

7. The project proposal may affect timber stand productivity.

8. The project proposal may affect timber stand vigor.

9. The project proposal may affect how wildfires will burn through the project area.

10. The project proposal may not be physically feasible due to the existing terrain.

11. The project proposal may not be economically feasible for helicopter logging.

12. Project proposal needs to address the safety of recreational users during the timber harvest.

13. Project proposal may increase the potential for avalanche damage to resources.

A Biological Assessment of threatened, endangered and proposed species will be completed as part of the environmental analysis. A Biological Evaluation will be completed as part of the environmental analysis and documented in the EIS.

A Cultural Resource Survey of the area will be completed as part of the environmental analysis, and any cultural resources found would be protected.

No permits or licenses are required to implement the proposed action.

The tentative date for filing the Draft EIS is May 1999. The tentative date for filing the final EIS is August 1999. The comment period on the draft environmental impact statement will be open for 45 days from the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes the notice of availability in the **Federal Register**.

The Forest Service believes, at this early stage, it is important to give reviewers notice of several court rulings related to public participation in the environmental review process. First, reviewers of draft environmental impact statements must structure their participation in the environmental review of the proposal so that it is meaningful and alerts an agency to the reviewer's position and contentions. *Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corp v. NRDC*, 435 U.S. 519, 553 (1978). Also environmental objections that could be

raised at the draft environmental impact statement stage but are not raised until after completion of the final environmental impact statement 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 that those interested in this proposed action participate by the close of the 45-day comment period of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement so that substantive comments and objections are made available to the Forest Service at a time when it can meaningfully consider them and respond to them in the Final Environmental Impact Statement. Agency representatives and other interested people are invited to visit with Forest Service officials at any time during the EIS process.

To assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering issues and concerns on the proposed action, comments the Draft Environmental Impact Statement should be as specific as possible. It is also helpful if comments refer to specific pages or chapters of the Draft. Comments may also address the adequacy of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement or the merits of the alternatives formulated and discussed in the statement. Reviewers may wish to refer to the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act at 40 CFR 1503.3 in addressing these points.

The USDA, Forest Service is the lead agency in preparing the Environmental Impact Statement for this proposal. The responsible official is Jerry B. Reese, Forest Supervisor, Caribou National Forest, 250 South Fourth Avenue, Federal Building, Pocatello, ID 83201.

Dated: December 14, 1998.

**Jerry B. Reese,**

*Forest Supervisor, Caribou National Forest.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Committee of Scientists Meeting

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Committee of Scientists will hold a public teleconference call on Thursday, January 7, 1999. The teleconference call will begin at 12 p.m. and end at 4 p.m. (eastern standard time). The purpose of the telephone conference call is for the Committee of Scientists to continue discussion of its report and recommendations to the Secretary of Agriculture and the Chief of the Forest Service. The public is invited to attend this teleconference call and may be provided an opportunity to comment on the Committee of Scientists' deliberations during the teleconference, only at the request of the Committee.

**DATES:** The teleconference call will be held on Thursday, January 7, 1999, from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. (eastern standard time).

**ADDRESSES:** The teleconference will be held at the USDA Forest Service headquarters, Auditor's Building, 201 14th Street, SW., Washington, DC, in the Roosevelt Conference Room and at all Regional Offices of the Forest Service, which are listed in the table under Supplementary Information.

Written comments on improving land and resource management planning may be sent to the Committee of Scientists, PO Box 2140, Corvallis, OR 97339. Also, the Committee may be accessed via the Internet at [www.cof.orst.edu/org/scicomm/](http://www.cof.orst.edu/org/scicomm/).

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

For additional information concerning the teleconference, contact Bob Cunningham, Designated Federal Official to the Committee of Scientists, by telephone (202) 205-1523.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The public may attend the teleconference at the following field locations:

### USDA FOREST SERVICE REGIONAL OFFICE LOCATIONS

Region 1—Northern Region .....	Federal Building, 200 E Broadway .....	Missoula, MT
Region 2—Rocky Mountain Region .....	740 Simms St .....	Golden, CO
Region 3—Southwestern Region .....	Federal Building, 517 Gold Ave., SW .....	Albuquerque, NM
Region 4—Intermountain Region .....	Federal Building, 324 25th St .....	Ogden, UT
Region 5—Pacific Southwest Region .....	630 Sansome St .....	San Francisco, CA
Region 6—Pacific Northwest Region .....	333 SW 1st Ave .....	Portland, OR
Region 8—Southern Region .....	1720 Peachtree Rd. NW .....	Atlanta, GA
Region 9—Eastern Region .....	310 W. Wisconsin Ave., Room 500 .....	Milwaukee, WI
Region 10—Alaska Region (office will open early) .....	Federal Office Building, 709 W. 9th St .....	Juneau, AK

The Committee of Scientists was chartered to provide scientific and technical advice to the Secretary of Agriculture and the Chief of the Forest Service on improvements that can be made to the National Forest System land and resource management planning process (62 FR 43691; August 15, 1997). Notice of the names of the appointed Committee members was published December 16, 1997 (62 FR 65795).

