

Estimated Number of Respondents: 4000.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 1334 hours.

Description of Information Collection

Title: Urban Connections—Phase III—Focus Groups.

OMB Number: New.

Expiration Date of Approval: New.

Type of Request: This is a new information collection that has not received approval from the Office of Management and Budget.

Abstract: The information collected during Phases I and II of this information collection will form the basis for Phase III. Kearns & West will conduct a total of 8 focus groups: 2 in Boston, Massachusetts; 2 in Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota; 2 in Detroit, Michigan; and 2 in Cleveland, Ohio. The purpose of the focus groups is to discuss responses to questions asked in Phases I and II and help Forest Service personnel understand perceptions urban residents have concerning the agency's management of National Forest System lands.

Estimate of Burden: 2 hours.

Type of Respondents: Residents living in or around the cities of Boston, Massachusetts; Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota; Detroit, Michigan; and Cleveland, Ohio who either participated in a telephone interview in Phases I or II or whose name was suggested by one of the telephone interviewees as someone who might be interested in participating in a focus group.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 96.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 192 hours.

Description of Information Collection

Title: Urban Connections—Phase IV—Telephone Surveys.

OMB Number: New.

Expiration Date of Approval: New.

Type of Request: This is a new information collection that has not received approval from the Office of Management and Budget.

Abstract: The information collected during Phases I, II and III will serve as the basis for Phase IV. Kearns and West personnel will interview 10 people in each of the metropolitan areas of Boston, Massachusetts; Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota; Detroit, Michigan; and Cleveland, Ohio.

These respondents will be selected from those who were interviewed previously during Phase I or II of this

information collection process, or will be people who were identified as potential participants by one of the earlier telephone survey respondents.

The purpose of Phase IV is to gain additional information to those questions that were included in Phases I and II. The collected information will help the Forest Service understand what urban residents expect from public lands in order for the agency to meet these expectations.

Estimate of Burden: 30 minutes.

Type of Respondents: Residents living in or around the cities of Boston, Massachusetts; Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota; Detroit, Michigan; and Cleveland, Ohio.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 40.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 20 hours.

Comment Is Invited

The agency invites comments on the following: (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 respondents, including the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Use of Comment

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

Dated: April 15, 1999.

Robert Lewis, Jr.,

Acting Associate Chief.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Sierra Nevada Forest Plan Amendment Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Revision of the Notice of Intent for the Sierra Nevada Forest Plan Amendment Environmental Impact Statement. The Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Regions 4 and 5 announce the adjustment to the schedule for the development of new management direction in Sierra Nevada national forest, supported by an environmental impact statement. Previous schedules published in the **Federal Register** on July 10, 1998 and November 20, 1998 announced a completion date of July 31, 1999.

SUMMARY: The previous **Federal Register** notice of November 20, 1998 called for publication of the draft environmental impact statement in late February, 1999. The schedule is being adjusted to allow the Forest Service more time to integrate relevant natural resource science findings and to better integrate public concerns into alternatives to be displayed in the draft environmental impact statement. The adjustment in schedule will result in a more meaningful and useful draft environmental impact statement for public review and comment. The adjustment in schedule changes the estimated publication of the draft environmental impact statement to late spring or early summer of 1999. The Sierra Nevada Forest Plan Amendment Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will amend national forest plans for the Humboldt-Toiyabe, Modoc, Lassen, Plumas, Tahoe, Eldorado, Stanislaus, Sierra, Sequoia, and Inyou National Forests, and the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit. The EIS will address five problem areas described in the Notice of Intent published in the November 20, 1998 **Federal Register**: old forest ecosystems; aquatic, riparian, and meadow ecosystems; fire and fuels; noxious weeds; and, lower westside hardwood forest ecosystems.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Please see the USDA Forest Service Region 5 World Wide Web site www.r5.fs.fed.us or contact Dr. Kent Connaughton, USDA Forest Service, Sierra Nevada Framework Project, Room 419, 801 "I" Street, Sacramento, CA 95814; phone number 916-492-7554; TTY via PacBell relay (800) 735-2929.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The USDA Forest Service Pacific Southwest Region and the Pacific Southwest Research Station are integrating new science into management of the national forests of California. The effort is called the Sierra Nevada Framework Project. One objective of the Framework Project is to amend forest plans in conformance with the National Forest Management Act

and the National Environmental Policy Act. Other activities of the Framework Project involve improving long-term cooperation and coordination among the Forest Service, tribes, local governments, state and federal agencies.

