

environmental impact statement for the revised Forest Plan (40 CFR 1501.7). Comments should focus on (1) the proposal for revising the Forest Plan (2) possible alternatives for addressing issues associated with the proposal and (3) also identify any possible impacts associated with the proposal based on an individual's civil rights (race, color, national origin, age, religion, gender, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, marital or family status). We will encourage public participation in the environmental analysis and decision-making process.

In fall 2000, we would release our notice of intent and proposal. We will have many types of public involvement including: 60-day formal comment period, public meetings, written comments, website and e-mail.

In the years 2001 and 2002, we would work on alternative development and issue validation. We will have many types of public involvement including: public workshops, collaborative meetings, written comments, website, and e-mail.

In the years 2002 and 2003 we would release our proposed revised Forest Plan and a draft environmental impact statement. We will have many types of public involvement including 90-day formal comment period, public meetings, and written comments.

During 2004, we would release the decision, final revised Forest Plan, final environmental impact statement, and record of decision. We will have informational meetings to explain the decision on final Forest Plan.

The Forest Service will host a series of public meetings to (1) establish multiple opportunities for the public to generate ideas, concerns, and alternatives, (2) present and clarify proposed changes to the Forest Plan; (3) describe ways that individuals can respond to this Notice of Intent; and (4) accept comments from the public on this proposal for revising the Forest Plan.

We will provide the public with general notices on opportunities to participate through mailings, news releases, public meetings, and website (www.fs.fed.us/r9/hoosier). In addition to formal opportunities for public comment, we will consider comments received at any time throughout the revision process.

Below is the schedule of initial meetings based on publication of this NOI. We intend to have the most meetings in the first 30 days to give the public time to gather information, participate in meetings and then formulate comments before the close of

the 60-day comment period. Additional meetings will be scheduled as needed.

December 4, 2000—Senior Community Center at 1369 Blue Bluff Road in Martinsville, IN, 6 pm to 9 pm (EST)
December 7, 2000—Best Western Old Capital Inn, on State Road 135 (exit 105 off of I-64) in Corydon, Indiana, 6 pm to 9 pm (EST)

Availability of Public Comment:

Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record on this proposed action and will be available for public inspection. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered; however, those who submit anonymous comments will not have standing to appeal the subsequent decisions under 36 CFR parts 215 or 217.

Additionally, pursuant to 7 CFR 1.27(d), any persons may request the agency to withhold a submission from the public record by showing how the FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) permits such confidentiality. Persons requesting such confidentiality should be aware that under FOIA confidentiality may be granted in only very limited circumstances, such as to protect trade secrets.

The Forest Service will inform the requester of the agency's decision regarding the request for confidentiality and where the requester is denied, the agency will return the submission and notify the requester that the comments may be resubmitted with or without name and address within 90 days.

Release and Review of the Draft EIS:

The DEIS is expected to be filed with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and to be available for public comment in 2003. At that time, the EPA will publish a notice of availability in the **Federal Register**. The comment period on the DEIS will be 90 days from the date the EPA publishes the notice of availability in the **Federal Register**.

The Forest Service believes, at this early stage, that it is important to give reviewers notice of several court rulings related to public participation in the environmental review process. First, reviewers of draft environmental impact statements 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 Yankee Nuclear Power Corp. v. NRDS*, 435 U.S. 519, 553 (1978). Also, environmental objections that could be raised at the draft environmental impact statement stage but that are not raised until after completion of the final

environmental impact statement 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 90-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 environmental impact statement.

To assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering issues and concerns on the proposed action, comments on the draft environmental impact statement should be 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 draft environmental impact statement or the merits of the alternatives formulated and discussed in the statement. Reviewers may wish to refer to the Council of Environmental Quality Regulations (<http://ceq.eh.doe.gov/nepa/nepanet.htm>) for implementing the procedural provision of the National Environmental Policy Act at 40 CFR 1503.3 in addressing these points.

Dated: October 26, 2000.

