

Sound area. The amount of use of the Forest by outfitters and guides for commercial recreation uses is also an emerging issue due to rising use levels on some popular trails and recreation areas.

Vegetation Management

There is public interest in how the Forest's vegetation should be managed and used. Proposed timber harvest activities within inventoried roadless areas have raised public concerns about the potential effect on the availability of those areas for wilderness or other protective designations. Proposed salvage sales, related road building, and the use of roads after harvest operations, have also been raised as issues by the public. In the 13 years of operation under the current Forest Plan, the Chugach has sold an average 3.38 million board feet per year and an average 2.26 million board feet of timber per year have been harvested. Most of this timber harvest has been concentrated on the Kenai Peninsula portion of the Forest.

Wild and Scenic Rivers

The existing Forest Plan did not consider any rivers or streams for designation under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968. During the past two years, a comprehensive review of more than 760 named and unnamed rivers and glaciers on the Forest was conducted. Twenty rivers and three glaciers have been tentatively identified as containing one or more "outstandingly remarkable" values.

During the revision process rivers may be added or dropped from those found eligible and public involvement will be considered in determining potential classification of the rivers as wild, scenic or recreational. A suitability determination for each river/glacier will be made in the revision process. If a river is found suitable, the Regional Forester may recommend the river for inclusion in the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

Subject to valid existing rights, all rivers/glaciers found eligible will be given interim protection to preserve their potentially "outstandingly remarkable" characteristics and maintain the highest level of classification until a final suitability determination and recommendation is made in the revised Forest Plan.

Travel Management and Access

Many people value the recreation experience afforded by the lack of road access to most of the Forest. Others point out a need for additional public access either by road or trail for

recreation use. Some people object to roads planned into roadless areas for resource development and are concerned with increased motorized use on new roads. Competition between "muscle powered" recreationists and motorized recreationists for areas to pursue their activities is increasing.

Additional Issues

Public comments received on this Notice of Intent and through further public participation activities will be used to create a list of significant issues for the EIS and the revised Forest Plan. The EIS and revised Forest Plan will also address other subjects in response to existing planning direction. These will include (among others):

- Biological diversity;
- Minerals management;
- Fish and wildlife habitat management;
- Scenic resource management;
- Research Natural Areas; and
- Electronic and communication sites.

Comments on the preliminary, or potential additional issues, and possible solutions to these issues are welcomed. Additional information concerning the scope of the revision will be provided through future mailings, news releases, and public meetings.

The Chugach National Forest will hold a series of open house and focus group meetings in communities in and near the Forest and host a revision forum in Anchorage, Alaska, to provide information about the process of revising the Forest Plan, and to gather public input on formulation of alternatives and the scope and nature of the decisions to be made. Meeting dates and locations will be announced in the media.

In preparing the EIS for revising the Plan, the Forest Service will estimate the potential impacts of various management alternatives on the Forest's physical and biological resources, as well as the potential economic and social impacts on local communities and the broader regional economy.

The draft EIS and proposed revised Forest Plan are tentatively scheduled for release and public review in September 1998. A 90-day public comment period will be provided for these documents. The final EIS, revised Forest Plan, and a record of decision are currently scheduled for completion in June 1999.

The Forest Service believes, at this early stage, it is important to give reviewers notice of several court rulings relating to public participation in the environmental review process. Reviewers of draft EIS's must structure their participation in the environmental

review of the proposal so that it is meaningful and clearly informs an agency of the reviewer's position and contentions, *Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corp. v. NRDC* U.S. 519, 533 (1978). Also environmental concerns that could be raised at the draft EIS stage but that are not raised until after completion of the final EIS 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 for those interested in this proposed action participate by the close of the 90-day comment period on the draft EIS, so that substantive comments and objections are made available to the Forest Service at a time when they can be meaningfully considered and responded to in the final EIS.

The responsible official for the EIS and the revised Forest Plan is the Regional Forester, USDA Forest Service, P.O. Box 21628, Juneau, Alaska 99802-1628.

Dated: April 8, 1997.

