

Management Branch, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, STOP 0742, 1400 Independence Ave. SW., Washington, DC 20250. 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.

Dated: April 9, 2003.

Arthur A. Garcia,

Administrator, Rural Housing Service.

Dated: April 7, 2003.

John Rosso,

Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service.

Dated: April 7, 2003.

Hilda Legg,

Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.

Dated: April 8, 2003.

James R. Little,

Administrator, Farm Service Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Information Collection; Forest Industries Data Collection System

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Forest Service is seeking comments from all interested individuals and organizations on the extension of the information collection for two questionnaires used to evaluate trends in the use of logs and wood chips, to forecast anticipated levels of logs and wood chips, and to analyze changes in the harvest of these resources from National Forest System lands.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing on or before June 30, 2003 to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: Comments concerning this notice should be addressed to the USDA Forest Service, Attn: Michael Howell, Forest Inventory and Analysis, Southern Research Station, 4700 Old Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN, 37919-5206. Comments also may be submitted via facsimile to (865) 862-2048 or by e-mail to: mhowell@fs.fed.us.

The public may inspect comments received at the Southern Research Station, 4700 Old Kingston Pike, Resource Use Office, Knoxville, Tennessee during normal business hours. Visitors are encouraged to call

ahead to (865) 862-2000 to facilitate entry to the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Howell, Southern Research Station, at (865) 862-2054.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Description of Information Collection

1. *Title:* Pulpwood Received

Questionnaire.

OMB Number: 0596-0010.

Expiration Date of Approval: June 30, 2003.

Type of Request: Extension.

Abstract: The Forest and Range Renewable Resources Planning Act of 1974 and the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Research Act of 1978 require the Forest Service to evaluate trends in the use of logs and wood chips, to forecast anticipated levels of logs and wood chips, and to analyze changes in the harvest of these resources from National Forest System lands.

To collect this information, Forest Service personnel use the Pulpwood Received questionnaire. Questions include what type of logs or wood chips have been received by the mill, from which geographic locations have the logs or wood chips been harvested, what variety of tree species have been harvested and received by the mill, how much was paid by the mill for the logs or wood chips, and what is the volume of byproducts that have been produced as a result of the manufacturing process, such as bark, sawdust, and slabs. The questionnaire also includes the State and the calendar year for which information will be collected.

The Forest Service mails the questionnaires to primary wood-using mills, which include small, part-time mills and pulping companies, as well as large paper companies. Primary wood-using mills are facilities that use harvested wood in log or chip form, such as sawlogs, veneer logs, pulpwood, and pulp chips, to manufacture a secondary product, such as lumber or paper. Respondents return the completed questionnaire by mail in self-addressed, postage-paid envelopes.

The information is collected by Forest Service personnel at the following Forest Service research stations: Northeast Research Station (Radnor, Pa), North Central Research Station (St. Paul, Mn), Southern Research Station (Asheville, NC), Rocky Mountain Research Station (Ogden, Ut), and Pacific Northwest Research Station (Portland, Or). The data collected will be used to provide essential information about the current drain on the Nation's timber resources for pulpwood industrial products.

Forest Service personnel will evaluate the information collected from the pulp mills to monitor the volume, types, species, sources, and prices of timber products harvested throughout the Nation. The data from this collection of information is not available from other sources.

Estimate of Annual Burden: 0.5 hours.

Type of Respondents: Primary users of industrial pulpwood and wood chips.

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 225.

Estimated Annual Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 113.

2. *Title:* Logs and Other Roundwood Received Questionnaire.

OMB Number: 0596-0010.

Expiration Date of Approval: June 30, 2003.

Type of Request: Extension.

Abstract: The Forest and Range Renewable Resources Planning Act of 1974 and the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Research Act of 1978 require the Forest Service to evaluate trends in the use of logs and wood chips, to forecast anticipated levels of logs and wood chips, and to analyze changes in the harvest of these resources from National Forest System lands.

To collect the information, Forest Service personnel use the Logs and Other Roundwood Received questionnaire. The questionnaire is mailed to primary wood-using mills, which include small, part-time mills as well as large corporate entities. The Logs and Other Roundwood Received questionnaire includes the State and the calendar year for which information will be collected. Respondents return the completed questionnaire by mail in self-addressed, postage-paid envelopes.

