Region to publish legal notice of all decisions subject to appeal under 36 CFR 215 and 36 CFR 217. The intended effect of this action is to inform interested members of the public which

newspapers will be used to publish legal notices of decisions, thereby allowing them to receive constructive notice of a decision, to provide clear evidence of timely notice, and to achieve consistency in administering the appeals process.

**DATES:** Publication of legal notices in the listed newspapers will begin with decisions subject to appeal that are made on or after March 1, 1996. The list of newspapers will remain in effect until October 1996 when another notice will be published in the Federal Register.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** K. Dale Torgerson, Regional Appeals Manager, Intermountain Region, 324 25th Street, Ogden, UT 84401, phone (801) 625-5274.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The administrative appeal procedures 36 CFR 215 and 36 CFR 217, of the Forest Service require publication of legal notice in a newspaper of general circulation of all decisions subject to appeal. This newspaper publication of notices of decisions is in addition to direct notice to those who have requested notice in writing and to those known to be interested and affected by a specific decision.

The legal notice is to identify: the decision by title and subject matter; the date of the decision; the name and title of the official making the decision; and how to obtain copies of the decision. In addition, the notice is to state the date the appeal period begins which is the day following publication of the notice.

The timeframe for appeal shall be based on the date of publication of the notice in the first (principal) newspaper listed for each unit.

The newspapers to be used are as follows:

Regional Forester, Intermountain Region

For decisions made by the Regional Forester affecting National Forests in Idaho:

*The Idaho Statesman*, Boise, Idaho  
For decisions made by the Regional Forester affecting National Forests in Nevada:

*The Reno Gazette-Journal*, Reno, Nevada

For decisions made by the Regional Forester affecting National Forests in Wyoming:

*Casper Star-Tribune*, Casper,

Wyoming  
For decisions made by the Regional Forester affecting National Forests in Utah:  
*Standard-Examiner*, Ogden, Utah  
If the decision made by the Regional Forester affects all National Forests in the Intermountain Region, it will appear in:  
*Standard-Examiner*, Ogden, Utah

Ashley National Forest  
Ashley Forest Supervisors decisions:  
*Vernal Express*, Vernal, Utah  
Vernal District Ranger decisions:  
*Vernal Express*, Vernal, Utah  
Flaming Gorge District Ranger for decisions affecting Wyoming:  
*Casper Star Tribune*, Casper, Wyoming  
Flaming Gorge District Ranger for decisions affecting Utah:  
*Vernal Express*, Vernal, Utah  
Roosevelt and Duchesne District Ranger decisions:  
*Uintah Basin Standard*, Roosevelt, Utah

Boise National Forest  
Boise Forest Supervisor decisions:  
*The Idaho Statesman*, Boise, Idaho  
Mountain Home District Ranger decisions:  
*The Idaho Statesman*, Boise, Idaho  
Boise District Ranger decisions:  
*The Idaho Statesman*, Boise, Idaho  
Idaho City District Ranger decisions:  
*The Idaho Statesman*, Boise, Idaho  
Cascade District Ranger decisions:  
*The Advocate*, Cascade, Idaho  
Lowman District Ranger decisions:  
*The Idaho City World*, Idaho City, Idaho  
Emmett District Ranger decisions:  
*The Messenger-Index*, Emmett, Idaho

Bridger-Teton National Forest  
Bridger-Teton Forest Supervisor decisions:  
*Casper Star-Tribune*, Casper, Wyoming  
Jackson District Ranger decisions:  
*Casper Star-Tribune*, Casper, Wyoming  
Buffalo District Ranger decisions:  
*Casper Star-Tribune*, Jackson, Wyoming  
Big Piney District Ranger decisions:  
*Casper Star-Tribune*, Jackson, Wyoming  
Pinedale District Ranger decisions:  
*Casper Star-Tribune*, Casper, Wyoming  
Greys River District Ranger decisions:  
*Casper Star-Tribune*, Casper, Wyoming  
Kemmerer District Ranger decisions:  
*Casper Star-Tribune*, Casper, Wyoming