Robert T. Jacobs,

Regional Forester.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Southwest Washington Provincial Advisory Committee Meeting Notice

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Southwest Washington Provincial Advisory Committee will meet on Wednesday, November 15, 2000, at the Gifford Pinchot National Forest Office, located at 10600 NE 51st Circle, Vancouver, Washington. The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. and continue until 4:15 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to: (1) Review the National Roads Policy; (2) Discuss the mission of the committee, and (3) Provide for a Public Open Forum. All Southwest Washington Provincial Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend. The "open forum" provides opportunity for the public to bring issues, concerns, and discussion

topics to the Advisory Committee. The "open forum" is scheduled as part of agenda item (3) for this meeting. Interested speakers will need to register prior to the open forum period. The committee welcomes the public's written comments on committee business at any time.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Direct questions regarding this meeting to Linda Turner, Public Affairs Specialist, at (360) 891-5195, or write Forest Headquarters Office, Gifford Pinchot National Forest, 10600 NE. 51st Circle, Vancouver, WA 98682.

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Claire Lavendel,

Forest Supervisor.

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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 Economic Analysis.

Title: Annual Survey of Selected Services Transactions With Unaffiliated Foreign Persons.

Form Number(s): BE-22.

Agency Approval Number: 0608-0060.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection without any change in the substance or in method of collection.

Burden: 17,250 hours.

Number of Respondents: 1,500.

Avg Hours Per Response: 11.5.

Needs and Uses: The Government requires data from the BE-22 annual survey to obtain reliable and up-to-date information on selected U.S. services transactions with unaffiliated foreign persons, by type of service cross-classified by foreign country. The data will update the results of the BE-20 benchmark survey, which covers the universe of such transactions. The BE-20 is conducted once every five years, and the last survey covered 1996. A BE-22 survey is conducted each of the four years between two benchmark surveys; the last BE-22 covered 1999. Some of the major purposes of the survey are to provide information needed in formulating U.S. international trade

agreements, compile the U.S. international transactions and national income and product accounts, assess and promote U.S. competitiveness in international trade in services, and improve the ability of U.S. businesses to identify and evaluate market opportunities.

Affected Public: Businesses and other for-profit and not-for-profit institutions, State and local governments, or other institutions engaging in international transactions in the covered services.

Frequency: Annual.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

Legal Authority: Title 22 U.S.C., Sections 3101-3108, as amended.

OMB Desk Officer: Paul Bugg, (202) 395-3093.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing DOC Forms Clearance Officer, Madeleine Clayton, (202) 482-3129, Department of Commerce, Room 6086, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington DC 20230 or by E-mail to MClayton@doc.gov.

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

Dated: October 27, 2000.

Madeleine Clayton,

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

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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 Economic Analysis (BEA).

Title: Transactions of U.S. Affiliate, Except a U.S. Banking Affiliate, with Foreign Parent (Form BE-605) and Transactions of U.S. Banking Affiliate with Foreign Parent (Form BE-605 Bank).

Form Number(s): BE-605 and BE-605 Bank.

Agency Approval Number: 0608-0009.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection without

any change in the substance or in the method of collection.

Burden: 19,750 hours.

Number of Respondents: 3,950 per quarter; 15,800 annually.

Avg Hours Per Response: 1¼ hours.

Needs and Uses: The U.S. Government requires data from the BE-605 (quarterly) survey for compiling the international transactions accounts, input-output accounts, and national income and product accounts of the United States. The data are also needed to measure the amount of foreign direct investment in the United States, monitor changes in such investment, assess its impact on the U.S. and foreign economies, and, based upon this assessment, make informed policy decisions regarding foreign direct investment in the United States.

Also, the data from the BE-605 survey complement data from BEA's other ongoing surveys of foreign direct investment in the United States, namely the BE-13, Initial Report on a Foreign Person's Direct or Indirect Acquisition, Establishment, or Purchase of the Operating Assets, of a U.S. Business Enterprise, Including Real Estate, and the BE-12 (benchmark) and BE-15 (annual) surveys, which provide data on the overall operations of U.S. affiliates.

Affected Public: U.S. businesses or other for-profit institutions.

Frequency: Quarterly.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

Legal Authority: Title 22 U.S.C., Sections 3101-3108, as amended.

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