

control where sagebrush cover is less than 20 percent or on steep slopes; no sagebrush control along streams, meadows or secondary drainages; application of sagebrush treatments in irregular patterns; and where possible, avoid complete kill or removal of sagebrush.

The Proposed Action includes the identification and development of monitoring protocols specific to Grassland resources.

The Proposed Action sets a goal to engage in collaborative efforts with adjacent landowners, Soil Conservation District and the Natural Resource Conservation Service to conserve soil, watershed and riparian resources. In contrast, the 1985 Forest Plan does not provide direction for such efforts.

Agency representatives and other interested people are invited to visit with Forest Service officials at any time during the EIS process. Two specific time periods are identified for the receipt of formal comments on the analysis. The two comment periods are, (1) during the scoping process (the next 30 days following publication of this Notice in the **Federal Register**) and, (2) during the formal review period of the Draft EIS.

The Draft EIS is estimated to be filed with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and available for public review and comment in January, 2000. At that time the EPA will publish an availability notice of the Draft EIS in the **Federal Register**.

The comment period on the Draft EIS will be 45 days from the date the EPA notice of availability appears in the **Federal Register**. It is important that those interested in this proposed action participate at that time. To be the most helpful, comments on the Draft EIS should be as specific as possible and may address the adequacy of the statement or the merits of the alternatives discussed (see the Council of Environmental Quality Regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act at 40 CFR 1503.3).

In addition, Federal court decisions have established that 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). Environmental objections that could have been raised at the draft stage may be waived if not raised until after completion of the final environmental impact statement. *City of Angoon v.*

Hodel, (9th Circuit, 1986) and *Wisconsin Heritages, Inc. v. Harris*, 490 F. Supp. 1334, 1338 (E.D. Wis. 1980). The reason for this is to ensure that substantive comments and objections are made available to the Forest Service at a time when it can be meaningful to consider them and respond to them in the final EIS.

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

The Final EIS is expected to be released in August, 2000.

The Regional Forester, Intermountain Region, who is the responsible official for the EIS, will then make a decision regarding this proposal, after considering the comments, responses, and environmental consequences discussed in the Final Environmental Impact Statement, and applicable laws, regulations, and policies. The reason for the decision will be documented in a Record of Decision.

Dated: April 21, 1999.

Jerry B. Reese,

Forest Supervisor, Caribou National Forest.
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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Minnesota 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 Minnesota Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene: (1) Tuesday, May 25, 1999, at 1:00 p.m. and recess at 6:00 p.m.; and (2) reconvene Wednesday, May 26, 1999, at 9:00 a.m. and adjourn at 1:00 p.m. at the Red River Inn and Conference Center, 600 30th Avenue, Moorhead, Minnesota. The Committee will hold a two day factfinding meeting to gather information on "Civil Rights Issues Facing Minorities in Moorhead, Minnesota."

Persons desiring additional information, or planning a presentation

to the Committee, should contact Constance M. Davis, Director of the Midwestern Regional Office, 312-353-8311 (TDD 312-353-8362). Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Regional Office at least ten (10) 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 27, 1999.

Carol-Lee Hurley,

Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of the Census

1999-2001 Company Organization Survey; Proposed Collection; Comment Request

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before July 2, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5033, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Paul Hanczaryk, Bureau of the Census, Room 2747, Federal Building 3, Washington, DC 20233-6100; telephone (301) 457-2580.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Census Bureau conducts the annual Company Organization Survey (COS) in order to update and maintain a central, multipurpose business register, known as the Standard Statistical Establishment List (SSEL). In particular, the COS supplies critical information to the SSEL concerning the establishment composition, organizational structure, and operating

characteristics of multi-establishment companies.

The SSEL serves two fundamental purposes:

- First and most important, it provides sampling populations and enumeration lists for the Census Bureau's economic surveys and censuses, and it serves as an integral part of the statistical foundation underlying those programs. Essential for this purpose is the SSEL's ability to identify all known United States business establishments and their parent companies. Further, the SSEL must accurately record basic business attributes needed to control sampling and enumeration. These attributes include industrial and geographic classifications, measures of size and economic activity, ownership characteristics, and contact information (for example, name and address).

- Second, it provides establishment data that serve as the basis for the annual County Business Patterns (CBP) statistical series. The CBP reports present data on a number of establishments, first quarter payroll, annual payroll, and mid-March employment summarized by industry and employment size class for the United States, states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, counties, and county-equivalents. No other annual or more frequent series of industry statistics provides comparable detail, particularly for small geographic areas.

II. Method of Collection

The Census Bureau will conduct the 1999–2001 COS in the same manner as the 1998 COS. These collections will direct inquiries to approximately 80,000 multi-establishment companies, which operate over 1.1 million establishments. This panel will be drawn from the SSEL universe of nearly 200,000 multi-establishment companies, which operate 1.6 million establishments. Additionally, the panel will include approximately 10,000 new single-establishment companies that will become active during 1999.

The mailing list for the 1999 COS will include a certainty component, consisting of all multi-establishment companies with 50 or more employees, and those multi-establishment companies with administrative record values that indicate organizational changes. The mailing list also will include new entities that are most likely to report affiliation with multi-establishment companies. A non-certainty component will be drawn from the remaining multi-establishment companies based on employment size.

All companies will receive the COS inquiries by mail, and most will respond by mail. As a test of new electronic reporting methods, a very small number of companies will receive and return responses by secure Internet transmission. Additionally, more than 1,300 larger enterprises (accounting for approximately 36 percent of covered establishments) will return their COS reports by other electronic means. All other survey respondents will return a paper questionnaire. Data content is identical for all reporting modes.

The instrument will include inquiries on ownership or control by a domestic parent, ownership or control by a foreign parent, and ownership of foreign affiliates. Further, the instrument will list an inventory of establishments belonging to the company and its subsidiaries, and will request updates to these inventories, including additions, deletions, and changes to information on EIN, name and address, industrial classifications, payroll, end-of-year operating status, mid-March employment, first quarter payroll, and annual payroll.

Additionally, the Census Bureau will pilot certain questions in the 1999–2001 COS in order to enhance future content. We will include questions on the number of leased employees working in the multi-establishment company, questions designed to improve the accuracy of establishment-level industrial classification codes, and questions on the inventory of Federal employer identification numbers belonging to the company. These additional questions will be directed to less than 500 companies.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0607–0444.

Form Number: NC–9901.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit, not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 90,000 enterprises.

Estimated Time Per Response: 1.55 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 140,000.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$2,100,000 @ \$15/hr.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

Legal Authority: Title 13 of United States Code, Sections 182, 195, 224, and 225.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for 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 (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (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 through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: April 27, 1999.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer,

Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of the Census

Census Employment Inquiry

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104–13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Joyce A. Price, Bureau of the Census, 4301 Suitland Road, Room 1408, FB 2, Suitland, MD 20746, (301) 457–4899.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The BC–170, Census Employment Inquiry, is used by the Census Bureau to collect information such as personal data and work experience from job applicants. The BC–170 is used throughout the census and intercensal