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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Extension of Currently Approved Information Collection for Mineral Activities in the Smith River National Recreation Area

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Forest Service announces its intent to seek extension of the approval for the existing information collection required by 36 CFR Part 292, Subpart G, for mineral operations in the Smith River National Recreation Area. The current information collection will expire September 30, 1998.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing on or before August 10, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Director, Minerals and Geology Management, mail stop 1126, Forest Service, USDA, P.O. Box 96090, Washington, DC 20090–6090.

The public may inspect comments in the Office of the Director. To facilitate entrance into the building, visitors are encouraged to call ahead (202) 205–1042.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sam Hotchkiss, Minerals and Geology Management, telephone: (202) 205–1535.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Description of Information Collection

Title: Smith River National Recreation Area.

OMB Number: 0596–0138.

Expiration Date of Approval: September 30, 1998.

Type of Request: Extension of an existing information collection.

Abstract: Forest Service regulations at 36 CFR Part 292, Subpart G, implement Section 8(d) of the Smith River National Recreation Area Act of 1990 and set forth procedures by which the Forest Service regulates mineral operations on National Forest System lands within the Smith River National Recreation Area. These regulations supplement existing Forest Service regulations and are intended to ensure that mineral operations are conducted in a manner consistent with the purposes for which the Smith River National Recreation Area was established..

Section 292.63(b) requires an operator to provide information to support valid existing rights in addition to plan of operations information requirements at §§ 228.4 and 228.8. Also, as part of a plan of operations for the Smith River National Recreation Area, § 292.63(c) requires the following information: (1) a copy of the authorization or agreement by which operations are to be conducted when the operator and mining claim owner are different; (2) the hazardous and toxic materials and similar chemical substances to be used during mineral operations; (3) the character and composition of mineral wastes that will be used or generated; (4) how these materials and substances will be disposed; (5) the proposed method or strategy for handling the wastes; and (6) how public health and safety will be maintained. Section 292.65(b) requires that operator wishing to exercise outstanding mineral rights submit an operating plan.

Estimate of Burden: 20 hours.

Type of Respondents: Mineral operators.

Estimate Number of Respondents: 2.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 40.

Comment Is Invited

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 will 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 Comment

All comments, including name and address when provided, will become a matter of public record. Comments received in response to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval.

Dated: June 5, 1998.

Robert Lewis, Jr.,

Acting Associate Chief.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Committee of Scientists Meetings

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Forest Service will host two public teleconference calls for the Committee of Scientists to discuss their report and recommendations to the Secretary of Agriculture and the Chief of the Forest Service. The first teleconference call will be held Wednesday, June 17, 1998, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time) and the second teleconference call will be held on Wednesday, June 24, also from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time). The public is invited to attend; however, individuals must register for one of the teleconference locations in advance by calling the Committee of Scientists message phone (541–750–7057). The public may be provided an opportunity to commit on the Committee of Scientists' deliberations, only at the request of the Committee.

DATES: The teleconference call will be held on Wednesday, June 17, 1998, and Wednesday, June 24, 1998 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time). Registration for the teleconference calls should be received by June 15.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on improving land and resource management planning may be sent to the Committee of Scientists, P.O. Box 2140, Corvallis, OR 97339. Also, the