

396 acres of brush field would be burned and 5,540 acres would be thinned. Thinning would include:

- Thin from below: 3,610 acres,
- Hand thin to 10 inch diameter at breast height (dbh): 92 acres,
- Shaded fuel break: 1,707 acres of thin from below in a shaded fuel break,
- Shaded fuel break—thin to 8 inch dbh: 135 acres within perennial riparian reserves that intersect fuel breaks, but outside of the equipment exclusion zone,
- Plantation pre-commercial thin: 88 acres.

Sub-merchantable fuel would be reduced in all treatment units to desirable levels of between 5 and 10 tons of downed material per acre depending on the Forest Plan land allocation for the area.

Approximately 6.7 miles of new temporary roads would be needed to access units. Approximately 65.6 miles of system roads will require pre-haul maintenance, such as blading. Approximately 13.5 miles of system roads will require more earthwork and sight distance clearing before they can be safely used as haul roads. Approximately 2.4 miles of unclassified routes, would require brushing and re-shaping for use with this project, and then decommissioned after use. Approximately 21 miles of system road and 7 miles of unclassified routes would be decommissioned after use for this project. Treatments are expected to produce 33 million board feet (mmbf) of potentially merchantable saw timber and 35,092 tons of biomass.

Responsible Official

J. Sharon Heywood, Forest Supervisor, Shasta-Trinity National Forest.

Nature of Decision To Be Made

The Forest Supervisor will decide whether to implement the proposed action, take an alternative action that meets the purpose and need, or take no action.

Scoping Process—Public Comment

This notice of intent initiates the scoping process, which guides the development of the environmental impact statement. The project will be included in the Shasta-Trinity National Forest's quarterly schedule of proposed actions (SOPA). Information on the proposed action will also be posted on the forest Web site (<http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/shastatrinity/projects>) and advertised in the Record Searchlight—a local newspaper.

It is important that reviewers provide their comments at such times and in

such manner that they are useful to the agency's preparation of the environmental impact statement. Therefore, comments should be provided prior to the close of the comment period and should clearly articulate the reviewer's concerns and contentions. The submission of timely and specific comments can affect a reviewer's ability to participate in subsequent administrative appeal or judicial review.

Dated: October 21, 2009.

Donna F. Harmon,

*South Fork Management Unit District Ranger,
Shasta-Trinity National Forest.*

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Custer County Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Custer County Resource Advisory Committee will meet in Custer, South Dakota. The purpose of the meeting is review and selection of project proposals to be funded by the 2009 allocation.

DATES: The meeting will be held November 17, 2009 at 5:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Black Hills National Forest Supervisors Office. Written comments should be sent to Lynn Kolund at 330 Mount Rushmore Road, Custer, South Dakota 57730. Comments may also be sent via e-mail to lkolund@fs.fed.us, or via facsimile to 605-673-5461.

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 330 Mount Rushmore Road, Custer, South Dakota. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead to 605-673-4853 to facilitate entry into the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Lynn Kolund, Designated Federal Official, Hell Canyon Ranger District, 605-673-4853.

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. Council discussion is limited to Forest Service

staff and Council members. However, persons who wish to bring 2009 Project Proposal matters to the attention of the Council may file written statements with the Council staff before or after the meeting. Public input sessions will be provided and individuals who made written requests by November 13, 2009 will have the opportunity to address the Council at the November 17, 2009 session.

Dated: October 26, 2009.

Lynn Kolund,

Designated Federal Official.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award and Examiner Applications

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST).

ACTION: Notice.