On November 20, 1998, the Region published a Notice of Intent in the **Federal Register** identifying five problem areas to address in an Environmental Impact Statement: old forest ecosystems; aquatic, riparian and meadow ecosystems; fire and fuels management; noxious weeds; and, lower westside hardwood ecosystems. Prior to drafting the Notice of Intent, the Pacific Southwest Region and Pacific Southwest Research Station reviewed recent science and gathered public comment and related information during a series of 37 community workshops throughout the Sierra and other towns in California and Nevada. Publication of the Notice of Intent initiated a 60-day opportunity for public comment, including 27 additional community workshops. To date, the Forest Service has received 3000 comments via letters, postcards, and e-mail. Response to these comments is integrated into the alternatives being developed to address the five problem areas.

In response to the significant public interest in the development of alternatives, the Forest Service is making available summary descriptions of alternatives that may appear in the draft EIS. The Forest Service is not soliciting public comment on these preliminary drafts, but is making them available so people may be better prepared to comment on the draft EIS when it is published.

At present, several alternatives are being developed by the Forest Service. These alternatives reflect extensive public comment and suggestions, as well as recent scientific information. To view summaries of these draft alternatives, please see the USDA Forest Service Region 5 World Wide Web site www.r5.fs.fed.us or contact USDA Forest Service, Sierra Nevada Framework Project, 801 I Street, Room 419, Sacramento, CA, 95814 to receive a copy by mail.

The Forest Service is convening public meetings to inform interested people about its progress in the development of the environmental impact statement. Meetings will be held in the Sierra Nevada Framework Project Office, 801 I Street, Sacramento, California, 95814 Room 484 as follows:

Tuesday, May 11, 1999, 1–3 pm
Wednesday, June 2, 1999, 1–3 pm
Wednesday, July 7, 1999, 1–3 pm
Wednesday, August 4, 1999, 1–3 pm

Dated: April 9, 1999.

Kent P. Connaughton,

Deputy Regional Forester.

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BROADCASTING BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Sunshine Act Meeting

DATE AND TIME: April 27, 1999; 9:30 A.M.

PLACE: Cohen Building, Room 3321, 330 Independence Ave., S.W., Washington, D.C. 20547.

CLOSED MEETING: The members of the Broadcasting Board of Governors (BBG) will meet in closed session to review and discuss a number of issues relating to U.S. Government-funded non-military international broadcasting. They will address internal procedural, budgetary, and personnel issues, as well as sensitive foreign policy issues relating to potential options in the U.S. international broadcasting field. This meeting is closed because if open it likely would either disclose matters that would be properly classified to be kept secret in the interest of foreign policy under the appropriate executive order (5 U.S.C. 552b.(c)(1)) or would disclose information the premature disclosure of which would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of a proposed agency action. (5 U.S.C. 552b.(c)(9)(B)). In addition, part of the discussion will relate solely to the internal personnel and organizational issues of the BBG or the International Broadcasting Bureau. (5 U.S.C. 552b.(c)(2) and (6)).

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Persons interested in obtaining more information should contact either Brenda Hardnett or John Lindburg at (202) 401–3736.

Dated: April 19, 1999.

John A. Lindburg,

Legal Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Export Trade Certificate of Review

ACTION: Notice of Application to Amend Certificate.

SUMMARY: The Office of Export Trading Company Affairs (“OETCA”), International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce, has received an application to amend an Export

Trade Certificate of Review (“Certificate”). This notice summarizes the proposed amendment and requests comments relevant to whether the Certificate should be issued.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Morton Schnabel, Director, Office of Export Trading Company Affairs, International Trade Administration, (202) 482–5131. This is not a toll-free number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title III of the Export Trading Company Act of 1982 (15 U.S.C. 4001–21) authorizes the Secretary of Commerce to issue Export Trade Certificates of Review. An Export Trade Certificate of Review protects the holder and the members identified in the Certificate from state and federal government antitrust actions and from private treble damage antitrust actions for the export conduct specified in the Certificate and carried out in compliance with its terms and conditions. Section 302(b)(1) of the Export Trading Company Act of 1982 and 15 CFR 325.6 (a) require the Secretary to publish a notice in the **Federal Register** identifying the applicant and summarizing its proposed export conduct.

Request for Public Comments

Interested parties may submit written comments relevant to the determination whether an amended Certificate should be issued. If the comments include any privileged or confidential business information, it must be clearly marked and a nonconfidential version of the comments (identified as such) should be included. Any comments not marked privileged or confidential business information will be deemed to be nonconfidential. An original and five copies, plus two copies of the nonconfidential version, should be submitted no later than 20 days after the date of this notice to: Office of Export Trading Company Affairs, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce, Room 1104H, Washington D.C. 20230. Information submitted by any person is exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552). However, nonconfidential versions of the comments will be made available to the applicant if necessary for determining whether or not to issue the certificate. Comments should refer to this application as “Export Trade Certificate of Review, application number 88–5A013.”

CISA Export Trade Group, Inc.’s original Certificate was issued on October 13, 1988 (53 FR 43253, October 26, 1988), and previously amended on