Type of Request: Extension of approval of an information collection.

Abstract: The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) of the United States Department of Agriculture is responsible for, among other things, preventing the introduction and dissemination of plant pests into or through the United States. As part of this responsibility, APHIS regulates the importation of logs, lumber, and other unmanufactured wood articles.

In administering the regulations, we collect information from persons both within and outside the United States who are involved in growing, handling, processing, transporting, and importing unmanufactured wood articles. The information is provided on a number of forms and other documents, including applications for permits, various accompanying importer documents or certificates, notices of arrival, and compliance agreements. This information is vital to ensure that unmanufactured wood articles imported into the United States do not harbor plant pests.

We are asking the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve the continued use of this information collection activity.

The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments from the public (as well as affected agencies) concerning our information collection. We need this outside input to help us:

(1) Evaluate 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) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through use, as appropriate, of automated, electronic, mechanical, and other collection technologies, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Estimate of burden: The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .15078 hours per response.

Respondents: Importers, processors, shippers, foreign plant health protection authorities.

Estimated annual number of respondents: 80,005.

Estimated annual number of responses per respondent: 12.530.

Estimated annual number of responses: 1,002,472.

Estimated total annual burden on respondents: 151,152 hours. (Due to rounding, the total annual burden hours may not equal the product of the annual number of responses multiplied by the average reporting burden per response.)

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.

Done in Washington, DC, this 18th day of May 1998.

Charles P. Schwalbe,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Proposed North Round Valley Timber Sale, Rapid River Roadless Area, Payette National Forest, Adams County, Idaho

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Revised Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: The USDA Forest Service published a Revised Notice of Intent to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Lockwood and North Valley Timber Sales in the **Federal Register** on December 19, 1991 (Vol. 56, No. 244, page 65881). That revised notice is hereby revised to show three changes: (1) Separate EIS's for each proposed timber sale, (2) the name of the EIS's, and (3) the schedule for the North Round Valley Timber Sale EIS.

(1) The Lockwood and North Round Valley Timber Sales Draft EIS was released in January 1992. A Final EIS was completed in 1993 but was never released to the public because of the listing of Chinook salmon and subsequent delays with consultation under the Endangered Species Act. During the large wildfires on the Forest in 1994, the interdisciplinary team assigned to the Lockwood/North Round Valley projects was disbanded, and the Final EIS was put on hold through the post-fire landscape and salvage analyses conducted in 1994 and 1995. In 1996, the Forest formed a new interdisciplinary team to complete the Final EIS and to analyze changed conditions since 1993. As part of the analysis, the team recommended that the two timber sales be separated into two EIS's primarily due to differences in the level of effects and controversy associated with each project.

(2) This Revised Notice of Intent covers the proposed North Round Valley Timber Sale. A separate Revised Notice of Intent will be prepared for the proposed Lockwood Timber Sale.

(3) The North Round Valley Timber Sale Final EIS is scheduled to be released in the spring or early summer of 1998. The exact date will depend on when consultation on threatened and proposed species is completed with the National Marine Fisheries Services and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments or requests to David Alexander, Forest Supervisor, Payette National Forest, P.O. Box 1026, McCall, Idaho 83638.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions about the action should be directed to David Ede, Team Leader, at (208) 347–0331; or Kimberly Brandel, New Meadows District Ranger, at (208) 347–0300.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The USDA Forest Service is proposing to harevest and regenerate timber in the North Round Valley Timber Sale on the New Meadows Ranger District of the Payette National Forest in Adams County, Idaho. The area is located in the Round Valley Creek and Trail Creek subwatersheds, which drain into the Little Salmon River

The Preferred Alternative would harvest an estimated 184 acres with shelterwood prescriptions designed to thin out overstocked stands of mostly grand fir, which would leave a healthy overstory of mixed species that are within the historic range of variability for this area. Proposed logging systems include tractor and helicopter. Proposed harvest units are on or near existing roads, so no new road would be constructed. An estimated 0.5 mile of existing road would be reconstructed. All reconstructed road would be closed following sale-related activities. In addition, 6.3 miles of currently open roads in the Round Valley Creek subwatershed would be closed year-round to public motorized vehicles, and 4.0 miles of existing roads would be obliterated. Closures and obliteration would improve wildlife habitat and water quality over the long term.

