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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection; USDA Registration Form To Request Electronic Access Code

AGENCY: Office of the Chief Information Officer, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3506), this notice announces and requests comments on the intention of the Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) to request approval for the continuation of and changes to an information collection necessary to allow USDA customers to securely and confidently share data and receive services electronically. Authority for obtaining information from customers is included in the Freedom to E-File Act (7 U.S.C. 7031–7035), the Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act (E-SIGN) (15 U.S.C. 7001–7031), and the E-Government Act of 2002 (44 U.S.C. 3601–3606; 3541–3549). Customer information is collected through the USDA eAuthentication Service (eAuth), located at <http://www.eauth.egov.usda.gov>. The USDA eAuth service provides the public and government businesses with a single sign-on capability for USDA applications, management of user credentials, and verification of identity, authorization, and electronic signatures. USDA's eAuth service obtains customer information through an electronic self registration process provided through the eAuth Web site. This voluntary on-line self registration process enables USDA customers, as well as employees, to obtain accounts as authorized users that will provide single sign-on capability to access USDA Web applications and services via the Internet.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by October 16, 2012 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments concerning this information collection to Pam Weber, 2150 Centre Avenue, Building A—Suite 205B, Fort Collins, Colorado 80526. Fax comments should be sent to the attention of Pam Weber at fax number (970) 295–5528.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Pam Weber by telephone at (970) 295–5130, or via email at pam.weber@ocio.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: USDA Registration Form to Request Electronic Access Code.

OMB Number: 0503–0014.

Expiration Date of Approval: August 31, 2013.

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

Abstract: The USDA OCIO has developed eAuth as a management and technical process that addresses user authentication and authorization prerequisites for providing services electronically. The process requires a one-time electronic self registration to obtain an eAuth account for each USDA customer desiring access to on-line services or applications that require user authentication. USDA customers can self register for a Level 1 or Level 2 Access account. A Level 1 Access account provides users with limited access to USDA Web site portals and applications that have minimal security requirements. A Level 2 Access account enables users to conduct official electronic business transactions via the Internet, enter into a contract with the USDA, and submit forms electronically via the Internet to USDA agencies. Due to the increased customer access associated with a Level 2 Access account, customers must be identity proofed, in addition to completing an electronic self registration. Identity proofing can be accomplished for customers in two ways: (1) By visiting a local registration authority at a USDA Service Center, or (2) through a new on-line identity proofing service. The new on-line identity proofing service will provide registrants with a more efficient mechanism to have their identity proofed. The on-line identity proofing requires responses to at least four randomly selected identity questions

that are verified by a third party identity proofing service in an automated interface. Once an account is activated, customers may use the associated user ID and password that they created to access USDA resources that are protected by eAuth.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to take eight (8) minutes to complete the self registration process for a Level 1 Access account. A Level 2 Access account registration is estimated to be completed in one hour 40 minutes when travelling to a USDA Service Center to visit a local registration authority (expected to be approximately 30% of the registrants), or 50 minutes when using the on-line identity proofing service (expected to be approximately 70% of the registrants).

Respondents: Individual USDA Customers.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 114,841 Level 1 and 14,860 Level 2 for an estimated total of 129,701 respondents.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 31,077 hours.

Comments are invited on (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of the information on those who respond, through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, technological or other forms of information technology collection methods. Copies of the information collection may be obtained from Ms. Weber by calling or emailing your request to the contact information above in the **ADDRESSES** section. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB

approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Cheryl L. Cook,

Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, USDA.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Boundary Technical Correction for the McKenzie Wild and Scenic River “Lower and Upper Portions”, Willamette National Forest, Lane County, OR

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Section 3(b) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, the USDA Forest Service, Washington Office, is transmitting the technical correction for the boundary of the McKenzie Wild and Scenic River “Lower Portion” and “Upper Portion” to Congress.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Information may be obtained by contacting the following office: Willamette National Forest, 3106 Pierce Parkway Suite D, Springfield, OR 97477, (541) 225–6300.

