

Title of the Proposal: Notice of Funding Availability and Application Kit for the Community Outreach Partnership Centers Program (COPC).

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: The information is being collected to select grantees in this statutorily-created competitive grant program. The information is also being used to

monitor the performance of grantees to ensure that they meet statutory and program goals and requirements.

Members of the affected public: Institutions of higher education undertaking outreach and applied research in their local communities: 160 applicants and 22 grantees.

Estimation of the total number of hours needed to prepare the information

collection including the number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response: Information pursuant to submitting applications will be submitted once. Information pursuant to grantee monitoring requirements will be semi-annually and at the completion of the grant.

The following chart details the respondent burden on an annual basis:

	Number of respondents	Total annual responses	Hours per response	Total hours
Application	160	160	80	12,800
Annual Reports	22	44	16	704
Final Reports	22	22	16	352
Recordkeeping	22	22	16	352
Total				14,208

Status of proposed information collection: OMB approved an paperwork clearance for this information collection and assigned it OMB Control No. 2528-0180, expiration date January 31, 2000.

Authority: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended.

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General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on Projects Proposed in the Whiskey Creek, Bunker Creek, and Kelsey Creek Watersheds, Josephine and Curry Counties, Oregon

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, DOI.

ACTION: Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on projects in the Whiskey Creek, Bunker Creek, and Kelsey Creek Watersheds in Josephine and Curry Counties, Oregon and Notice of Scoping Meetings.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the Bureau of Land Management, Medford District, Glendale Resource Area, will be preparing an EIS on the impacts of potential timber sales, opportunities for watershed restoration, wildlife habitat enhancement projects, recreational

development and other projects in the Whiskey Creek, Bunker Creek and Kelsey Creek watersheds, tributaries of the Wild and Scenic section of the Rogue River. The area is located in Josephine and Curry Counties in southwest Oregon.

DATES: Written comments on the initial scoping process will be accepted until August 3, 1999. Public scoping meetings will be held from 3:00 to 7:30 p.m. on June 22, 1999 at the Grants Pass City Council Chambers, 101 NW A Street, Grants Pass, Oregon, and from 4:00 to 7:30 p.m. on July 20, 1999 at the Galice Community Hall, 10821 Galice Road, Galice, Oregon. Additional meetings will be considered as appropriate.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The project area includes the drainages of Whiskey, Bunker, Kelsey, Meadow, Russian, Dutch, and Quail Creeks, tributaries of the Rogue National Wild and Scenic River. The area consists of approximately 42,000 acres of generally solid-block BLM ownership with four isolated private inholdings. The northeast portion of the project area is designated a General Forest Management Area in the Medford District Resource Management Plan (RMP). The remainder is within a Late Successional Reserve (LSR). (LSR's are identified in the Northwest Forest Plan and Medford District RMP as areas to protect and enhance conditions of late-successional and old-growth forest ecosystems.) The eastern and northern boundary is the Grave Creek to Marial National Back Country Byway. The southern boundary is the Rogue River, a National Wild and Scenic River. The project area contains five relatively large unroaded areas totaling approximately 24,000 acres.

The Glendale Resource Area will be examining this area and analyzing the

potential for projects. Projects may include, but are not limited to, forest health enhancement, timber sales, watershed restoration, wildlife habitat enhancement, recreation, and other projects. The no action alternative will also be analyzed in this document.

The tentative project schedule is as follows:

File Draft Environmental Impact Statement—September 2000

File Final Environmental Impact Statement—February 2001

Record of Decision—March 2001

The Bureau of Land Management's scoping process for the EIS will include: (1) Identification of issues to be addressed, (2) Identification of viable alternatives, (3) Notifying interested groups, individuals, and agencies to determine level of participation and obtain additional information concerning issues to be addressed in the EIS.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to Lynda Boody, Glendale Field Manager, Medford District Bureau of Land Management, 3040 Biddle Road, Medford, OR 97504.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Dated: May 26, 1999.

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