Dated: December 18, 1998.

**Randle G. Phillips,**

*Acting Deputy Chief for National Forest System.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Bureau of the Census

[Docket No. 981211304-8304-01]

#### Annual Survey of Communication Services

**AGENCY:** Bureau of the Census, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of Determination.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with Title 13, United States Code, Sections 182, 224, and 225, I have determined that 1998 total operating revenue and expenses are needed for the telephone, radio and television broadcasting, cable and pay television, and other communication services industries to provide a sound statistical basis for the formation of policy by various governmental agencies, and that these data also apply to a variety of public and business needs. These data are not publicly available from nongovernment or other governmental sources.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ruth A. Bramblett, Chief, Current Services Branch, Service Sector Statistics Division, on (301) 457-2766.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Census Bureau is authorized to conduct surveys necessary to furnish current data on subjects covered by the major censuses authorized by Title 13, United States Code. This survey will provide continuing and timely national statistical data on communication services for the period between economic censuses. The next economic census is in 2002. This survey will yield 1998 estimates for the aforementioned industries. The data collected in this survey will be within the general scope and nature of those inquiries covered in the economic censuses.

The Census Bureau needs reports from only a limited sample of

communication firms in the United States. The probability of a firm's selection is based on revenue size (estimated from payroll). The sample will provide, with measurable reliability, national level statistics on total operating revenue and expenses for these industries. We will mail report forms to the firms covered by this survey and require their submission within 30 days after receipt.

This survey has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), under OMB Control Number 0607-0706, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, Public Law 104-13. We will provide copies of the forms upon written request to the Director, Bureau of the Census, Washington, DC 20233.

Based upon the foregoing, I have directed that an annual survey be conducted for the purpose of collecting these data.

Dated: December 14, 1998.

**Kenneth Prewitt,**

*Director, Bureau of the Census.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Bureau of the Census

[Docket No. 981211302-8302-01]

#### Service Annual Survey

**AGENCY:** Bureau of the Census, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of Determination.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with Title 13, United States Code, Sections 182, 224, and 225, I have determined that 1998 data on total receipts and total revenue and expenses for selected service industries are needed to provide a sound statistical basis for the formation of policy by various governmental agencies and that these data also apply to a variety of public and business needs. Selected service industries include personal, business, automotive, repair, amusement, health, social, and other professional service industries. These data are not publicly available from nongovernment or other governmental sources.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ruth A. Bramblett, Chief, Current Services Branch, Service Sector Statistics Division, on (301) 457-2766.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Census Bureau is authorized to conduct surveys necessary to furnish current data on subjects covered by the major censuses authorized by Title 13, United

States Code. This survey will provide continuing and timely national statistical data on selected service industries for the period between economic censuses. The next economic census is in 2002. This survey will yield 1998 estimates for the aforementioned industries. The data collected in this survey will be within the general scope and nature of those inquiries covered in the economic censuses.

The Census Bureau needs reports from only a limited sample of service firms in the United States. The probability of a firm's selection is based on receipts or revenue size (estimated from payroll). The sample will provide, with measurable reliability, national level statistics on receipts of taxable firms and revenue and expenses of firms and organizations exempt from federal income taxes. We will mail report forms to the firms covered by this survey and require their submission within 30 days after receipt.

This survey has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), under OMB approval Control Number 0607-0422, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, Pub. L. 104-13. We will provide copies of the forms upon written request to the Director, Bureau of the Census, Washington, DC 20233.

Based upon the foregoing, I have directed that an annual survey be conducted for the purpose of collecting these data.

Dated: December 14, 1998.

**Kenneth Prewitt,**

*Director, Bureau of the Census.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Bureau of the Census

[Docket No. 981211303-8303-01]

#### Transportation Annual Survey

**AGENCY:** Bureau of the Census, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of Determination.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with Title 13, United States Code, sections 182, 224, and 225, I have determined that 1998 operating revenue and total operating expenses are needed for the for-hire trucking industry, and total operating revenues are needed for public warehousing industries to provide a sound statistical basis for the formation of policy by various governmental agencies, and that these data also apply to a variety of public and business