The information is to be collected by Forest Service personnel at the following Forest Service research stations: Northeast Research Station (Radnor, Pa), North Central Research Station (St. Paul, Mn), Southern Research Station (Asheville, NC), Rocky Mountain Research Station (Ogden, Ut), and Pacific Northwest Research Station (Portland, Or).

Respondents answer questions that include the type of logs or wood chips that have been received by the mill, the geographic locations from which the logs or wood chips have been harvested, the variety of tree species that have been harvested and received by the mill, the prices the mill has paid for the logs or wood chips, and the volume of byproducts that have been produced as a result of the manufacturing process, such as bark, sawdust, and slabs.

The Forest Service will collect information from primary wood-using mills, which includes small, part-time mills, as well as large corporate entities. Primary wood-using mills are facilities that use harvested wood in log or chip form, such as sawlogs, veneer logs, pulpwood, and pulp chips, to manufacture a secondary product, such as lumber or paper. The data collected is used to provide essential information about the current drain on the Nation's timber resources for pulpwood industrial products.

Forest Service personnel evaluate the information collected from the pulp mills to monitor the volume, types, species, sources, and prices of timber products harvested throughout the Nation. The data from this collection of information is not available from other sources.

Estimate of Annual Burden: 0.84 hours.

Type of Respondents: Primary users of industrial roundwood products.

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 1885.

Estimated Annual Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 1583.

Comment Is Invited

Comment is invited on: (1) Whether this collection of information is necessary for the stated purposes and the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical or scientific utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) 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 Comments

All comments received in response to this notice, including names and addresses when provided, will be a matter of public record. In submitting this proposal to the Office of Management and Budget for approval, the Forest Service will summarize and respond to comments received.

Dated: April 24, 2003.

Robert Lewis, Jr.,

Deputy Chief, Research and Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Hood/Willamette Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) meeting

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Action of Meeting.

SUMMARY: The Hood/Willamette Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will meet on Thursday, June 19, 2003. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. and will conclude at approximately 4 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Salem Office of the Bureau of Land Management Office; 1717 Fabry Road SE; Salem, Oregon; (503) 375-5646. The tentative agenda includes: (1) Recommendations on 2004 Projects; and (2) Public Forum.

The Public Forum is tentatively scheduled to begin at 9:30 p.m. Time allotted for individual presentations will be limited to 3-4 minutes. Written comments are encouraged, particularly if the material cannot be presented within the time limits for the Public Forum. Written comments may be submitted prior to the June 19th meeting by sending them to Designated Federal Official Donna Short at the address given below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For more information regarding this meeting, contact Designated Federal Official Donna Short; Sweet Home Ranger District; 3225 Highway 20; Sweet Home, Oregon 97386; (541) 367-9220.

Dated: April 23, 2003.

Dallas J. Emch,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Siskiyou County Resource Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Siskiyou County Resource Advisory Committee will meet in Yreka, California, May 19, 2003. The meeting will include routine business

and discussion of outreach initiatives and signage at project sites.

DATES: The meeting will be held May 19, 2003 from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Yreka High School Library, Preece Way, Yreka, California.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Don Hall, RAC Coordinator, Klamath National Forest, (530) 841-4468 or electronically at donaldhall@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public. Public comment opportunity will be provided and individuals will have the opportunity to address the Committee at that time.

Dated: April 23, 2003.

Margaret J. Boland,

Designated Federal Official.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the New Hampshire Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, that a conference call of the New Hampshire Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 2 p.m. and adjourn at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 8, 2003. The purpose of the conference call is to further planning discussions for a community forum in Manchester, New Hampshire on education, social service delivery, and health delivery issues.

This conference call is available to the public through the following call-in number: 1-888-532-2333, access code: 16360099. Any interested member of the public may call this number and listen to the meeting. Callers can expect to incur charges for calls not initiated using the supplied call-in number or over wireless lines and the Commission will not refund any incurred charges. Callers will incur no charge for calls using the call-in number over land-line connections. Persons with hearing impairments may also follow the proceedings by first calling the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-977-8339 and providing the Service with the conference call number and access code.

To ensure that the Commission secures an appropriate number of lines for the public, persons are asked to register by contacting Aonghas St. Hilaire of the Eastern Regional Office, 202-376-7533 (TDD 202-376-8116), by 4 p.m. on Wednesday, May 7, 2003.