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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Housing Service

Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Rural Housing Service, USDA.
ACTION: Proposed collection; comments requested.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Rural Housing Service's (RHS) intention to request an extension for a currently approved information collection in support of the program for 7 CFR part 3575, subpart A, "Community Programs Guaranteed Loans."

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by December 18, 2009 to be assured of consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kendra Doedderlein, Senior Loan Specialist, RHS, STOP 0787, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-0788, telephone (202) 720-1503, or by e-mail at kendra.doedderlein@wdc.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: 7 CFR 3575, subpart A, "Community Programs Guaranteed Loans."

OMB Number: 0575-0137.

Expiration Date of Approval: February 28, 2010.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved information collection and recordkeeping requirements.

Abstract: Private lenders make the loans to public bodies and nonprofit corporations for the purposes of improving rural living standards and for other purposes that create employment opportunities in rural areas. Eligibility for this program includes community facilities located in cities, towns, or unincorporated areas with a population of up to 20,000 inhabitants.

The information collected is used by the agency to manage, plan, evaluate, an account for government resources. The reports are required to ensure the proper and judicious use of public funds.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1 hour per response.

Respondents: Nonprofit corporations and public bodies.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 37,965.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Number of Responses: 39,796.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 48,873 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Linda Watts Thomas, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, Support Services Division at (202) 692-0226.

Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of RHS, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of RHS'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 those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to Linda Watts Thomas, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, Support Services Division, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, STOP 0742, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250-0742. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: October 14, 2009.

Tammy Treviño,

Administrator, Rural Housing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest; Nevada; Mountain City, Ruby Mountains, and Jarbidge Ranger Districts Combined Travel Management Project

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: Based on the content of comments received during scoping the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) to disclose the impacts associated with the following proposed actions:

- Changes to the forest transportation system, including designation of certain unauthorized routes by motor vehicle use, changing designation of National Forest System (NFS) roads to NFS trails open for motor vehicle use, and closing some NFS roads for access or environmental reasons.

- Prohibiting motor vehicle use off designated roads and trails consistent with the national travel management rule.

- The three ranger districts currently manage approximately 1,100 miles of motor vehicle routes for public use. The proposed action could designate as many as 1,300 miles of unauthorized routes to meet administrative and utilization needs across the three districts. Many of the unauthorized routes considered for designation have been in existence for many years but have not been recognized as a part of the forest transportation system.

DATES: The districts began the travel management process in 2005 and held an initial set of open houses in late 2005 and early 2006. Between 2006 and 2009, the district rangers met informally with county and tribal officials as well as user groups. The districts have accepted comments on this project since January 12, 2009 and will continue to do so until the publication of a draft EIS during the second quarter of 2010.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to: Travel Management Team, Mountain City Ranger District, 2035 Last Chance Road, Elko, NV 89801. E-mail comments may be submitted to comments-intermtn-humboldt-toiyabe-rubymtns-jarbidgea@fs.fed.us.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

James Winfrey, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, 1200 Franklin Way, Sparks, NV 89431. Phone: 775-355-5308.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

Over the past few decades, the availability and capability of motorized vehicles, particularly off-highway vehicles (OHVs) and sport utility vehicles (SUVs) has increased. Nationally, the number of OHV users has climbed sevenfold in the past 30 years, from approximately 5 million in 1972 to 36 million in 2000.

Unmanaged recreation, including impacts from OHVs, is one of the "Four Key Threats Facing the Nation's Forests and Grasslands" (USDA Forest Service June 2004). Unmanaged OHV use has resulted in unplanned roads and trails, erosion, watershed and habitat degradation, and impacts to cultural resource sites.

On November 9, 2005, the Forest Service published its final travel management regulations in the **Federal Register** (FR Vol. 70, No. 216, Nov. 9, 2005, pp. 68264-68291). This Travel Management Rule requires designation of those roads, trails, and areas that are open to motor vehicle use in national forests. Designations will be made by class of vehicle and, if appropriate, by time of year. The final rule prohibits the use of motor vehicles on the designated system. Only NFS roads and trails are designated for motorized vehicle use. For an unauthorized route to be designated, it must first be added to the forest transportation system.

