

review in January 1996 (66 FR 2508). This supplement will document the environmental analyses of additional information that was not included in the original road access draft EIS. This new information includes: change in the road access right-of-way; two additional alternative road locations will be considered; and a third road access will be added. The Forest Service gives notice of this analysis so that interested and affected people are aware of how they may participate and contribute to the final decision.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions and comments about this supplement should be directed to Douglas Campbell, Lands Specialist, Cle Elum Ranger District, 803 West Second Cle Elum, Washington 98922, phone 509-674-4411.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Wenatchee National Forest is initiating this action in response to an application filed by Plum Creek Timber Company. The applicant requests additional right-of-way across National Forest System (NFS) lands for the purpose of establishing legal access to their lands. The information to be included in the supplement includes a change in the road access right-of-way application from temporary road permit to permanent road right-of-way; the addition of two new alternatives for road locations in the Taneum and in the Peaches Ridge project areas; and the addition of a third road access project area, Big Bend, in the Little Creek drainage of the Yakima River watershed. The proposed access involves approximately 38 feet of road on .1 acres of NFS land for the Peaches section; 432 feet of road on .7 acres of NFS land for the Taneum section; and .6 miles of road on 4.3 acres of NFS land for the Big Bend section.

The applicant seeks legal access pursuant to the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA). The ANILCA directs the Forest Service to grant access to in-holdings of non-Federal land within the National Forest boundary for the reasonable use and enjoyment of those lands by the landowner. The applicant has stated that it intends to manage the lands to be accessed for long term timber production utilizing conventional ground based logging systems. The applicant intends to build roads on the permitted rights-of-way sufficient to support the intended use of the land.

The supplement will be prepared and circulated in the same manner as the draft EIS (40 CFR 1502.9). The supplement to this draft EIS is expected to be released to the public for review

in August 1996. The comment period on the draft supplement will be 45 days from the date the Environmental Protection Agency's notice of availability appears in the Federal Register.

The Forest Service believes it is important to give reviewers notice at this early stage of several court rulings related to public participation in the environmental review process. First, reviewers of a draft supplement to the EIS must structure their participation in the environmental review of the proposal so that it is meaningful and alerts an agency to the reviewer's position and contentions. *Vermont Yankees Nuclear Power Corp. v. NRDC*, 435 U.S. 519, 553 (1978). Also, environmental objections that could be raised at the draft supplement stage but that are not raised until after completion of the final EIS 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 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 EIS.

To assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering issues and concerns on the proposed action, comments on the draft supplement should be as specific as possible. It is also helpful if comments refer to specific pages or chapters of the draft supplement. Comments may also address the adequacy of the supplemental EIS or the merits of the alternatives formulated and discussed in the statement. (Reviewer may wish to refer to the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environment Policy Act at 40 CFR 1503.3 in addressing these points.).

After the 45 day comment period ends on the draft supplement, the comments will be analyzed and considered by the Forest Service in preparing the final supplement. The final EIS is scheduled to be completed by October 1996.

In the final EIS, the Forest Service is required to respond to the comments received (40 CFR 1503.4). The responsible official, Forest Supervisor Sonny J. O'Neal, will consider the comments, responses, environmental consequences discussed in the EIS and applicable laws, regulations, and policies in making a decision regarding this proposal. The responsible official

will document the decision and reasons for the decision in the Record of Decision. The Forest Service decision will be subject to Forest Service Appeal Regulations (36 CFR Part 215).

Dated: July 15, 1996.
Sonny J. O'Neal,
Forest Supervisor.
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Intergovernmental Committee Subcommittee meeting

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Meeting.

SUMMARY: The Intergovernmental Advisory Committee will meet on July 31, 1996, at the Robert Duncan Plaza Building, 333 SW First Ave., Portland, Oregon 97208 in the Regional Forester's conference room on the 6th floor. The purpose of the meeting is to continue discussions to identify issues and solutions to improve the implementation of the Northwest Forest Plan (NFP) and in particular to focus on ways to help field specialists evaluate riparian reserves during watershed analysis. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. and continue until 12:00 noon. The IAC meeting will be open to the public and is fully accessible for people with disabilities. Interpreters are available upon request in advance. Written comments may be submitted for the record at the meeting. Time will also be scheduled for oral public comments. Interested persons are encouraged to attend.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions regarding this meeting may be directed to Don Knowles, Executive Director, Regional Ecosystem Office, 333 SW 1st Avenue, P.O. Box 3623, Portland, OR 97208 (Phone: 503-326-6265).