An estimated 125 acres would be harvested in the Rapid River Roadless Area (0.6 percent of the roadless area), but no new road construction or reconstruction would occur in the roadless area. Three roadless units (90 acres) would be harvested by helicopter, and two roadless units would be tractor-

skidded to nearby existing roads. This portion of the roadless area is a narrow finger with roads and harvest units on three sides, which currently has relatively low potential for wilderness.

The responsible Official is David F. Alexander, Forest Supervisor, Payette National Forest.

Dated: May 11, 1998.

David F. Alexander,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Southwest Oregon Provincial Interagency Executive Committee (PIEC); Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Southwest Oregon PIEC Advisory Committee will meet on June 1 at the Medford District of the Bureau of Land Management at 3040 Biddle Road, Medford, Oregon.

The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. and continue until 5:00 p.m. Agenda items to be covered include: (1) Coordinated watershed restoration between federal and non-federal land managers; (2) Province monitoring priorities; (3) Forest health issues; (4) Report from local BLM and Forest Service on local issues; (5) Coarse Wood Management evaluation process; (6) Review of Committee operating guides; and (7) Public comment. All Province Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Direct questions regarding this meeting to Chuck Anderson, Province Advisory Committee staff, USDA, Forest Service, Rogue River National Forest, 333 W. 8th Street, Medford, Oregon 97501, phone 541–858–2322.

Dated: May 12, 1998.

Charles J. Anderson,

Acting Forest Supervisor, Designated Federal Official.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

New York City Watershed, Delaware, Schoharie, Greene, Ulster, and Sullivan Counties, New York State

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service.

ACTION: Notice of a Finding of No Significant Impact.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969; the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR Part 1500); and the Soil Conservation Service Regulations (7 CFR Part 650); the Natural Resources Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, gives notice that an environmental impact statement is not being prepared for the New York City Watershed, Delaware, Schoharie, Greene, Ulster, and Sullivan Counties, New York State.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard D. Swenson, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, 441 S. Salina St., Suite 354, Syracuse, New York 13202–2450, telephone 315/477–6504.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The environmental assessment of this federally assisted action indicates that the project will not cause significant local, regional, or national impacts on the environment. As a result of these findings, Richard D. Swenson, State Conservationist, has determined that the preparation and review of an environmental impact statement are not needed for this project.

The project purposes are enhance existing programs and to develop new ones that will protect the drinking water supply of New York City. The planned works of improvement include better forestry practices, conservation easements, resource data inventory, technology development, education/outreach, and operation and maintenance of whole farm plans.

The Notice of a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) has been forwarded to the Environmental Protection Agency and to various Federal, State, and local agencies and interested parties. A limited number of copies of the FONSI are available to fill single copy requests at the above address. Basic data developed during the environmental assessment are on file and may be reviewed by contacting Richard D. Swenson. No administrative action on implementation of the proposal will be taken until 30 days after the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**.

(This activity is listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance under NO. 10.904, Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention, and is subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372, which requires intergovernmental consultation with State and local officials.)

Melvin Womack,

Acting State Conservationist.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Task Force on Agricultural Air Quality; Meeting

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Task Force on Agricultural Air Quality will meet to discuss the relationship between agricultural production and air quality. The meeting is open to the public.

DATES: The meeting will convene Wednesday, June 17, 1998, at 8:30 a.m. and continue until 5:00 p.m. The meeting will resume Thursday, June 18, 1998, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Written material and requests to make oral presentations should reach the Natural Resources Conservation Service on or before June 12, 1998.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Doubletree Spokane City Center Hotel, 322 North Spokane Falls Court, Spokane, Washington 99201, telephone (509) 455–9600. Written material and requests to make oral presentations should be sent to George Bluhm, University of California, Land, Air, Water Resources, 151 Hoagland Hall, Davis, CA 95616–6827.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: George Bluhm, Designated Federal Official, telephone (916) 752–1018, fax (916) 752–1552.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2. Additional information about the Task Force on Agricultural Air Quality, including any revised agendas for the June 17–18, 1998, meeting that may appear after this **Federal Register** Notice is published, may be found on the World Wide Web at http://www.nhq.nrcs.usda.gov/faca/aaqtf.html.