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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Notice and Request for Comments on Information Collection for Visitor Information Use Study

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent; request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Forest Service announces its intent to establish a new information collection. The new collection is necessary to evaluate how agency information services, such as visitor centers, interpretive services, brochures, or informational flyers, are used by visitors to National Forest System lands geographically situated in close proximity to urban communities in southern California. The San Bernardino, Angeles, Los Padres, and Cleveland National Forests are the focus of this information collection. Information also will be collected to determine how people living near National Forest System lands in southern California urban areas get or receive information about the lands. The data will be used to evaluate the accessibility of information about the four forests in these urban communities, the usefulness of the information, the method or media by which the information was received, and the agency's effectiveness in disseminating National Forest System information to southern California urban communities.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing on or before August 20, 1996.

ADDRESSES: All comments should be addressed to: Forest Service, USDA, Visitor Information Project, Pacific Southwest Forest and Range Experiment Station, 4955 Canyon Crest Dr., Riverside, CA 92507.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. James Absher, Pacific Southwest Forest

and Range Experiment Station, at (909) 680-1559.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Description of Information Collection

Title: Visitor Information Use Study.
OMB Number: New.

Expiration Date of Approval: New.

Type of Request: The following describes a new collection requirement and has not received approval by the Office of Management and Budget.

Abstract: The data collected will be analyzed to gain an understanding of how urban residents in southern California, living close to the San Bernardino, Angeles, Los Padres and Cleveland National Forest System lands, get or receive information about recreational opportunities on the lands; about rules governing the lands, such as permits or costs; if residents share the information with others in their communities; and how southern California urban residents utilize the informational dissemination services provided by the agency, such as National Forest System land visitor centers, interpretive services, brochures, or informational flyers.

The data also will be used to identify which agency informational services are utilized by southern California urban residents and sources by which residents get or receive information about National Forest System lands. The data will be evaluated to define agency information dissemination and urban communication patterns: for example, if southern California urban residents share the information they get or receive with other residents in their communities, what their informational source preferences are (newspapers, television, radio, visitor centers, brochures, or flyers), and if there are differences in informational source sharing among culturally diverse user groups.

Southern California urban visitors to National Forest System lands will be mailed a postage-paid survey, which the visitor may fill out and return. Data gathered in this information collection is not available from other sources.

Estimate of Burden: 20 minutes.

Type of Respondents: Individuals and groups visiting National Forest System lands in southern California.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2,400.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 800 hours.

The agency invites comments on the following: (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 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 respondents, including the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Use of Comments

All comments received in response 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: June 14, 1996.

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Acting Chief.

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Southern Region; Revised Land and Resource Management Plan for the Daniel Boone National Forest; Kentucky Counties of Bath, Clay, Estill, Harlan, Jackson, Knox, Laurel, Lee, Leslie, Madison, McCreary, Menifee, Morgan, Owsley, Perry, Powell, Pulaski, Rockcastle, Rowan, Wayne, Whitley, Wolfe

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to 36 CFR 219.10(g), the Regional Forester for the Southern Region gives notice of the agency's intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the revision of the Daniel Boone National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan). According to 36 CFR 219.10(g), Forest Plans are ordinarily revised on a 10-15 year cycle. The existing Daniel Boone National Forest Plan was approved on September 27, 1985.