Caribou National Forest  
Caribou Forest Supervisor decisions:  
*Idaho State Journal*, Pocatello, Idaho  
Soda Springs District Ranger decisions:  
*Idaho State Journal*, Pocatello, Idaho  
Montpelier District Ranger decisions:  
*Idaho State Journal*, Pocatello, Idaho  
Malad District Ranger decisions:  
*Idaho State Journal*, Pocatello, Idaho  
Pocatello District Ranger decisions:  
*Idaho State Journal*, Pocatello, Idaho

Dixie National Forest  
Dixie Forest Supervisor decisions:  
*The Daily Spectrum*, St. George, Utah  
Pine Valley District Ranger decisions:  
*The Daily Spectrum*, St. George, Utah  
Cedar City District Ranger decisions:  
*The Daily Spectrum*, St. George, Utah  
Powell District Ranger decisions:  
*The Daily Spectrum*, St. George, Utah  
Escalante District Ranger decisions:  
*The Daily Spectrum*, St. George, Utah  
Teasdale District Ranger decisions:  
*The Daily Spectrum*, St. George, Utah

Fishlake National Forest  
Fishlake Forest Supervisor decisions:  
*Richfield Reaper*, Richfield, Utah  
Loa District Ranger decisions:  
*Richfield Reaper*, Richfield, Utah  
Richfield District Ranger decisions:  
*Richfield Reaper*, Richfield, Utah  
Beaver District Ranger decisions:  
*Richfield Reaper*, Beaver, Utah  
Fillmore District Ranger decisions:  
*Richfield Reaper*, Fillmore, Utah

Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forests  
Humboldt Forest Supervisor decisions:  
*Elko Daily Free Press*, Elko, Nevada  
Toiyabe Forest Supervisor decisions:  
*Reno Gazette-Journal*, Reno, Nevada  
Sierra Ecosystem Coordination Center (SECO):  
Carson District Ranger decisions:  
*Reno Gazette-Journal*, Reno, Nevada  
Bridgeport District Ranger decisions:  
*The Review-Herald*, Mammoth Lakes, California  
Spring Mountain National Recreation Area Ecosystem (SMNRAE):  
Spring Mountain National Recreation Area District Ranger decisions:  
*Las Vegas Review Journal*, Las Vegas, Nevada  
Central Nevada Ecosystem (CNECO):  
Austin District Ranger decisions:  
*Reno Gazette-Journal*, Reno, Nevada  
Tonopah District Ranger decisions:  
*Tonopah Times Bonanza-Goldfield News*, Tonopah, Nevada  
Ely District Ranger decisions:  
*Ely Daily Times*, Ely, Nevada  
Northeast Nevada Ecosystem (NNECO):  
Mountain City District Ranger decisions:  
*Elko Daily Free Press*, Elko, Nevada  
Ruby Mountains District Ranger decisions:

*Elko Daily Free Press*, Elko, Nevada  
Jarbidge District Ranger decisions:  
*Elko Daily Free Press*, Elko, Nevada  
Santa Rosa District Ranger decisions:  
*Humboldt Sun*, Winnemucca, Nevada

Manti-Lasal National Forest  
Manti-Lasal Forest Supervisor decisions:  
*Sun Advocate*, Price, Utah  
Sanpete District Ranger decisions:  
*The Pyramid*, Mt. Pleasant, Utah  
Ferron District Ranger decisions:  
*Emery County Progress*, Castle Dale, Utah  
Price District Ranger decisions:  
*Sun Advocate*, Price, Utah  
Moab District Ranger decisions:  
*The Times Independent*, Moab, Utah  
Monticello District Ranger decisions:  
*The San Juan Record*, Monticello, Utah