Kimberly Bown,

Acting Regional Forester.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 35), this notice announces the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration's (GIPSA) request for an extension for and revision of a currently approved information collection in support of the reporting and recordkeeping requirements under regulations under the Packers and Stockyards Act of 1921, as amended (7 U.S.C. 181, *et seq.*).

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by June 20, 1997.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS: Contact Sharon Vassiliades, ARTS, GIPSA, USDA, STOP 3649, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-3649 or FAX

202 720-4628, telephone: 202 720-1738.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Regulations and related reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Packers and Stockyards Act.

OMB Number: 0580-0015.

Expiration Date of Approval: September 30, 1997.

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

Abstract: The information is needed in order for GIPSA to carry out its responsibilities under the Packers and Stockyards Act. It is used to provide business transaction safeguards that are necessary to protect financial interests and trade practices of livestock producers and others in the livestock industry. The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments from the public concerning our information collection.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 8.5 hours per response.

Respondents: Livestock auction markets, livestock dealers, packer buyers, meat packers, and live poultry dealers.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 10,950.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 3.2.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 301,106 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Cathy McDuffie, the Agency Support Services Specialist, at (301) 734-5190.

Comments

Comments are invited on: (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 the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (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 those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to: Sharon Vassiliades, ARTS, GIPSA, USDA, STOP 3649, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-

3649 or FAX 202 720-4628, telephone: 202 720-1738.

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.

Done at Washington, D.C. this 15th day of April 1997.

James R. Baker,

Administrator.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Nebraska 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 meeting of the Nebraska Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 6:00 p.m. and adjourn at 9:00 p.m. on May 15, 1997, at the Chamber of Commerce, 309 West 2nd Street, Grand Island, Nebraska 68801. The purpose of the meeting is to plan for future activities and provide information on filing civil rights complaints.

Persons desiring additional information, or planning a presentation to the Committee, should contact Melvin L. Jenkins, Director of the Central Regional Office, 913-551-1400 (TDD 913-551-1414). Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Regional Office at least five (5) working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission.

Dated at Washington, DC, April 11, 1997.

Carol-Lee Hurley,

Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Oil Country Tubular Goods From Mexico; Notice of Termination of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of termination of antidumping duty administrative review.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 21, 1997.

SUMMARY: On September 17, 1996, the Department of Commerce ("the Department") published in the **Federal Register** (61 FR 48882) a notice announcing the initiation of an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on Oil Country Tubular Goods ("OCTG") from Mexico. This review covered the periods August 11, 1995 through July 31, 1996 for Drill Pipe and June 28, 1995 through July 31, 1996 for OCTG Other Than Drill Pipe. This review has now been terminated as a result of the withdrawal of the request for administrative review by the petitioners and the absence of entries into the U.S. of subject merchandise during the period of review by the only remaining party requesting review.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Samantha Denenberg or Linda Ludwig, Group III, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20230; telephone (202) 482-0413 or 482-3833, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On August 29, 1996, Hylsa S.A. de C.V. ("Hylsa") requested a review of its sales. Additionally, petitioners requested a review of Tubos de Acero de Mexico, S.H. ("TAMSA"), Tuberia Nacional S.A. de C.V. ("TUNA"), and Hylsa. On October 4, 1996 and October 16, 1996 TAMSA and TUNA respectively filed letters certifying to the Department that they did not export any subject merchandise that was entered for consumption into the United States during the period of review (POR). The Department sent no-shipment inquiries regarding TAMSA and TUNA to U.S. Customs on October 28, 1996. Customs did not indicate that there were any such entries. On December 9, 1996, Hylsa filed its response to sections B and C of the Department's questionnaire for the 1995-96 review. On December 10, 1996, petitioners withdrew their review request as to all Mexican producers of OCTG, including Hylsa. On December 18, petitioners pointed out that Hylsa's December 9 questionnaire response disclosed for the first time the fact that Hylsa had no customs entries of OCTG during the POR. Hylsa has knowledge of entry dates of subject merchandise. Petitioners requested that the