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AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION

Sunshine Act Meeting; Board of Directors

TIME: 1:00–5:00 p.m.

PLACE: ADF Headquarters.

DATE: Wednesday, 24 March 1999.

STATUS: Open.

Agenda

1:00 p.m.

Chairman's Report

1:30 p.m.

President's Report

New Business

5:00 p.m.

Adjournment

If you have any questions or comments, please direct them to Dick Day, Coordinator, Office of Policy, Planning and Outreach, who can be reached at (202) 673–3916.

William R. Ford,

President.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Baseline and Trend Information on Wilderness Use and Users

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Extension of an information collection; request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Forest Service announces its intent to request extension of a currently approved information collection. This information collection has been used to collect data about wilderness recreation users in the United States, since 1990. The information is necessary to help the Forest Service and other Federal wilderness management agencies meet

the needs and expectations of visitors, who look to the National Wilderness Preservation System for recreational experiences that are dependent upon natural wilderness conditions away from human development and devoid of crowds. Respondents will be visitors, or potential visitors, to the National Wilderness Preservation System.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing on or before May 21, 1999.

ADDRESSES: All comments should be addressed to Alan Watson, Aldo Leopold Wilderness Research Institute, Forest Service, USDA, P.O. Box 8089, Missoula, Montana 59807 or email awatson/rmrs_missoula@fs.fed.us.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Alan Watson, Aldo Leopold Wilderness Research Institute, (406) 542–4197.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Description of Information Collection

The following describes the information collection to be extended:

Title: Baseline and Trend Information on Wilderness Use and Users.

OMB Number: 0596–0108.

Expiration Date of Approval: May 31, 1999.

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

Abstract: The Wilderness Act of 1964 directs that the National Wilderness Preservation System (System) be managed to protect natural wilderness conditions and to provide outstanding opportunities for the public to find solitude or primitive and unconfined types of recreational experiences.

To meet the requirements of The Wilderness Act of 1964 and to help the Forest Service enhance visitors' recreational experiences, the agency monitors trends of visitor recreational activities. Forest Service personnel also want to ensure that visitors' recreational activities do not harm the natural resources of the National Wilderness Preservation System. The agency is expanding the scope of the survey to include wilderness areas about which the agency has little information in regard to visitor recreational trends. Data from this information collection will be maintained at the interagency (Agriculture and Interior) Aldo Leopold Wilderness Research Institute in Missoula, Montana.

The Forest Service will use information from this collection: (1) to

establish visitor recreational use baselines; (2) to monitor visitor recreational use trends; (3) to gain an understanding of how the agency's management of the National Wilderness Preservation System influences a visitor's wilderness experience; and (4) to help understand how to educate visitors, so they may enjoy their wilderness experience without leaving permanent reminders of their visits, such as damaged vegetation, litter, and polluted streams. The information also will be used for planning management direction for various wilderness areas managed by the agencies in the Departments of Agriculture and Interior.

Respondents will be visitors, or potential visitors, to the National Wilderness Preservation System. Forest Service personnel will conduct face-to-face, on-site interviews with visitors as they enter the System or will send mailback survey forms to visitors at their homes, using addresses that visitors provide when visiting the System. Forest Service personnel will contact visitors at nonwilderness sites to ask if they have plans to visit the System. When unable to conduct face-to-face interviews with potential visitors, the agency will send mailback survey forms to the homes of those who visited nonwilderness areas, using addresses provided by them as they entered the nonwilderness sites. In some cases, the agency forms will be made available on a self-service basis to visitors in trailhead displays.

Respondents will be asked questions that include how many times they visit, when they plan their next visit, or if they plan to visit at all. Respondents will be asked, when visiting, if they come in groups, and, if so, the size of those groups. Respondents will be asked how long they stay when visiting? Do they use equipment, such as stoves, or use wood for fires while visiting, and do they have preferences for social conditions? For example, do they like or will they accept crowded conditions, such as crowded camping areas, designed to limit negative effects to the natural resources, such as soil compaction, damage to tree roots, and negative impacts to water quality? Do respondents support various wilderness management strategies, such as limiting visitor use of wilderness areas to lessen negative effects to the wilderness environment? Do they support

separating uses, such as designating some campsites for use only by groups with pack animals, to avoid conflict? Data collected in this information collection is not available from other sources.

Estimate of Burden: 15 minutes.

Type of Respondents: Visitors or potential visitors to the National Wilderness Preservation System.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 3000.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 750 hours.