On some NFS lands long managed as open to cross-country motor vehicle travel has resulted in unplanned, unauthorized roads and trails. These routes were generally developed without environmental analysis or public involvement, and are not designated as NFS roads and trails included in the forest transportation system. Nevertheless, some unauthorized routes are well-sited, provide excellent opportunities for outdoor recreation by motorized and non motorized users, and would enhance the NFS of designated roads, trails, and areas. Other unauthorized routes are poorly located and cause unacceptable impacts to Forest resources. The Mountain City, Ruby Mountains, and Jarbidge Ranger Districts recently completed an inventory of unauthorized routes and have identified approximately 1,300 miles of unauthorized routes within the boundaries of the districts.

Purpose and Need for Action

On November 9, 2005, the Secretary of Agriculture adopted rules which provided for a fundamental change in the management of motor vehicle use on the national forests (70 FR 68288). Until that time, there was a presumption that all roads, trails, and areas were open to use by motor vehicles. If use by motor vehicles was not appropriate for any reason, the Forest Service had to take action to close specific roads, trails, or areas and prohibit motorized use. This resulted in a largely unplanned transportation system, with many routes established by repeated use, and damage to resources occurring from uncontrolled cross country travel.

The 2005 rule provided a mechanism for transition to a new system for managing motor vehicle use. Following appropriate environmental analysis and public involvement, those roads, trails, and areas designated for motorized use will be identified on a motor vehicle use map, and any motor vehicle use not consistent with those designations will be prohibited by the rule (36 CFR 261.13). In this way, the national forests will provide sustainable transportation systems for travel and recreation and for management and protection of resources prone to damage from unmanaged use.

The rule also provides that the management of motor vehicle use is to be an ongoing process, with continuing evaluation of the designations and revision as needed (36 CFR 212.54). It is expected that many changes to the designated system will be made over time to meet recreation and transportation needs and protect national forest resources.

The number of unauthorized routes across the Mountain City, Ruby Mountains, and Jarbidge Ranger Districts has increased over many years. Some of these routes were established in areas where there is the potential for resource damage. Prohibiting motor vehicles from traveling off designated roads and trails would reduce the effects to natural resources caused by cross-country travel. This action responds to the goals and objectives outlined in the Humboldt National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan) (USDA Forest Service 1986). It helps move the project area towards the desired conditions described in the Forest Plan by allowing motor vehicle use where it will not unacceptably impact forest resources or unnecessarily impact other forest users.

The purpose of the proposed action is to designate roads, trails, and areas for motor vehicle use to meet recreation, access, and management objectives

while limiting environmental impacts and moving towards a sustainable transportation system across the three districts.

Proposed Action

In general, the routes proposed for addition to the forest transportation system are rough, unmaintained, and unsuitable for two-wheel drive low-clearance vehicles. They may be used by Forest Service personnel in the administration of their duties, ranchers accessing portions of their allotments, geologists searching for minerals, hunters and hikers gaining access to remote areas, and others driving for pleasure on NFS lands.

Following issuance of the decision, all roads and trails designated for motor vehicle use would be identified on a motor vehicle use map. Motor vehicle use that is not consistent with the designations will be prohibited under the terms of 36 CFR 261.13. However, the prohibitions on motor vehicle use will not apply to the following activities, as detailed in 36 CFR 261.13:

- Aircraft.
- Watercraft.
- Over-snow vehicles.
- Limited administrative use by the Forest Service.
- Use of any fire, military, emergency, or law enforcement vehicle for emergency purposes.
- Authorized use of any combat or combat-support vehicle for national defense purposes.
- Law enforcement response to violations of law, including pursuit.
- Motor vehicle use that is specifically authorized under a written authorization issued under Federal law or regulation (e.g., woodcutting permits, term grazing permits, approved plans of operations) (36 CFR 212.51a).
- Use of a road or trail that is authorized by a legally documented right-of-way held by a State, county, or other public road authority.

Responsible Officials

Tom Montoya, District Ranger, Mountain City Ranger District, 2035 Last Chance Road, Elko, NV 89801; and Car Abbas, District Ranger, Ruby Mountains and Jarbidge Ranger District, 140 Pacific Ave., P.O. Box 246, Wells, NV 89835.

