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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

July 27, 2009.

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments regarding (a) Whether the 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 burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV or fax (202) 395-5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250-7602. Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-8958.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such

persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Food and Nutrition Service

Title: School Nutrition Dietary Assessment Study-IV.

OMB Control Number: 0584-0527.

Summary of Collection: The School Nutrition Dietary Assessment Study-IV (SNDA-IV) will collect a broad range of data from a nationally representative sample of public School Food Authorities (SFAs) and schools. The study will focus on assessing the nutrient content of school meals offered and served to students in elementary, middle and high schools. The study will also assess issues related to the operation of school meals program, particularly aspects that may influence the nutrient content of meals offered to children, children's decisions to participate in the meal programs and the experience of children who do participate in the programs.

Need and Use of the Information: The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) will collect data from the study to address three broad set of research questions of interest to USDA, the states, SFAs and other program stakeholders: (1) What are the characteristics of schools and SFAs participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and the School Breakfast Program (SBP), particularly as they relate to meal service operations and the food environment? (2) What are the characteristics of meals and snacks offered and served to students? (3) How have school food service and school environment characteristics and meals offered and served to students changed over time? Without this information, FNS will not be able to assess progress toward key strategic goals for the NSLP and SBP or identify related training and technical assistance needs of SFAs and schools.

Description of Respondents: State, Local, or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 3,725.

Frequency of Responses: Report: Other (One time).

Total Burden Hours: 7,111.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Superior National Forest, Laurentian Ranger District; Minnesota; Tracks Project Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: The Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Tracks Project. The proposed activities would manage forest vegetation composition, age class, and spatial patterns. Proposed activities also address the transportation system associated with vegetation activities and long-term Federal and non-federal access needs.

The project area encompasses nearly 78,000 acres of National Forest System land.

The proposed action would create young forest through timber harvest; improve stand structure and within-stand diversity with harvests such as thinning; and restore stand conditions without harvest. Managing the minimum road system needed for long-term vegetation management would involve adding and decommissioning miles of road. The proposed project is located on the Laurentian Ranger District, Aurora, Minnesota.

DATES: Comments concerning the scope of the analysis must be received by August 31, 2009. The draft environmental impact statement is expected in late 2009 and the final environmental impact statement is expected in spring 2010.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Stephen J. Kuennen, Laurentian District Ranger, Tracks Project, 318 Forestry Road, Aurora, MN 55705. Send electronic comments to comments-eastern-superior-laurentian@fs.fed.us. Comments may also be sent via facsimile to (218) 229-8821.

It is important that reviewers provide their comments at such times and in such a way that they are useful to the Agency's preparation of the EIS. Therefore, comments should be provided prior to the close of the comment period and should clearly articulate the reviewer's concerns and contentions. The submission of timely

and specific comments can affect a reviewer's ability to participate in subsequent administrative review or judicial review.

Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be part of the public record for this proposed action. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered; however, anonymous comments will not provide the respondent with standing to participate in subsequent administrative review or judicial review.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Susan Duffy, Tracks Project Coordinator at 1393 Hy 169, Ely, MN 55731, telephone (218) 365-2097.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose and Need for Action

The primary purpose of the Tracks Project is to maintain and promote native vegetation communities that are diverse, productive, healthy, and resilient by moving the vegetation towards the desired vegetation and landscape ecosystem conditions described in the Superior National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan). Forest Plan direction for the transportation system is also part of the project's purpose.

Proposed Action

The proposed action would manage forest vegetation composition, age class, and spatial patterns and the transportation system associated with these activities. Proposed activities include: creating young forest on approximately 5,166 acres, improving stand structure and within-stand diversity on approximately 1,345 acres, and restoring stand conditions through a variety of non-harvest activities such as planting, biomass removal, and conducting prescribed burns to reduce risk of wildfire on approximately 352 acres. Managing the minimum road system needed for long-term vegetation management would involve adding 5.2 miles of system road and decommissioning 11.4 miles of road.

Responsible Official

Stephen J. Kuennen, Laurentian District Ranger, 318 Forestry Road, Aurora, MN 55705.

Nature of Decision To Be Made

An environmental analysis for the Tracks Project will evaluate site-specific issues, consider management alternatives, and analyze the potential effects of the proposed action and alternatives. The scope of the project is limited to decisions concerning

activities within the Tracks Project Area that meet the purpose and need, as well as desired conditions. An environmental impact statement will provide the Responsible Official, Stephen J. Kuennen, with the information needed to decide which actions, if any, to approve.

Permits or Licenses Required

Easement or permission to cross non-federal property may be needed to access some treatment units to implement Forest Service activities.

Scoping Process

This notice of intent initiates the scoping process, which guides the development of the environmental impact statement. Written comments will be solicited through a notice that will be sent to the landowners within the Tracks Project area and other interested individuals and organizations.

It is important that reviewers provide their comments at such times and in such manner that they are useful to the agency's preparation of the environmental impact statement. Therefore, comments should be provided prior to the close of the comment period and should clearly articulate the reviewer's concerns and contentions. The submission of timely and specific comments can affect a reviewer's ability to participate in subsequent administrative appeal or judicial review.

Dated: July 20, 2009.

Stephen J. Kuennen,
Laurentian District Ranger.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

**Associated Electric Cooperative, Inc.:
Notice of 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) has made a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) with respect to a request from Associated Electric Cooperative, Inc. (AECI) for assistance to finance the construction, operation, and maintenance of a new 540-MW gas-fired combustion combined-cycle generation unit, a new 161/345-kV substation, a new 161-kV transmission line, and a

new 345-kV transmission line in Mayes County, Oklahoma.

ADDRESSES: The FONSI is available for public review at the USDA Rural Utilities Service's Web site—<http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/ea.htm> or at 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 2244, Stop 1571, Washington, DC 20250-1571; and at AECI's headquarters office located at 211 South Golden, Springfield, Missouri 65801-4775 or the Pryor Public Library at 505 E. Graham, Pryor, OK 74361. To obtain copies of the FONSI or for further information, contact Stephanie Strength, Environmental Protection Specialist, USDA, Rural Utilities Service, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Stop 1571, Washington, DC 20250-1571, Telephone: (202) 720-0468 or e-mail: stephanie.strength@wdc.usda.gov or AECI's headquarters office located at 211 South Golden, Springfield, Missouri 65801-4775.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: AECI proposes to construct a 540-megawatt (MW) combined-cycle, gas-fired generation unit at the Mid America Industrial Park Chouteau Power Plant in Mayes County, Oklahoma. A new substation will also be constructed, to be located approximately two miles east of the existing plant, to be connected by a single circuit 161-kV line. A single circuit 345-kV line will further connect the substation to the Grand River Dam Authority (GRDA) Coal-Fired Power Plant, located in Mayes County, Oklahoma. Burns and McDonnell Engineering Company, Inc., an environmental consulting firm, prepared an Environmental Report for RUS. RUS conducted an independent evaluation of the Environmental Report and agreed that it accurately assessed the impacts of the proposal. RUS accepted the document as its Environmental Assessment and published the document for a 30-day public comment period. The applicant is responsible for obtaining all permits required to construct the proposal.

Pursuant to 36 CFR 800.4(d)(1) of the regulations (36 CFR part 800) implementing Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), 16 U.S.C. 470f, RUS made a finding that this project will not affect historic properties. RUS received no objection to this finding of effect from the Oklahoma State Historic Preservation Office or other consulting parties. RUS has determined this finding of no historic properties affected made pursuant to Section 106 of NHPA to be consistent with its FONSI.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, as amended