

at least 90 days from the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes the notice of availability in the **Federal Register**.

Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record on this proposed action and will be available for public inspection. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered. Additionally, pursuant to 7 CFR 1.27(d), any person may request the agency to withhold a submission from the public record by showing how the Freedom of Information (FOIA) permits such confidentiality. Persons requesting such confidentiality should be aware that, under the FOIA, confidentiality may be granted in only very limited circumstances, such as to protect trade secrets. The Forest Service will inform the requester of the agency's decision regarding the request for confidentiality, and where the request is denied, the agency will return the submission and notify the requester that the comments may be resubmitted with or without name and address.

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. 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 be raised at the draft environmental impact statement stage but that 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 important that those interested in this proposed action participate by the close of the comment period so that substantive comments are made available to the Forest Service when it can meaningfully consider them and respond to them in the final environmental impact statement.

To assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering issues and concerns on the proposed action, comments on the draft environmental impact statement should be specific and refer to specific pages or chapters of the draft statement. Comments may also address the adequacy of the draft

statement or the merits of the alternatives 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.

Dated: July 1, 1999.

**Monica Schwalbach,**

*Acting Forest Supervisor, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Proposed Snowcreek Golf Course Expansion Project, Inyo National Forest, Mono County, California

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Withdrawal of record of decision for the proposed snowcreek golf course expansion project.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the Forest Service, USDA, will withdraw the Record of Decision of June 20, 1997 signed by Dennis W. Martin, Forest Supervisor. No implementation of this decision has ever taken place.

This action is taking place because we have decided to explore other options to address the needs of the Town of Mammoth Lakes for additional golfing opportunities.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Direct questions about the withdrawal to Glen Stein, Forest Planner, Inyo National Forest, by mail at Inyo National Forest, 873 N. Main Street, Bishop, California 93514, or by phone at (760) 873-2400.

Dated: July 13, 1999.

**Bill Bramlette,**

*Deputy Forest Supervisor, Inyo National Forest.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Natural Resources Conservation Service

#### Notice of Proposed Change to Section IV of the Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG) of the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Florida

**AGENCY:** Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Florida, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of proposed changes in Section IV of the FOTG of the NRCS in Florida for review and comment.

**SUMMARY:** It is intention of NRCS in Florida to issue the following conservation practice standards for Florida: Hedgerow Planting (Code 422); Incinerator (Code 769); Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management, in Section IV of the FOTG.

**DATES:** Comments will be received on or before August 18, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Inquire in writing to T. Niles Glasgow, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), P.O. Box 141510, Gainesville, Florida 32614-1510. Copies of the practice standards will be made available upon written request.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 343 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 states that revisions made after enactment of the law to NRCS State technical guides used to carry out highly erodible land and wetland provisions of the law shall be made available for public review and comment. For the next 30 days the NRCS in Florida will receive comments relative to the proposed changes. Following that period a determination will be made by the NRCS in Florida regarding disposition of those comments and a final determination of change will be made.

Dated: June 30, 1999.

**Jesse T. Wilson,**

*Acting State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Gainesville, Florida.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Census Bureau

#### Quarterly Survey of Residential Alterations and Repairs

**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)).

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before September 17, 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(s) and instructions should be directed to George A. Roff, Jr., U.S. Census Bureau, Room 2126 Building 4, Washington, DC 20233-6916 on (301) 457-1605.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

The Census Bureau is the preeminent collector and provider of timely, relevant and quality data about the people and economy of the United States. Economic data are the Census Bureau's primary program commitment during nondecennial census years. The Census Bureau, under the authority of Title 13, United States Code, Section 182, conducts this survey which allows us to prepare estimates of the expenditures for residential improvement and repairs. This segment of the construction industry amounted to over \$120 billion in 1998. A portion of these data are collected on form SORAR-705, which is mailed quarterly to owners of rental or vacant residential properties. Since residential improvement and repairs are a large and growing economic activity, any measure of the construction industry is incomplete without inclusion of these data.

The Census Bureau uses the information to publish improvement and repair expenditures for rental or vacant properties. Data on improvement and repairs to owner-occupied properties are collected in the Consumer Expenditures Survey. Combined published estimates are used by a variety of private businesses and trade associations for marketing studies, economic forecasts and assessments of the construction industry. They also provide all levels of government with a tool to evaluate economic policy and measure progress towards established goals. For example, the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) uses the improvement statistics to develop the structures component of gross private domestic investment in the national income and product accounts.

##### II. Method of Collection

The universe for this survey are the owners or designated representatives of the more than 40 million rental and vacant units in the United States. A sample of these owners—i.e., those identified in the Consumer Expenditures Survey—is mailed a questionnaire to report detailed improvement and repair expenditures for their entire property. Approximately 2,800 owners are queried each quarter.

The sample design uses a rotation procedure which brings one-fourth of the sample (approximately 700 properties) into the survey each quarter and takes one-fourth out of the survey each quarter. The data collected are adjusted for unreturned or unusable forms by region and metropolitan statistical area (MSA) status. The weights are adjusted so that sample counts of renter occupied and vacant housing units agree with independently derived controls from the Current Population Survey.

##### III. Data

*OMB Number:* 0607-0130.

*Form Number:* SORAR-705.

*Type of Review:* Regular Review.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or Households, Businesses or Other For-Profit Organizations, and State, Local or Tribal Governments.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 2,800 per quarter.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 15 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 2,800.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost:* The only cost to respondents is that of their time.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*Legal Authority:* Title 13, United States Code, Section 182.

##### 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: July 12, 1999.

**Linda Engelmeier,**

*Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

##### Census Bureau

##### Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP) Wave 1 of the 2000 Panel

**ACTION:** Proposed Collection; Comment Request.

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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

The Census Bureau conducts the SIPP which is a household-based survey designed as a continuous series of national panels. New panels are introduced every few years with each panel usually having durations of 3 to 4 years. The 2000 panel is currently scheduled for one year which will include 3 waves beginning February 2000. The duration of the 2000 panel is subject to approval of a budget initiative which may lengthen the panel to 3 years. Respondents are interviewed once every four months in monthly rotations. Approximately 11,500 households are in the 2000 panel.