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.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before December 21, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 7845, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Pamela P. Wong, Baldrige National Quality Program, Administration Building, Room 615, 100 Bureau Drive, Stop 1020, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899-1020; telephone (301) 975-4504, fax (301) 948-3716, e-mail pamela.wong@nist.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Department of Commerce is responsible for the Baldrige National Quality Program and the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality (BNQP) Award. Directly associated with this Award is the Board of Examiners, an integral part of the Baldrige National Quality Program. NIST manages the Baldrige Program. An applicant for the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award is required to perform two steps: (1) The applicant organization certifies that it meets eligibility requirements; and (2) the applicant organization prepares and completes an application form and the application process. The Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award Program Office will assist with or offer advice on any questions or issues that the applicant may have concerning the eligibility process or in completing the self-certification forms. NIST will use the application package to assess and provide feedback on the applicant's quality and performance practices.

The application to be a member of the Board of Examiners is a one-step process. Each year the Award Program recruits highly skilled experts in the fields of manufacturing, service, small business, health care, education, and nonprofit, the six Award eligibility categories, to evaluate the applications that the Program receives. Examiners serve for a one-year term; participation on the board is entirely voluntary.

II. Method of Collection

Award applicants must comply in writing according to the Baldrige Award Application Forms available at http://www.baldrige.nist.gov/Award_Application.htm. The application for the 2009 Board of Examiners can be found at http://www.baldrige.nist.gov/Examiner_Application.htm. It is submitted electronically.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0693-0006.
Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations; not-for-profit institutions; and individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 900. (100 Applicants for the Malcolm Baldrige Award, 800 Applicants for the Board of Examiners).

Estimated Time per Response: 74 hours for Applications for the Malcolm Baldrige Quality Award, and 1 hour for the Applications for the Board of Examiners.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 8,200

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$125,000 (\$1,250 for each of the 100 Awardees—costs are for duplication and mailing).

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: October 27, 2009.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Atlantic Highly Migratory Species (HMS); Atlantic Shark Management Measures; 2010 Research Fishery

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of intent; request for applications.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces its request for applications for the 2010 shark research fishery from commercial shark fishermen with a directed or incidental permit. The shark research fishery allows for the collection of fishery-dependent data for future stock assessments while also allowing NMFS and commercial fishermen to conduct cooperative research to meet the shark research objectives for the Agency. The only commercial vessels authorized to land sandbar sharks are those

participating in the shark research fishery. Shark research fishery permittees may also land non-sandbar large coastal sharks (LCS), small coastal sharks (SCS), and pelagic sharks. Commercial vessels not participating in the shark research fishery may only land non-sandbar LCS, SCS, and pelagic sharks. Commercial shark fishermen who are interested in participating in the shark research fishery need to submit a completed Shark Research Fishery Permit Application in order to be considered. Generally, these permits will be valid through December 31, 2010, unless otherwise specified, subject to the terms and conditions of individual permits.

DATES: Shark Research Fishery Applications must be received no later than 5 p.m., local time, on November 30, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Please submit completed applications to the HMS Management Division at:

- Mail: Attn: Guy DuBeck, HMS Management Division (F/SF1), NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910.
- Fax: (301) 713-1917

For copies of the Shark Research Fishery Permit Application, please write to the HMS Management Division at the address listed above, or call (301) 713-2347 (phone), or (301) 713-1917 (fax). Copies of the Shark Research Fishery Application are also available at the HMS website at <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/index.htm>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Karyl Brewster-Geisz or Guy DuBeck, at (301) 713-2347 (phone) or (301) 713-1917 (fax).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Atlantic shark fisheries are managed under the authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act). The Consolidated HMS Fishery Management Plan (FMP) is implemented by regulations at 50 CFR Part 635.

The final rule for Amendment 2 to the Consolidated HMS FMP (73 FR 35778, June 24, 2008, corrected at 73 FR 40658, July 15, 2008) established, among other things, a shark research fishery to maintain time series data for stock assessments and to meet NMFS' research objectives. The shark research fishery also allows selected commercial fishermen the opportunity to earn revenue from selling more sharks, including sandbar sharks, than allowed outside of the commercial shark fishery. Only the commercial shark fishermen selected to participate in the shark research fishery are authorized to land/