

personnel evaluate the information collected and use it to monitor the volume, types, species, sources, and

prices of timber products harvested throughout the Nation.

Item	Pulpwood received questionnaire	Logs and other roundwood received questionnaire
Estimate of Annual Burden .....	0.5 hours .....	0.84 hours.
Type of Respondents .....	Primary users of industrial pulpwood.	Primary users of industrial roundwood products.
Estimated Annual Number of Respondents .....	188 .....	1628.
Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent .....	1 .....	1.
Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents .....	94 .....	1368.

This information is to be collected by Forest Service personnel at the following Forest Service research stations: Northeast Research Station (Radnor, Pa), North Central Research Station (St. Paul, MN), Southern Research Station (Asheville, NC), Rocky Mountain Research Station (Ogden, UT), and Pacific Northwest Research Station (Portland, OR).

**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 request for Office of Management and Budget approval.

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

**Forest Service**

**Information Collection; Request for Comments; Advertised Timber for Sale**

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.  
**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Forest Service is seeking comments from all interested individuals and organizations on the revision with changes of the currently approved information collection for Advertised Timber for Sale.

**DATES:** Comments must be received in writing on or before July 11, 2006 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 Director, Forest Management, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Mail Stop 1103, Washington, DC 20250-0003.

Comments also may be submitted via facsimile to (202) 205-1045 or by e-mail to: [bidforms@fs.fed.us](mailto:bidforms@fs.fed.us). In addition, comments may be submitted via the World Wide Web/Internet Web site at: <http://www.regulations.gov>.

All comments, including names and addresses when provided, are placed in the record and are available for public inspection and copying. The public may inspect comments received at the Office of the Director, Forest Management, Third Floor, Southwest Wing, Yates Building, 201 14th Street, SW., Washington, DC. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead at (202) 205-1496 to facilitate entry into the building.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lathrop Smith, Forest Management Staff, at (202) 205-0858. 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:* Advertised Timber for Sale.  
*OMB Number:* 0596-0066.  
*Expiration Date of Approval:* October 31, 2006.

*Type of Request:* Extension with Revision.

*Abstract:* Pursuant to statutory requirements at 16 U.S.C. 472a, unless extraordinary conditions exist as defined by regulation, the Secretary of

Agriculture must (1) advertise sales of all National Forest System timber or forest products exceeding \$10,000 in appraised value, (2) select bidding methods that ensure open and fair competition; (3) select bidding methods that ensure that the Federal Government receives not less than appraised value of the timber or forest product; and (4) monitor bidding patterns for evidence of unlawful bidding practices.

Pursuant to the Forest Service Small Business Timber Sale Set-Aside Program, developed in cooperation with the Small Business Administration, Forest Service regulations at Title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations, § 223.84 require that the Forest Service bid form used by potential timber sale bidders include provisions for small business concerns. The data collected will be used by the agency to ensure that National Forest System timber will be sold at not less than appraised value, that bidders will meet specific criteria when submitting a bid, and that anti-trust violations will not occur during the bidding process.

The tax identification number of each bidder is entered into an automated bid monitoring system, which is used to determine if speculative bidding or unlawful bidding practices are occurring and is required to process electronic payments to the purchaser.

Respondents will be bidders on National Forest System timber sales. Forest Service sale officers will mail bid forms to potential bidders, and bidders will return the completed forms, dated and signed, to the Forest Service sale officer.

The data gathered in this information collection are not available from other sources.

**Forms Associated With This Information Collection**

*FS-2400-42a*—National Forest Timber and Forest Products for Sale (Advertisement and Short-Form Bid): This form will be used for soliciting and receiving bids on short-notice timber sales advertised for less than 30 days for

less than \$10,000 in advertised value. Respondents are bidders on National Forest System timber sales.

*FS-2400-14*—Bid for Advertised Timber (3 form versions: *FS-2400-14UR*—Bid for Advertised Timber, Unit Rate Bidding; *FS-2400-14WA*—Bid For Advertised Timber, Weighted Average Bidding; *FS-2400-14TV*—Bid For Advertised Timber, Total Value Bidding): These forms implement the same statutes, policies, and regulations and collect similar information from the

same applicants. Respondents are bidders on National Forest System timber and forest product sales.

