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This section of the FEDERAL REGISTER contains documents other than rules or proposed rules that are applicable to the public. Notices of hearings and investigations, committee meetings, agency decisions and rulings, delegations of authority, filing of petitions and applications and agency statements of organization and functions are examples of documents appearing in this section.

## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

May 16, 1997.

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), Washington, D.C. 20503 and to Department Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, D.C. 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) 720-6204 or (202) 720-6746.

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.

#### • Rural Housing Service

*Title:* 7 CFR 1956-C, Debt Settlement-Community and Business Programs.

*OMB Control Number:* 0575-0124.

*Summary of Collection:* Information collected includes appraisals of property, adjustment agreements, and financial statements.

*Need and Use of the Information:* The information is used to authorize debt restructuring and loan servicing for borrowers who are delinquent due to no fault of their own and who have acted in good faith in connection with their loans.

*Description of Respondents:* Not-for-profit institutions; Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit; State, Local or Tribal Government.

*Number of Respondents:* 17.

*Frequency of Responses:* Reporting: On occasion.

*Total Burden Hours:* 448.

#### • Forest Service

*Title:* Bighorn National Forest Scenic Byways User Survey.

*OMB Control Number:* 0596-0140.

*Summary of Collection:* The purpose of this survey is to insure scenic byways users input is considered in the development of the scenic byways corridor management plans. Respondents include travelers, users and business interests that depend upon the byways.

*Need and Use of the Information:* The data will be used to assist public lands and highway managers; aid tourism and marketing efforts; and, insure enjoyment of the users.

*Description of Respondents:* Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit.

*Number of Respondents:* 300.

*Frequency of Responses:* Reporting: One time only.

*Total Burden Hours:* 100.

#### • Procurement and Property Management

*Title:* Procedure for Donation of Excess Research Equipment.

*OMB Control Number:* 0505-0019.

*Summary of Collection:* Executive Order 1282 require that Federal agencies annually report the volume of donations of excess research equipment to the General Services Administration. The

additional information requested by the new 7 CFR 2812 requires eligible educational or nonprofit donee sponsored by USDA to justify need and usability for excess research equipment.

*Need and Use of the Information:* The information will be used by USDA officials to determine if donations of excess research equipment serves the best interests of the taxpayer.

*Description of Respondents:* Not-for-profit institutions; State, Local or Tribal Government.

*Number of Respondents:* 100.

*Frequency of Responses:* Reporting: On occasion.

*Total Burden Hours:* 50.

#### • Forest Service

*Title:* American Heritage Rivers Initiative.

*OMB Control Number:* 0596-New.

*Summary of Collection:* President Clinton will offer special recognition to outstanding stretches of America's rivers by selecting them to be "American Heritage Rivers". Communities will nominate sites to be considered for this status by completing an application form.

*Need and Use of the Information:* The application form will be used to collect basic information on the communities or groups applying for designation including the stretch of river they wish to have designated, statement of objectives, their need for federal assistance, response to qualifying criteria, and action plan for implementation.

*Description of Respondents:* State, Local or Tribal Government; Not-for-profit institutions.

*Number of Respondents:* 250.

*Frequency of Responses:* Reporting: One-time only.

*Total Burden Hours:* 8,000.

Emergency processing of this submission has been requested by May 30, 1997.

#### • Agricultural Marketing Service

*Title:* Vegetable and Speciality Crop Marketing Orders.

*OMB Control Number:* 0581-New.

*Summary of Collection:* Information is collected from growers and handlers concerning referendum ballots, shipments of products, assessments, and disposition of crop.

*Need and Use of the Information:* The information is used to regulate the provisions of the marketing orders and for program compliance.

*Description of Respondents:* Business or other-for-profit; Individuals or households; Not-for-profit institutions; Farms; Federal Government.

*Number of Respondents:* 31,120.

*Frequency of Responses:* Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion; Weekly; Monthly; Quarterly; Semi-annually; Annually; Biennially.

*Total Burden Hours:* 8,527.

#### • Rural Business-Cooperative Service

*Title:* Annual Survey of Farmer Cooperatives and Questionnaire to Identify Farmer Cooperatives.

*OMB Control Number:* 0570-0007.

*Summary of Collection:* Information is collected on basic statistics of agricultural cooperatives.

*Need and Use of the Information:* The information is used for program planning, evaluation, and service work.

*Description of Respondents:* Business or other-for-profit.

*Number of Respondents:* 3,082.

