

To assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering issues and concerns on the proposed action, comments on the DEIS 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 DEIS or the merits of the alternatives formulated and discussed in the statements. 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.

After the comment period ends on the DEIS, comments will be analyzed, considered, and responded to by the Forest Service in preparing the Final EIS. The FEIS is scheduled to be completed in December of 2001. The responsible official will consider the comments, responses, environmental consequences discussed in the FEIS, and applicable laws, regulations, and policies in making decisions regarding the revision. The responsible official will document the decisions and reasons for the decisions in a Record of Decision for the revised Plan. The decision will be subject to appeal in accordance with 36 CFR 217.

Dated: November 1, 1999.

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Regional Forester, Rocky Mountain Region.  
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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

**Forest Service**

**National Forest System Roadless Areas; Correction**

**AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice; correction.

**SUMMARY:** On October 19, 1999, the Forest Service published in the **Federal Register** a notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement for a proposed rule for the protection of roadless areas. The e-mail address in that notice was incorrect.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Christopher Wehrli, telephone: (801) 517-1037.

**Correction**

In the **Federal Register** of October 19, 1999, in FR Doc. 99-56306, on page 56306, in the second column, the first paragraph under the **ADDRESSES** caption should read:

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments to the USDA Forest Service-CAET, Attention: Roadless Areas NOI, P.O. Box 221090, Salt Lake City, Utah 84122 or by e-mail through World Wide Web access to: roadless/wo\_caet-slc@fs.fed.us.

Dated: November 4, 1999.

**James R. Furnish,**  
Deputy Chief, National Forest System.  
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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

**Forest Service**

**Public Meetings on National Forest System Roadless Areas**

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of meetings.

**SUMMARY:** On October 19, 1999, the Forest Service published a notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement to initiate the scoping process for a proposed rule for the protection of roadless areas on National Forest System lands. The agency is giving notice of public meetings that are being held as part of this scoping effort.

**DATES:** The meetings are scheduled from November 16 through December 1, 1999

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings will be held at the locations and times listed in the table under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Christopher Wehrli, Content Analysis Enterprise Team, telephone: (801) 517-1037; e-mail: roadless/wo\_caet-slc@fs.fed.us

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In addition to requesting written comment in response to the notice of intent published October 19, 1999 (64 FR 56306), the Forest Service is providing an opportunity for the public to participate in scoping meetings on the proposal for protecting the remaining roadless areas within the National Forest System. At these meetings, the agency will clarify the differences between this initiative and the soon to be released proposed changes to the National Forest System Transportation System rules at 36 CFR part 212 and to Forest Service Manual direction.

To accommodate larger numbers of attendees, two scoping meetings will be held each night at the locations and times listed in the following table. Attendees may select either session.

Date	City	Location	Time
Tuesday, November 16 .....	Albuquerque, NM .....	Albuquerque Convention Center, 401 Second Street, NW.	6:00-7:30 7:30-9:00
Tuesday, November 16 .....	Milwaukee, WI .....	University of Wisconsin, Chemistry Building, Room 180, 3210 N. Cramer Avenue.	5:00-6:30 6:30-8:00
Wednesday, November 17 .....	Salt Lake City, UT .....	Salt Palace Convention Center, 100 South West Temple.	6:00-7:30 7:30-9:00
Wednesday, November 17 .....	Missoula, MT .....	University of Montana, Gallagher Busi. Bldg., Room 123, Arthur and Connell Avenues.	6:00-7:30 7:30-9:00
Thursday, November 18 .....	Denver, CO .....	Embassy Suites Downtown Denver, 1881 Curtis Street	6:00-7:30 7:30-9:00
Thursday, November 18 .....	Juneau, AK .....	Centennial Hall Convention Center, 101 Egan Drive .....	5:00-6:30 6:30-8:00
Tuesday, November 30 .....	Portland, OR .....	Oregon Convention Center, 777 NE Martin Luther King Blvd..	5:00-6:30 6:30-8:00
Tuesday, November 30 .....	Atlanta, GA .....	Georgia International Convention Center, 1902 Sullivan Road.	6:30-8:00 8:00-9:30
Wednesday, December 1 .....	Sacramento, CA .....	Capitol Plaza Halls, 1025 9th Street .....	6:00-7:30 7:30-9:00

Date	City	Location	Time
Thursday, December 9 .....	Washington, DC .....	Hyatt Arlington, 1325 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22209	6:30–8:00 8:00–10:00

Public scoping meetings will be held at the National forest level. Forest Supervisors will give notice of these meetings in newspapers of local circulation and through other media.

Dated: November 4, 1999.

**James R. Furnish,**

*Deputy Chief, National Forest System.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Race and National Origin Information of Job Applicants

**ACTION:** Proposed collection; Comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before January 10, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5027, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20230 (or via the Internet at LEngelme@doc.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Debby Blackwood, Office of Human Resources Management, Office of Programs and Policies, Room 5102, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20230, (202) 482–6187.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

The Department of Commerce is below parity with the relevant civilian labor force representation for many of our primary occupations. The only method to determine if there are barriers in the recruitment and selection process for these occupations is to track groups

that apply and how they fare through the selection process. Without this information, DOC does not have the ability to evaluate the effectiveness of its recruitment efforts, or to determine barriers in its selection process. There is no other objective way to make these determinations, and no source of this information other than from applicants.

The race and national origin (RNO) information of job applicants was previously collected by all Federal agencies using OPM Form 1386. The form expired several years ago and DOC is seeking to establish a replacement form. It will not be a required part of their application package. A number of Federal agencies have already recreated this form for the same purpose—collecting race, national origin, gender and disability information of job applicants.

The information is not provided to selecting officials and plays no part in the selection of individuals. Instead, it is used in summary form to determine trends over many selections within a given occupation or organizational area. The information is treated in a very confidential manner.

##### II. Method of Collection

Initially job applicants will complete the form in a paper version and submit it with their application. DOC is in the process of automating this form. Applicants should have the option of completing the form electronically within a year. Those without access to automated applicant processing will be able to continue submitting a paper version. Job applicants complete the form on a voluntary basis.

##### III. Data

*OMB Number:* None.

*Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* Regular Submission.

*Affected Public:* Individuals Seeking Employment.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 10,000.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 5 minutes.

*Estimated Annual Burden Hours:* 833.33.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$0 (no capital expenditures are required).

##### IV. Request for 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 shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection; (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 through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: November 3, 1999.

**Linda Engelmeier,**

*Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce (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:* Patent and Trademark Office (PTO).

*Title:* Payment of Patent and Trademark Office Fees by Credit Card.

*Form Numbers:* PTO–2038.

*OMB Approval Number:* None.

*Type of Request:* New collection.

*Burden:* 20,000 hours per year.

*Number of Respondents:* 100,000 responses per year.

*Avg. Hours Per Response:* 12 minutes (0.2 hours) to complete the credit card form, PTO–2038 U.S. Patent & Trademark Office Credit Card Payment Form.

*Needs and Uses:* The PTO is required to collect fees during the patent process, during the trademark process, and for information products through its laws and regulations. This fee collection is required in 35 U.S.C. 41 and 15 U.S.C. 1113 and in 37 CFR 1.16 through 1.26, 1.492, 2.6, and 2.7. The public uses the