Payette National Forest  
Payette Forest Supervisor decisions:  
*Idaho Statesman*, Boise, Idaho  
Weiser District Ranger decisions:  
*Signal American*, Weiser, Idaho  
Council District Ranger decisions:  
*Council Record*, Council, Idaho  
New Meadows, McCall, and Krassel District Ranger decisions:  
*Star News*, McCall, Idaho

Salmon and Challis National Forests  
Salmon Forest Supervisor decisions:  
*The Recorder-Herald*, Salmon, Idaho  
Cobalt District Ranger decisions:  
*The Recorder Herald*, Salmon, Idaho  
North Fork District Ranger decisions:  
*The Recorder-Herald*, Salmon, Idaho  
Leadore District Ranger decisions:  
*The Recorder-Herald*, Salmon, Idaho  
Salmon District Ranger decisions:  
*The Recorder-Herald*, Salmon, Idaho  
Challis Forest Supervisor decisions:  
*The Challis Messenger*, Challis, Idaho  
Middle Fork District Ranger decisions:  
*The Challis Messenger*, Challis, Idaho  
Challis District Ranger decisions:  
*The Challis Messenger*, Challis, Idaho  
Yankee Fork District Ranger decisions:  
*The Challis Messenger*, Challis, Idaho  
Lost River District Ranger decisions:  
*The Challis Messenger*, Challis, Idaho

Sawtooth National Forest  
Sawtooth Forest Supervisor decisions:  
*The Times News*, Twin Falls, Idaho  
Burley District Ranger decisions:  
*Ogden Standard Examiner*, Ogden, Utah, for those decisions on the Burley District involving the Raft River Unit.  
*South Idaho Press*, Burley, Idaho for decisions issued on the Idaho portions of the Burley District.  
Twin Falls District Ranger decisions:  
*The Times News*, Twin Falls, Idaho

## Ketchum District Ranger decisions:

*Wood River Journal*, Hailey, Idaho

## Sawtooth National Recreation Area:

*Challis Messenger*, Challis, Idaho

## Fairfield District Ranger decisions:

*The Times News*, Twin Falls, Idaho

## Targhee National Forest

## Targhee Forest Supervisor decisions:

*The Post Register*, Idaho Falls, Idaho

## Dubois District Ranger decisions:

*The Post Register*, Idaho Falls, Idaho

## Island Park District Ranger decisions:

*The Post Register*, Idaho Falls, Idaho

## Ashton District Ranger decisions:

*The Post Register*, Idaho Falls, Idaho

## Palisades District Ranger decisions:

*The Post Register*, Idaho Falls, Idaho

## Teton Basin District Ranger decisions:

*The Post Register*, Idaho Falls, Idaho

## Uinta National Forest

## Uinta Forest Supervisor decisions:

*The Daily Herald*, Provo, Utah

## Pleasant Grove District Ranger decisions:

*The Daily Herald*, Provo, Utah

## Heber District Ranger decisions:

*The Daily Herald*, Provo, Utah, and

*Wasatch Wave*, Heber City, Utah

## Spanish Fork District Ranger decisions:

*The Daily Herald*, Provo, Utah

## Wasatch-Cache National Forest

## Wasatch-Cache Forest Supervisor decisions:

*Salt Lake Tribune*, Salt Lake City, Utah

## Salt Lake District Ranger decisions:

*Salt Lake Tribune*, Salt Lake City, Utah

## Kamas District Ranger decisions:

*Salt Lake Tribune*, Salt Lake City, Utah

## Evanston District Ranger decisions:

*Uintah County Herald*, Evanston, Wyoming

## Mountain View District Ranger decisions:

*Uintah County Herald*, Evanston, Wyoming

## Ogden District Ranger decisions:

*Ogden Standard Examiner*, Ogden, Utah

## Logan District Ranger decisions:

*Logan Herald Journal*, Logan, Utah

Dated: March 5, 1996.