Nature of Decision To Be Made

Based on this environmental analysis, the district rangers will decide:

- Which routes motorized traffic would be restricted to, and what areas, if any, would be open to cross-country motorized travel.
- Which alternative best represents the minimum road system needed for

safe and efficient travel and for administration, utilization, and protection of NFS lands.

Scoping Process

The districts have accepted comments on this project since January 12, 2009, and will continue to do so until the publication of a draft EIS during the second quarter of 2010. A copy of the Travel Analysis Process (TAP) is available on the Internet at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/htnf/> and at the district offices in Elko and Wells, Nevada. Copies of project maps can also be viewed on the Internet, or a copy of the maps on DVD can be requested by contacting the district rangers at the above addresses. Hard copies of the maps are also available for viewing at the district offices and public libraries in Elko and Wells, Nevada. Copies of these maps have also been provided to Elko County and local tribal offices.

Comment Requested

Comments received before the draft EIS is published will be given consideration.

Dated: October 5, 2009.

Torn Montoya,

Mountain City District Ranger.

Dated: October 5, 2009.

Nancy Taylor,

Acting for Gar Abbas, Ruby Mountains and Jarbidge District Ranger.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Flathead Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: The Flathead Resource Advisory Committee will meet in Kalispell, Montana. The committee is meeting as authorized under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (Pub. L. 110-343) and in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The purpose of the meeting is to hear project proposal presentations for 2009.

DATES: The meetings will be held November 3, 10 and 17, and December 1 and 8, 2009. Each meeting will be held 4-6 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at 650 Wolfpack Way, Flathead National Forest Office, Kalispell, MT. Written comments should be sent to Flathead National Forest, Attn: RAC, 650

Wolfpack Way, Kalispell, MT 59901. Comments may also be sent via e-mail to dgermann@fs.fed.us or via facsimile to 406.758.5351.

All comments, including names and addresses when provided, are placed in the record and are available for public inspection and copying. The public may inspect comments received at 650 Wolfpack Way, Kalispell, MT. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead to 406.758.5252 to facilitate entry into the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Denise Germann, Flathead National Forest, 406.758.5252.

Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public. The following business will be conducted: presentation of 2009 project proposals and approval of projects. Persons who wish to bring related matters to the attention of the Committee may file written statements with the Committee staff before or after the meeting. Public input sessions will be provided and individuals who made written requests by three calendar days prior to the meeting will have the opportunity to address the Committee at those sessions.

Dated: October 9, 2009.

Denise Germann,

Designated Federal Officer, Flathead Resource Advisory Committee.

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BROADCASTING BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Proposed Collection Reinstatement with Change; Comment Request

AGENCY: The Broadcasting Board of Governors.

ACTION: Proposed Collection Reinstatement With Change; Comment Request.

SUMMARY: The Broadcasting Board of Governors (BBG), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on an information collection titled, "Surveys and Other Audience Research for Radio and TV Marti." This request for comment is being made pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 [Pub. L. 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)].

The information collection activity involved with this program is conducted pursuant to the mandate given to the BBG (formerly the United States Information Agency) in accordance with Public Law 98-111, the Radio Broadcasting to Cuba Act, dated, October 4, 1983, to provide for the broadcasting of accurate information to the people of Cuba and other purposes. This act was amended by Public Law 101-246, dated, February 16, 1990, which established the authority for TV Marti.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before December 18, 2009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Cathy Brown, the BBG Clearance Officer, BBG, IBB/A, Room 1274, 330 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20237, telephone (202) 203-4664, e-mail address cbrown@bbg.gov.

Copies: Copies of the Request for Clearance (OMB 83-I), supporting statement, and other documents that will be submitted to OMB for approval may be obtained from the BBG Clearance Officer.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Public reporting burden for this proposed collection of information is estimated to total 772 hours based on an average of the following: 30 minutes (.50 of an hour) per response for 600 Field Survey respondents conducted 1 time per year; 240 minutes (4 hours) for 48 Focus Group Study respondents conducted 2 times per year; and 153 minutes (2.33 hours) for 120 Panel Group Study respondents based on one panel study, 10 respondents per month for 12 months. This burden estimate includes the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Responses are voluntary and respondents will be asked to respond only one time. Comments are requested on the proposed information collection concerning:

(a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the agency, including whether the information has practical utility;

(b) the accuracy of the Agency's burden estimates;

(c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and

(d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.