*Frequency of Responses:* Reporting: Annually.

*Total Burden Hours:* 2,641.

**Donald Hulcher,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 97-039-1]

#### Hawaii Animal Import Center; Notice of Closure

**AGENCY:** Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of closure.

**SUMMARY:** We are notifying the public of the closure of the Hawaii Animal Import Center in Honolulu, HI. We are no longer accepting reservations for quarantine space at the Hawaii Animal Import Center. The Hawaii Animal Import Center will officially close at the end of the business day on June 30, 1997.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Gary Colgrove, Chief Staff Veterinarian, National Center for Import and Export, VS, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 38, Riverdale, MD 20737-1231, (301) 734-3276; or Dr. Robert DeCarolis, Area Veterinarian in Charge, Hawaii, VS, APHIS, 3375 Koapaka St., Suite H420, Honolulu, HI 96819, (808) 861-8560.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

The Hawaii Animal Import Center (HAIC) in Honolulu, HI, serves as a quarantine station for domestic livestock and poultry, as well as other exotic animals and birds. In Honolulu, HAIC is located on property owned by the U.S. Coast Guard. The U.S. Coast Guard will be vacating this property at the beginning of Fiscal Year 1998 and has notified the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) that it must also vacate the premises and return the property on which HAIC currently operates to the Coast Guard.

APHIS is no longer accepting reservations for quarantine space at HAIC. This is necessary to ensure that the facility does not have to delay its closure to care for sick animals in quarantine. HAIC will officially cease all operations at the close of the business day on June 30, 1997, to ensure that the property is vacant and returned to the Coast Guard by the close of the Fiscal Year 1997.

The closure of HAIC is not expected to have a significant impact on importers or other entities, large or small. Very few animals have been quarantined at the facility during the past 2 years. In a future edition of the **Federal Register**, we plan to publish a proposed rule to remove Honolulu from the list of areas in 9 CFR parts 92 and 98 that serve as quarantine locations in the United States. At that time, we will solicit comments from the public on whether to remove Honolulu, HI, as a quarantine location.

**Authority:** 7 U.S.C. 1622; 19 U.S.C. 1306; 21 U.S.C. 102-105, 111, 114a, 134a, 134b, 134c, 134d, 134f, 135, 136, and 136a; 31 U.S.C. 9701; 7 CFR 2.22, 2.80, and 371.2(d).

Done in Washington, DC, this 19th day of May 1997.

**Terry L. Medley,**

*Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Pilgrim Project, Tahoe National Forest Sierra County, CA

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for proposed timber harvest,

plantation thinning, fuels reduction, and wildlife habitat improvement projects for areas in the Wolf/Kanaka/Indian Creek and Middle Yuba River watersheds, in accordance with the requirements of 36 CFR 219.19. The project area is located within portions of T18N & T19N, R10E & R11E, MDB&M.

The agency invites comments and suggestions on the scope of the analysis. In addition, the agency gives notice of the full environmental analysis and decision-making process that will occur on the proposal so that interested and affected people are aware of how they may participate and contribute to the final decision.

**DATES:** Comments should be made in writing and received by June 2, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments concerning the project should be directed to U.S.F.S. Downieville Ranger District, ATTN: Laura Browning, 15924 Highway 49, Camptonville, CA 95959.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Laura Browning, NEPA Coordinator, Downieville Ranger District, Camptonville, CA 95922, (916) 288-3231.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** About 11,436 acres of National Forest System lands are being analyzed for projects within the Pilgrim analysis area. The analysis area incorporates the land within the Wolf/Kanaka/Indian Creek and Middle Yuba River watersheds, which all drain into the Middle Yuba River. Located southwest of Camptonville, CA, the area is dominated by mixed conifer and hardwood forest.

This project was selected to harvest needed wood fiber, improve forest health and wildlife habitat, and to reduce fire risk. Watershed problems, fire hazards within a mixed land ownership landscape, forest health concerns, and wildlife habitat conditions represent some of the challenges and opportunities for improvements that will be looked at during this analysis. An EIS will be done because of the concern for potential cumulative effects to water quality.

In preparing the Environmental Impact Statement, the Forest Service will identify and analyze a range of alternatives for treatment of the dense timber stands and address the issues developed for these sites. One of the alternatives will be no treatment. Other alternatives will consider differing levels of plantation thinning; timber harvest; new road construction and reconstruction; fuel hazard reduction; and fish and wildlife habitat improvement projects. The needs of people and environmental values will