Dated: July 12, 1996.
Donald R. Knowles,
Designated Federal Official.
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Rural Utilities Service

Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc.; Finding of No Significant Impact

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of finding of no significant impact.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Rural Utilities Service (RUS), formerly the Rural Electrification

Administration, has made a finding of no significant impact (FONSI) with respect to the potential environmental impact related to the construction and operation of the Comanche to Walsenberg 230 kV Transmission Line Project by Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc. (Tri-State) of Denver, Colorado. The proposed project is located in Pueblo and Huerfano Counties, Colorado. The FONSI is based on an Environmental Assessment (EA) prepared by RUS and an Environmental Analysis (EVAL) prepared by Tri-State and its environmental consultant, ENSR.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lawrence R. Wolfe, Senior Environmental Protection Specialist, Engineering and Environmental Staff, Stop 1571, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., RUS, Washington, DC 20250, telephone (202) 720-1784.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As part of its environmental review process, RUS held an interagency and two public information workshops in April 1994. Tri-State was required by RUS to develop the EVAL and other documentation to support its proposal. RUS conducted an independent evaluation of the EVAL and concurs with its scope and content. The documentation provided by Tri-State and ENSR, input from the meetings, and input from Federal, state and local agencies have been used by RUS to develop its EA.

The proposed 230 kV transmission line would extend approximately 50 miles in a southerly direction on Alternative Corridor E from Public Service Company of Colorado's existing substation at the Comanche Generating Station located in Pueblo, Colorado, to Tri-State's Walsenberg Substation located west Walsenberg, Colorado. The primary structure type will be wood pole H-frame structures located on a 150 foot wide right-of-way.

Alternatives considered to the project included no action, demand side management, local generation, underground construction, transmission system alternatives, and corridor alternatives. RUS has considered these alternatives and concluded that the project as proposed meets the needs of Tri-State and San Isabel Electric Association, Inc. (a Tri-State member distribution system).

The proposed project should have no impact on cultural resources, floodplains, wetlands, important farmlands and federally listed threatened or endangered species or their critical habitat. The proposed route will cross approximately 0.4 miles of

floodplains and 0.2 miles of wetland areas associated with river or stream crossings. These areas will be spanned and no structures will be placed in floodplain or wetland habitat. RUS has determined that there is no practicable alternative to crossing these areas and there should be no impacts to floodplain or wetland areas.

Copies of the EVAL, EA and FONSI have been sent to persons on the mailing list and are available for review at, or can be obtained from, RUS at the address provided herein; Mr. Karl Myers, Tri-State, P.O. Box 33695, Denver, Colorado 80233, telephone (303) 452-6111; or Mr. William Wood, San Isabel Electric Association, 893 East Enterprise Drive, Pueblo, Colorado 81002, telephone (719) 547-2160, during normal business hours.

RUS will take no final action with respect to approval for the proposed project for at least thirty (30) days after publication of this notice in the Federal Register and in newspapers of general circulation in the counties previously identified. Any comments should be sent to RUS at the address given previously. All comments received will be considered.

Dated: July 18, 1996.

Adam M. Golodner,
Deputy Administrator, Program Operations.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission For OMB Review; Comment Request

DOC has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

Agency: Bureau of the Census.

Title: Annual Survey of Communication Services.

Form Number(s): B-516 thru 521.

Agency Approval Number: 0607-0706.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 7,000 hours.

Number of Respondents: 1,775.

Avg Hours Per Response: 3.94 hours.

Needs and Uses: The Annual Survey of Communication Services (ASCS) is a vital component of a broad-based, multi-year program at the Census Bureau to expand coverage and improve statistics for service-related industries. The ASCS provides detailed estimates of revenue and expenses for the

communication sector, including the telephone, radio and television broadcasting, cable and pay television, and other communication service industries. These data serve as inputs into the national income and product accounts calculated by the Bureau of Economic Analysis and the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Producer Price Indices. In addition, the Census Bureau uses the survey results in the planning and design stages of current and future economic census questionnaires. Response to the ASCS provides information on the ability of respondents to report accurate and timely data from existing records. Also, areas of dynamic change in the communication sector and structural changes in major companies within the industry are identified, ensuring continued accuracy and complete coverage in the economic census.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit institutions and not-for-profit institutions.

Frequency: Annually.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

OMB Desk Officer: Jerry Coffey, (202) 395-7314.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, Acting DOC Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3272, Department of Commerce, room 5312, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Jerry Coffey, OMB Desk Officer, room 10201, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: July 16, 1996.

Linda Engelmeier,
Acting Departmental Forms Clearance
Officer, Office of Management and
Organization.

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Submission For OMB Review; Comment Request

DOC has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

Agency: Bureau of the Census.

Title: Current Population Survey—October 1996 School Enrollment Supplement.

Form Number(s): None.