DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Information Collection; Role of Communities in Stewardship Contracting Projects

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Forest Service is seeking comments from all interested individuals and organizations on the extension with revision of a currently approved information collection, Role of Communities in Stewardship Contracting Projects. The public may inspect comments received at the Office of the Director, Forest Management Staff, Mail Stop 1103, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250–1103.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing on or before August 27, 2012 to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: Comments concerning this notice should be addressed to Forest Service, USDA, Director, Forest Management Staff, Mail Stop 1103, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250–1103.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sharon Nygaard-Scott, Forest Service, Forest Management Staff, 202–207–1766. Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1–800–877–8339 twenty-four hours a day, every day of the year, including holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Title: Role of Communities in Stewardship Contracting Projects.
OMB Number: 0596–0201.
Expiration Date of Approval: January 31, 2013.
Type of Request: Extension with Revision.
Abstract: The Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management are required to report to Congress annually on the role of local communities in the development of agreement or contract plans through stewardship contracting, per Section 323 of Public Law 108–7 (16 U.S.C. 2104 Note). To meet the requirement, the Forest Service conducts surveys to gather the necessary information for use by both the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management. The survey provides information regarding the:
(a) Nature of the local community involved in developing agreement or contract plans,
(b) Nature of roles played by the entities involved in developing agreement or contract plans,
(c) Benefits to the community and agency by being involved in planning and development of contract plans, and
(d) Usefulness of stewardship contracting in helping meet the needs of local communities.

The Pinchot Institute for Conservation and its sub-contractors collect the information through an annual telephone survey. The survey asks Federal employees, employees of for-profit and not-for-profit institutions, employees of State and local agencies, and individual citizens who have been involved in stewardship contracting projects about their role in the development of agreement or contract plans.

The information collected through the survey is analyzed by the Pinchot Institute for Conservation and its sub-contractors and used to help develop the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management reports to Congress as required by Section 323 of Public Law 108–7.

Without the information from this annual collection of data, the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management will not be able to provide the required annual reports to Congress on the role of communities in development of agreement or contract plans under stewardship contracting.

Type of Respondents: Employees of for-profit and non-profit businesses and institutions, as well as individuals.

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 507.

Estimate of Burden per Response: 0.75 hours.

Estimated Annual Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 380 Hours.

Comment Is Invited

Comment is invited on: (1) Whether this collection of information is necessary for the stated purposes and the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical or scientific utility; (2) the accuracy of the Agency’s estimate of the burden of the 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 information on respondents, including the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

All comments received in response to this notice, including names and addresses when provided, will be a matter of public record. Comments will be summarized and included in the submission request toward Office of Management and Budget approval.

Dated: June 18, 2012.

James M. Peña,
Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest System.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Information Collection; Request for Comment; Objections to New Land Management Plans, Plan Amendments, and Plan Revisions

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.
SUMMARY: Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Forest Service is seeking comments from all interested people and organizations on the extension of a currently approved information collection, objections to new land management plans, plan amendments, and plan revisions.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing on or before August 27, 2012 to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: Comments concerning this notice should be addressed to: USDA, Forest Service, Attn: Chris French, Acting Assistant Director for Planning, Ecosystem Management Coordination, Mail Stop 1104, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250–1104.

Comments also may be submitted via facsimile to 202–205–1012 or by email to: rterney@fs.fed.us.

The public may inspect comments received at the Ecosystem Management Coordination Office, 201 14th St. SW., Washington, DC, during normal business hours. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead to 202–205–0895 to assist entry into the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Regis Terney, Ecosystem Management Coordination, at 202–205–0895 or email to: rterney@fs.fed.us. Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1–800–877–8339, 24 hours a day, every day of the year, including holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Objection to new land management plans, plan amendments, and plan revisions.

OMB Number: 0596–0158.

Expiration Date of Approval: February 28, 2013.

Type of Request: Extension with revision of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The information that would be required by Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 219–Planning, Subpart A–National Forest System Land Management Planning (36 CFR part 219, subpart B), section 219.54 is the minimum information needed for a person to make a clear objection to a proposed land management plan, plan amendment, or plan revision. Under 36 CFR 219.54, a person shall provide name, mailing address, and telephone number, or email address if available; signature; the name of the specific plan, amendment or revision that is the subject of the objection; and the name and title of the responsible official; a statement of the issues and/or the parts of the plan, plan amendment, or plan revision to which the objection applies; a concise statement explaining the objection and suggesting how the proposed plan decision may be improved. If applicable, the objector should identify how the objector believes that the plan, plan amendment, or plan revision is inconsistent with law, regulation, or policy; and a statement that demonstrates the link between prior substantive formal comments attributed to the objector and the content of the objection, unless the objection concerns an issue that arose after the opportunities for formal comment (§ 219.53(a)).

The reviewing officer shall review the objection(s) and relevant information and then respond to the objector(s) in writing.

Estimate of Annual Burden:

Type of Respondents: Interested and affected people, organizations, and governmental units who participate in the planning process: such as people who live in or near National Forest System (NFS) lands; local, State, and Tribal governments who have an interest in the plan; Federal agencies with an interest in the management of NFS lands and resources; not-for-profit organizations interested in NFS management, such as environmental groups, recreation groups, educational institutions; and commercial users of NFS land and resources.

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 36 per year.

Estimated Annual Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 360 hours.

Comment is invited on: (1) Whether the right information is being requested, including whether the information will have practical value; (2) whether the instructions in 36 CFR 219.54 are clear; (3) whether the Forest Service estimate of the burden of the collection of information is accurate, (10 hours); (4) ways to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the information to be collected; (5) ways to make the objections available to people, (6) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on people, including the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

All comments received in response to this notice, including names and addresses when provided, will be a matter of public record. Comments will be summarized and included in the submission request toward Office of Management and Budget approval.

Dated: June 18, 2012.

James M. Peña,
Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest System.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Sunshine Act Notice

AGENCY: United States Commission on Civil Rights.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

DATE AND TIME: Friday, July 6, 2012; 9:30 a.m. EDT.

PLACE: 624 Ninth Street NW., Room 540, Washington, DC 20425.

Meeting Agenda

This meeting is open to the public.

I. Approval of Agenda
II. Program Planning Update and discussion of projects:
   • Discussion and Vote on Strategic Plan
   • Vote on 2012 Final Statutory Report
   • Update on Immigration Briefing
   • Scheduling of Future Briefings
III. Management and Operations
   • Discussion on Agency Staffing
IV. Adjourn Meeting

CONTACT PERSON FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Lenore Ostrowsky, Acting Chief, Public Affairs Unit (202) 376–8591.

Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact Pamela Dunston at (202) 376–8105 or at signlanguage@usccr.gov at least seven business days before the scheduled date of the meeting.


Kimberly Tolhurst,
Senior Attorney-Advisor.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION

Notice of Petitions by Firms for Determination of Eligibility To Apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance

AGENCY: Economic Development Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice and opportunity for public comment.

Pursuant to Section 251 of the Trade Act 1974, as amended (19 U.S.C. 2341