Comment Is Invited

Comments are invited on (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the stated purposes and the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall 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 respondents, including the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Use of Comments

All comments received in response to this notice, including name and address when provided, will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: March 16, 1999.

Robert Lewis, Jr.,

Deputy Chief for Research & Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Rocky Mountain Region: Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, Eastern Wyoming; Legal Notice of the Opportunity to Comment on Certain Proposed Actions and of Decisions Subject to Notice and Comment

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; Newspapers for legal notices.

SUMMARY: This is a list of those newspapers that will be used to publish

notice of all decisions which are subject to appeal under 36 CFR 217, notice of the opportunity to comment on certain proposed actions pursuant to 36 CFR 215.5, and notice of decisions subject to appeal under the general provisions of 36 CFR 215. As required at 36 CFR 215.5 and 215.9, such notice shall constitute legal evidence that the agency has given timely and constructive notice of decisions that are subject to public notice and comment and administrative appeal. Newspaper publications of notices of decisions is in addition to direct notice to those who have requested notice in writing and to those known to be interested in or affected by a specific decision.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Use of these newspapers for purposes of publishing the notices required under the provisions of 36 CFR 215 shall begin November 30, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul Momper, Regional Appeals and Litigation Coordinator, Rocky Mountain Region, Box 15127, Lakewood, Colorado 80225, Area Code 303-275-5161.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Responsible Officials in the Rocky Mountain Region shall give notice of the opportunity to comment on certain proposed actions and of decisions subject to appeal pursuant to 36 CFR part 215 in the following newspapers which are listed by Forest Service unit. Where more than one newspaper is listed for any unit, the first newspaper listed is the primary newspaper which shall be used to constitute legal evidence that the agency has given timely and constructive notice of decisions that are subject to administrative appeal. The day after the publication of the public notice in the primary newspaper shall be the first day of the appeal filing period.

Decisions by the Regional Forester

The Denver Post, published daily in Denver, Denver County, Colorado, for decisions affecting National Forest System lands in the States of Colorado, Nebraska, Kansas, and eastern Wyoming and for any decision of Region-wide impact. In addition, notice of decisions made by the Regional Forester will also be published in the *Rocky Mountain News*, published daily in Denver, Denver County, Colorado. Notice of decisions affecting National Forest System lands in the State of South Dakota will also be published in *The Rapid City Journal* published daily in Rapid City, Pennington County, South Dakota. For those decisions affecting a particular unit, the newspaper specific to that unit will be used.

Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests, Colorado

Forest Supervisor Decisions

The Denver Post, published daily in Denver, Denver County, Colorado.

District Ranger Decisions

Redfeather and Estes-Poudre Districts: *Coloradoan*, published daily in Fort Collins, Larimer County, Colorado.

Pawnee District: *Greeley Tribune*, published daily in Greeley, Weld County, Colorado.

Boulder District: *Boulder Daily Camera*, published daily in Boulder, Boulder County, Colorado.

Clear Creek District: *Clear Creek Courant*, published weekly in Idaho Springs, Clear Creek County, Colorado.

Sulphur District: *Granby Sky High News*, published daily in Granby, Grand County, Colorado.

Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests, Colorado

Forest Supervisor Decisions

Grand Junction Daily Sentinel, published daily in Grand Junction, Mesa County, Colorado.

District Ranger Decisions

Collbran and Grand Junction Districts: *Grand Junction Daily Sentinel*, published daily in Grand Junction, Mesa County, Colorado.

Paonia District: *Delta County Independent* published weekly in Delta, Delta County, Colorado.

Cebolla and Taylor River Districts: *Gunnison County Times*, published weekly in Gunnison, Gunnison County, Colorado.

Norwood District: *Telluride Daily Planet*, published daily in Telluride, San Miguel County, Colorado.

Ouray District: *Montrose Daily Press*, published daily in Montrose, Montrose County, Colorado.

Pike and San Isabel National Forests

Forest Supervisor Decisions

Pueblo Chieftain, published daily in Pueblo, Pueblo County, Colorado.

District Ranger Decisions

San Carlos District: *Pueblo Chieftain*, published daily in Pueblo, Pueblo County, Colorado.

Comanche District: *Plainsman Herald*, published weekly in Springfield, Baca County, Colorado. In addition, notice of decisions made by the District Ranger will also be published in the *La Junta Tribune Democrat*, published daily in La Junta, Otero County, Colorado, and in the *Ark Valley Journal*, published weekly in La Junta, Otero County, Colorado.