*FS-2400-14BV*—Bid For Integrated Resource Contract (2 form versions:—*FS-2400-14BV*—Bid For Integrated Resource Contract, Best Value, Total Value Bidding; *FS-2400-14BVU*—Bid For Integrated Resource Contract, Best Value, Unit Rate Bidding): These are new versions of the Best Value bid form and will be used for soliciting and receiving bids on contracts advertised

for 30 days or longer and on contracts greater than \$10,000 in advertised value.

Forms can be viewed on the World Wide Web/Internet site at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/forestmanagement/infocenter> and in the Office of the Director, Forest Management, Third Floor, Southwest Wing, Yates Building, 201 14th Street, SW., Washington, DC. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead at (202) 205-1496 to facilitate entry into the building.

Item	FS-2400-42a	FS 2400-14	FS-2400-14BV
Estimate of Annual Burden .....	3.0 hours .....	14.4 hours .....	34.4 hours.
Type of Respondents .....	Individuals, large and small businesses, and corporations bidding on National Forest timber sales and Integrated Resource Contracts.		
Estimated Annual Number of Respondents .....	445 .....	825 .....	115.
Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent .....	1.8 .....	3.9 .....	1.2.
Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents .....	2400 hours .....	39,880 hours .....	4747 hours.

**Comment Is Invited**

Comment is invited on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the stated purposes or the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical or scientific utility; (2) 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; (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 name and address when provided, will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: May 2, 2006.

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

**Forest Service**

**Kootenai and Idaho Panhandle National Forests Proposed Land Management Plans**

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Commencement of 90-day comment period on the Proposed Land Management Plans for the Kootenai and Idaho Panhandle National Forests.

**SUMMARY:** Proposed Land Management Plans for the Kootenai and Idaho Panhandle National Forests are now available for public comment during a 90-day period that begins on the date of publication of this notice in **Federal Register**. The Kootenai and Idaho Panhandle National Forests comprise the KIPZ (Kootenai and Idaho Panhandle Planning Zone.)

**ADDRESSES:** Comments on the Kootenai Plan should be sent to: KIPZ Forest Plan Revision Team, Kootenai National Forest, 1101 Hwy 2 West, Libby, Montana 59923. Comments on the Idaho Panhandle Plan should be sent to: KIPZ Forest Plan Revision Team, Idaho Panhandle National Forest, 3815 Schreiber Way, Coeur d' Alene, Idaho 83815. Comments by e-mail should be sent to: [r1\\_kipz\\_revision@fs.fed.us](mailto:r1_kipz_revision@fs.fed.us).

**DATES:** Submit comments during the 90-day period that begins on the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. Notices will also appear in the following newspapers of record: For the Kootenai Forest, the Daily Inter Lake

and for the Idaho Panhandle National Forest, The Spokesman Review.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kirsten Kaiser at 406-283-7659 or Jodi Kramer at 208-765-7235.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to 36 CFR 219.9(b)(2), the Kootenai and Idaho Panhandle National Forests are commencing the comment period on their Proposed Forest Land Management Plans. The Plans are available for viewing and downloading at the Web site: <http://www.fs.fed.us/kipz>. Compact Discs (CDs) of the Plans will be mailed to persons who have requested a copy and are available to others on request. Plans are also available for viewing at the Supervisors Offices and Ranger Stations on the Kootenai and Idaho Panhandle Forests. Plan supporting documentation (the comprehensive evaluation report) will be posted on the Web site and is available electronically upon request. Comments should be in writing and should meet the following requirements:

1. A statement that the comment is filed during the 90-day comment period, in response to the Kootenai and/or Idaho Proposed Forest Land Management Plan.

2. Identification of the specific Proposed Plan or Plans (Kootenai, Idaho Panhandle) that your comment is addressing.

3. A clear statement of your comment, including reasons, recommendations and supporting information.

Additional guidelines for preparing Plan comments are on our Web site and