

Scoping Process

This notice of intent initiates the scoping process, which guides the development of the EIS. Comments that would be most useful are those concerning developing or refining the proposed action, and in particular, are site-specific concerns and those that can help us develop treatments that would be responsive to our goal to control, contain, or eradicate invasive plants. 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 EIS. Therefore, comments should be provided prior to the close of the comment period and should clearly articulate the reviewer's concerns and contentions. 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.

The decision for this project will be subject to the objection process at 36 CFR 218 subparts A and B. Only individuals or entities who submit timely and specific written comments concerning the project during this or another designated public comment period established by the responsible official will be eligible to file on objection.

Dated: October 16, 2019.

Allen Rowley,

Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest System.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Information Collection: Cooperative Wildland Fire Management and Stafford Act Response Agreements

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA, Bureau of Land Management DOI, Fish and Wildlife Service DOI, National Park Service DOI, and Bureau of Indian Affairs DOI.

ACTION: Notice and 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 with no changes to the information collection, Cooperative Wildland Fire Management and Stafford Act Response Agreements.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing on or before January 6, 2020 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 Tim Melchert, Cooperative Fire Specialist, USDA Forest Service, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250.

Comments also may be submitted via facsimile to 208-387-5398 or by email to: SM.FS.Fire-Agrmts@usda.gov.

The public may inspect comments received at Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250 during normal business hours. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead to 202-205-1637 to facilitate entry to the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tim Melchert, Cooperative Fire Specialist, at USDA Forest Service, 208-387-5887. Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339 twenty-four hours a day, every day of the year, including holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Forest Service will submit a request for a new information collection to Office of Management and Budget.

Title: Cooperative Wildland Fire Management and Stafford Act Response Agreements.

OMB Number: 0596-0242.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: To allow the performance of specific activities in cooperation with Federal, State, local, and Tribal governments, Congress enacted authorities allowing the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and United States Department of the Interior (DOI) to enter into cooperative agreements with fire organizations to improve efficiency.

These include:

1. Facilitating the coordination and exchange of personnel, equipment, supplies, services, and funds among the parties.
2. Sustaining Wildland Fire Management activities, such as prevention, preparedness, communication and education, fuels treatment and hazard mitigation, fire planning.
3. Response strategies, tactics and alternatives, suppression and post-fire rehabilitation and restoration.
4. Allow for the parties to respond to presidentially declared emergencies or disasters.

The primary authorities allowing for the agreements are the Reciprocal Fire Protection Act, 42 U.S.C 1856, and the Stafford Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121. The proposed Cooperative Wildland Fire Management and Stafford Act Response Agreement template will allow authorized agencies to streamline coordination with other Federal, State, local, and Tribal governments in wildland fire protection activities, and to document in an agreement the roles and responsibilities among the parties, ensuring maximum protection of resources.

To negotiate, develop, and administer Cooperative Wildland Fire Management and Stafford Act Response Agreements, the USDA Forest Service, DOI Bureau of Land Management, DOI Fish and Wildlife Service, DOI National Park Service, and DOI Bureau of Indian Affairs must collect information from willing State, local, and Tribal governments from the pre-agreement to the closeout stage via telephone calls, emails, postal mail, and person-to-person meetings. There are multiple means to communicate responses, which include forms, optional forms, templates, electronic documents, in person, telephone, and email. The scope of information collected includes the project type, project scope, financial plan, statement of work, and cooperator's business information. Without the collected information, authorized Federal agencies would not be able to negotiate, create, develop, and administer cooperative agreements with stakeholders for wildland fire protection, approved fire severity activities, and presidentially declared emergencies or disasters. Authorized Federal agencies would be unable to develop or monitor projects, make payments, or identify financial and accounting errors.

The regulations governing Federal financial assistance relationships are not applicable to agreement templates under this information collection request. The regulations in 2 CFR 200 set forth the general rules that are applicable to all grants and cooperative agreements made by the Department of Agriculture and Department of the Interior. Because the Federal government's use of Cooperative Wildland Fire Management and Stafford Act Response Agreements entered into under cited Federal statutes are not financial assistance for the benefit of the recipient, but instead are entered into for the mutual benefit of the Federal government and the non-Federal cooperators, the assistance regulations in 2 CFR 200, as adopted and supplemented by the Department of

Agriculture and Department of Interior, are not applicable to such agreements.

This is a new information collection request. The Cooperative Wildland Fire Management and Stafford Act Response Agreement template can be viewed at www.fs.fed.us/managing-land/fire/master-agreement-template.

Estimate of Annual Burden: 4 to 24 hours annually per respondent.