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 Time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The McKenzie Wild and Scenic River “Lower and Upper Portions” boundary is available for review at the following offices: USDA Forest Service, Recreation, Yates Building, 14th and Independence Avenues SW., Washington, DC 20024; USDA Forest Service, Pacific Northwest Region, 333 SW First Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97208–3623.

The Omnibus Oregon Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1988 (Pub. L. 100–557) designated the McKenzie River, Oregon, as a Wild and Scenic River, to be administered by the Secretary of Agriculture. As specified by law, the boundary will not be effective until ninety (90) days after Congress receives the transmittal.

Dated: August 13, 2012.

Maureen T. Hyzer,

Deputy Regional Forester.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest, Wisdom and Wise River Ranger Districts; Montana; North and West Big Hole Allotment Management Plans

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

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

SUMMARY: The nature of the North and West Big Hole Allotment Management Plans (NWBH AMP's) project is the updating of eleven domestic livestock grazing management plans.

The scope of the project is limited to the specific eleven domestic livestock allotments on the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest Service administered lands and those under agreement with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP). This project is not a general management plan for the area, nor is it a programmatic environmental analysis for domestic livestock grazing on the entire forest.

DATES: Comments concerning the scope of the analysis must be received by September 17, 2012. The draft environmental impact statement is expected March of 2013 and the final environmental impact statement is expected September of 2013.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Attention Laura Hudnell, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest, 420 Barrett St., Dillon, MT 59725 and weekdays 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for hand delivery. Comments may also be sent via email to comments-northern-beaverhead-deerlodge@fs.fed.us in one of the following formats: Word (.doc or .docx), rich text format (.rtf), text (.txt), and/or hypertext markup language (.html), or via facsimile to Attention Laura Hudnell, NWBH AMP's, 406–683–3886. For all forms of comment, make sure to include your name, physical address, phone number, and a subject title of NWBH AMP's.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Russell Riebe, Wisdom/Wise River District Ranger at (406) 689–3243 or via email at rriebe@fs.fed.us.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose and Need for Action

This action is being undertaken to update the grazing management and

infrastructure on eleven domestic livestock grazing allotments (Seymour, Fishtrap, Mudd Creek, Pintlar Creek, Mussigbrod, Ruby Creek, Dry Creek, Twin Lakes, Monument, Pioneer, and Saginaw) to comply with the applicable 2009 Beaverhead-Deerlodge Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan) direction.

This action is needed because there is new direction in the Forest Plan for livestock grazing, site specific suitability, and site specific Allowable Use Levels (AUL's).

Proposed Action

The authorizing official proposes to:

- Re-issue domestic livestock grazing permits for the eleven allotments for a period of ten years.
- Reduce the authorized number of Head Months (HM's) from 8,365 to 5,666 on National Forest Service lands. This would be a thirty-two percent reduction in the authorized HM's on National Forest lands within the project area. Seven of the allotments would see a decrease and four allotments would remain at the current permitted levels.
- Increase livestock numbers on three allotments, decrease the numbers on two allotments, and keep the same numbers on six allotments.
- Reduce the Season of Use (SOU) on five allotments and keep the same SOU on six allotments.
- Change the grazing system on seven allotments and keep four the same.
- Apply the site specific AUL's to all eleven allotments.
- Add new infrastructure on five allotments. Within these five allotments structural improvements would include the addition of one mile of fencing, a quarter mile of piping, development of two springs, addition of two water tanks, one new enclosure, three hardened crossings, and the conversion of three temporary enclosures to permanent enclosures.
- Implement compliance and long term rangeland monitoring on all eleven allotments.

Possible Alternatives

1—*No Action Alternative.* Under this alternative domestic livestock grazing permits on National Forest Service (NFS) lands on the eleven allotments would be discontinued with a minimum of two years notice (36 CFR 222.4(a)(1)) to permittees. No new term grazing permits for domestic livestock grazing would be issued.

2—*Current Grazing Management Alternative.* Under this alternative new term domestic livestock grazing permits would be issued with the current