Robert M. Swinford,

*Acting Deputy Regional Forester.*

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### Oil and Gas Leasing; Custer National Forest, Sioux Ranger District; Harding County, SD

**AGENCIES:** Forest Service, USDA; Bureau of Land Management, USDI.

**ACTION:** Notice; intent to prepare environmental impact statement.

**SUMMARY:** The USDA, Forest Service, and the USDI, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to disclose the environmental effects of oil and gas leasing and reasonable foreseeable actions resulting from subsequent exploration and development, as well as interconnected actions, on the portion of the Sioux Ranger District in South Dakota. The Forest Service and BLM are joint lead agencies for the preparation of this document (40 CFR 1501.5).

The Custer National Forest and Resources Management Plan (Forest Plan) and Record of Decision (1987) identified which lands on the Forest are available for oil and gas leasing. This EIS, consistent with the Federal Onshore Oil and Gas Reform Act of 1987, will reaffirm the administratively available decision, identify specific lands the BLM would be authorized to lease, and develop site-specific lease stipulations designed to reduce impacts to surface resource values. This analysis will evaluate reasonable foreseeable impacts of post-leasing activity. The analysis will tier to the Forest Plan Environmental Impact Statement.

**DATES:** Comments concerning the scope of the analysis should be received in writing by April 22, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments to Nancy Curriden, Forest Supervisor, Custer National Forest, P.O. Box 2556, Billings, Montana 59103.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mark Slacks, EIS Team Leader, Custer National Forest, 406-657-6361 or 701-842-2393.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This analysis will address oil and gas leasing and the site-specific application of lease stipulations for Federal minerals within National Forest System (NFS) lands located in Harding County, South Dakota. Included are all Federal minerals within National Forest boundaries of the North and South Cave Hills, Slim Buttes, and East and West Short Pine Hills. The project area encompasses approximately 77,330 acres, 9,575 acres of which are currently leased for oil and gas development.

This EIS will address the environmental effects of leasing in the various management areas defined in the Forest Plan. The scope of the EIS will be confined to those issues associated with oil and gas leasing and subsequent activities and will not address land allocations made in the Forest Plan.

The Custer Forest Plan identifies Forest-wide and management area multiple use goals, objectives and standards. Oil and gas leasing and possible subsequent exploration and development activities and their individual and cumulative effects were considered in the development of Forest-wide goals and objectives, as well as in the development of specific management area direction. The goals for the ten management areas (MAs) within the project area are very briefly summarized here: MA B, provides for the continuation of livestock grazing; MA C, to manage for key wildlife habitat areas; MA D, to maintain or improve long-term diversity and quality of habitat for selected species; MA E, to facilitate exploration, development and production of energy and mineral resources; MA F, to provide a spectrum of recreation opportunities; MA L, to provide opportunities for research, study, and monitoring of natural-occurring ecological processes; MA M, to provide healthy, self-perpetuating riparian plant and water communities; MA N, to provide healthy, self-perpetuating woody draw plant communities; MA O, to protect the unique geological and scenic features of National Natural Landmarks; and MA P, to provide adequate facilities for the administration of the Custer National Forest. The Forest Plan identifies lease stipulations to be applied by Management Area (also Appendix V). Briefly and in part, no surface use stipulations are recommended for riparian areas, wetlands, floodplains, slopes exceeding 40%, fragile soils, areas of mass failure hazard, Management Area C, recreation areas, national natural landmarks, and administrative areas. Surface occupancy Restrictions and Limited Surface Use stipulations are used primarily for wildlife, visual and recreation values.

The Forest Supervisor will decide which National Forest System lands are administratively available for oil and gas leasing and with what, if any, stipulations for other surface resource protection. The Forest Supervisor will also decide what specific National Forest system lands the BLM will be authorized to offer for lease, subject to the Forest Service required stipulations.

The BLM State Director will decide whether or not to offer for lease those specific lands authorized by the Forest Service. The State Director will also decide whether or not to lease Federal minerals beneath non-Federal lands (split estate lands) within the project area (there are approximately 165 acres of split estate lands under BLM jurisdiction within the project area).