Type of Respondents: State, local, and Tribal governments.

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 320.

Estimated Annual Number of Responses per Respondent: 1 to 4.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 47,040 hours.

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.

All comments received in response to this notice, including names and addresses when provided, will be a matter of public record. Comments will be summarized and included in the submission request toward Office of Management and Budget approval.

Dated: October 18, 2019.

John Phipps,

Deputy Chief, State and Private Forestry.

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CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting Notice

AGENCY: United States Commission on Civil Rights.

ACTION: Notice of Commission public briefing, *Subminimum Wages: Impacts on the Civil Rights of People with Disabilities*.

DATES: Friday, November 15, 2019, 9:00 a.m. Eastern Time (ET).

ADDRESSES: Place: National Place Building, 1331 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Suite 1150, Washington, DC 20245 (Entrance on F Street NW).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brian Walch, (202) 376-8371; TTY: (202) 376-8116; publicaffairs@usccr.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Government in the Sunshine Act, 5 U.S.C. 552b, the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will hold a public briefing to examine the exemption under the Fair Labor Standards Act—the section 14(c) waiver program—which permits employers to pay less than the minimum wage to individuals with disabilities. In April 2018, the U.S. Department of Labor reported that more than 1,800 employers held a waiver of minimum wage requirements, affecting at least some 150,000 workers. Reliable reports indicate that many employers with 14(c) certificates pay far below prevailing or minimum wage while segregating these employees from the non-disabled workforce. The Commission will investigate whether this violates the civil rights of people with disabilities. The Commission will analyze the use of the 14(c) waiver program, its effect on people with disabilities, and oversight by the Departments of Labor and Justice.

This briefing is open to the public. We will offer an open comment session in which members of the public will have an opportunity to address the Commission; detailed information, including on registering for a three-minute speaking slot, can be viewed here. Individuals may attend the briefing without the need to confirm attendance or RSVP.

The event will also live-stream. (Information subject to change.) There will also be a public call-in line (listen-only): 800-822-2024, conference ID: 8561700. If attending in person, we ask that you RSVP to publicaffairs@usccr.gov. Persons with disabilities who need accommodation should contact Pamela Dunston at 202-376-8105 or at access@usccr.gov at least seven business days before the date of the meeting.

The Commission welcomes the submission of additional material for consideration as we prepare our report; please submit to subminimumwages@usccr.gov no later than December 15, 2019. Stay abreast of updates at www.usccr.gov and on Twitter and Facebook.

Agenda

Introductory Remarks: Chair Catherine E. Lhamon: 9:00 a.m.–9:10 a.m.

Panel One: The Federal Government's Role: 9:10 a.m.–10:30 a.m.

Panel Two: Data Regarding Subminimum Wages and Competitive

Integrated Employment: 10:40 a.m.–11:20 a.m.

Panel Three: The Nature of Existing 14(c) Programs: 11:30 a.m.–12:40 p.m.

Remarks by Former Pennsylvania Governor and U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security Tom Ridge: 12:45 p.m.–1:00 p.m.

Lunch break: 1:00 p.m.–2:00 p.m.

Panel Four: Transitioning from 14(c) Programs: 2:00 p.m.–3:10 p.m.

Panel Five: Reform to the 14(c) Program at the Federal Level: 3:20 p.m.–4:30 p.m.

Open Public Comment Session: 5:30 p.m.–6:30 p.m.

Adjourn: 6:30 p.m. (Adjournment time subject to change).

Dated: November 4, 2019.

David Mussatt,

Supervisory Chief, Regional Programs Unit.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Office of the Under Secretary for Economic Affairs

Advisory Committee on Data for Evidence Building

AGENCY: Office of the Under Secretary for Economic Affairs, U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC).

ACTION: Notice of establishment of the Advisory Committee on Data for Evidence Building (Advisory Committee) and solicitation of nominations for non-Federal membership.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Advisory Committee on Data for Evidence Building will be established and will terminate not later than two years after the date of the first meeting. The Advisory Committee will review, analyze, and make recommendations on how to promote the use of Federal data for evidence building. This notice also requests nominations for non-Federal members of the Advisory Committee to ensure a wide range of member candidates and a balanced Advisory Committee.

DATES: Nominations must be received on or before midnight EST on December 4, 2019. The Department encourages nominations submitted any time before the deadline. After that date, the Department will continue to accept nominations under this notice to fill any vacancies that may arise.

ADDRESSES: All nomination materials should be emailed to Evidence@bea.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lucas Hitt at 4600 Silver Hill Rd., BE-