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## AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

### Notice of Public Information Collections Being Reviewed by the U.S. Agency for International Development; Comments Requested

**SUMMARY:** U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) is making efforts to reduce the paperwork burden. USAID invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act for 1995. Comments are requested concerning: (a) Whether the proposed or continuing collections of information are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the burden estimates; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before January 3, 2006.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Beverly Johnson, Bureau for Management, Office of Administrative Services, Information and Records Division, U.S. Agency for International Development, Room 2.07-106, RRB, Washington, DC 20523, (202) 712-1365 or via e-mail [bjohnson@usaid.gov](mailto:bjohnson@usaid.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*OMB No:* OMB 0412-NEW.

*Form No.:* N/A.

*Title:* Summer Internship Application.

*Type of Review:* NEW Information Collection.

*Purpose:* The United States Agency for International Development, Africa Bureau, intends to use the Summer

Internship Application to collect information from approximately 300 student applicants to its summer internship programs for USAID Missions in Africa and in Washington, DC.

*Annual Reporting Burden:*

*Respondents:* 300.

*Total annual responses:* 300.

*Total annual hours requested:* 150 hours.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Lassen National Forest, Hat Creek Ranger District, CA, North 49 Project Forest Health Recovery Project

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** The Forest Service proposes to develop a network of defensible fuel profile zones (DFPZ's) and wildland urban interface zones (WUIs), conduct area thinning, reduce surface fuels, establish group selection harvest units, and restore remnant aspen stands on the Hat Creek Ranger District in the Lassen National Forest. Treatments within DFPZs would include 9,975 acres of forest and plantation thinning followed by underburning and/or mechanical fuels reduction. Approximately 2,060 acres would be underburned only. Treatments outside of DFPZs would include 3,660 acres of forest and plantation thinning followed by underburning and/or mechanical fuels reduction to develop three WUIs. A modified thinning prescription would be applied in some areas to maintain wildlife habitat and structural diversity. An additional 95 acres of brushfield treatments would also be completed outside of DFPZs. Group selection treatments would be implemented on 1,186 acres across the project area and 49 acres of aspen would be restored. Approximately 1.4 miles of new system roads and 0.7 miles of temporary non-system roads would be constructed. Approximately 3.9 miles of roads would

be decommissioned. The project would be implemented through a combination of commercial timber sales, service contracts, and force account crews. These management activities were developed to implement and be consistent with the Lassen National Forest (LNF) Land and Resource Management Plan (LRMP, 1993), as amended by the Herger-Feinstein Quincy Library Group Forest Recovery Act FEIS, FSEIS, and ROD's (1999, 2003), and the Sierra Nevada Forest Plan Amendment FEIS (2001) and FSEIS/ROD (2004).

*Decision to be made:* The decision to be made is whether to implement the proposed action as described above, to meet the purpose and need for action through some other combination of activities, or to take no action at this time.

*Scoping process:* Comments concerning the scope of the analysis should be received in writing within 15 days of the date of publication of this Notice of Intent in the **Federal Register**.

The project was initially listed in the Forest's February 2004 quarterly edition of the Schedule of Proposed Actions (SOPA). Scoping letters were sent in March 2004 to those who responded to the SOPA and other identified interested and affected individuals and government agencies. In the SOPA, the mode of environmental documentation was predicted as an environmental assessment.

At this time, the environmental analysis will be documented in an environmental impact statement. Since only minor changes are being made to the proposed action that was previously scoped, the scoping period at this time is brief. Those who responded during the March 2004 scoping period will be contacted again. In addition, scoping letters previously received by the Forest Service from the first scoping period will continue to be used for this process. A public scoping meeting is not anticipated at this time.

The scoping process will be used to identify issues regarding the proposed action. An issue is defined as a point of dispute, debate, or disagreement related to a specific proposed action based on its anticipated effects. Significant issues brought to our attention are used during an environmental analysis to develop alternatives to the proposed action. Some issues raised in scoping may be