

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Farm Service Agency****Information Collection: Emergency Conservation Program**

AGENCY: Farm Service Agency, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Farm Service Agency (FSA) is seeking comments from all interested individuals and organizations on the revision of currently approved information collection associated with the Emergency Conservation Program (ECP).

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received on or before September 24, 2007 to be assured consideration.

ADDRESSES: We invite you to submit comments on this Notice. In your comment, include the volume, date, and page number of this issue of the **Federal Register**. You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

E-mail: Send comments to:

Clayton.Furukawa@wdc.usda.gov.

Fax: (202) 720-4619.

Mail: Farm Service Agency, USDA, Attn: Clayton Furukawa, ECP Program Manager, Conservation and Environmental Programs Division, USDA, FSA, STOP 0513, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-0513.

Comments also should be sent to the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Clayton Furukawa, ECP Program Manager, (202) 690-0571.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Description of Information Collection**

Title: Emergency Conservation Program.

OMB Control Number: 0560-0082.

Expiration Date: February 28, 2010.

Type of Request: Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection.

Abstract: This information collection is to allow FSA to effectively administer the regulations under the ECP. The regulations at 7 CFR part 701 set forth basic policies, program provisions, and eligibility requirements for owners and operators to enter into agreement with to apply for financial and technical assistance and for receiving cost-share payments under the ECP. The revision to the currently approved information collection is in response to, and consistent with, the new requirement

that an Adjusted Gross Income Limitation be used when determining the eligibility of certain respondents who wish to participate in the ECP, pursuant to the provisions of Section 9004(b) of Public Law 110-28.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .25 hours (15 minutes) per response. The average travel time, which is included in the total annual burden, is estimated to be 1 hour per respondent.

Respondents: Owners, operators and other eligible agricultural producers on eligible farmland.

Number of Respondents: 90,000.

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 90,420.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 67,610.

Comments

Comments are invited on:

(1) Whether this collection information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden, 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 the information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate 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 records. Comments will be summarized and included in the submission for Office of Management and Budget approval.

Signed at Washington, DC, on July 19, 2007.

Glen L. Keppy,

Acting Administrator, Farm Service Agency.

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ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: The USDA, Forest Service, will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to disclose the environmental effects of timber harvest, prescribed fire, fuels reduction, watershed restoration, and access management activities in the Corralled Bear project area on the Palouse Ranger District of the Clearwater National Forest. The Corralled Bear project area is located north of the towns of Deary and Helmer within the East Fork of Big Bear Creek and Corral Creek drainages, approximately 21 air-miles northeast of the town of Moscow, Idaho.

DATES: This project was previously scoped in March 2006, and the comments received will be included in the documentation for the EIS. A 45-day public comment period will follow the release of the draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) that is expected in September 2007. The final environmental impact statement (FEIS) and Record of Decision (ROD) is expected in February 2008.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Corralled Bear project area contains approximately 11,318 acres, which is all National Forest lands except for 160 acres of private land. The project area is located in portions of T40N, R1W; T40N, R2W; T41N, R1W; and T41N, R2W, Boise Meridian, Latah County, Idaho. The proposed actions would occur on National Forest lands and are all outside the boundaries of any inventoried roadless area or any areas considered for inclusion to the National Wilderness System as recommended by the Clearwater National Forest Plan or by any past or present legislative wilderness proposals.

Purpose and Need for Action is to: (1) Promote stand productivity, restore vegetative successional stages to reflect historical patch sizes and locations, and restore blister rust resistant white pine; (2) reduce fuel buildup in stands where fire suppression has interrupted the short-return fire interval and resulted in unnaturally high amounts of fuel and overgrown understory, and create a more defensible space to control wildfire on Forest Service land adjacent to private property; (3) reduce long-term sedimentation to streams caused by existing unsurfaced roads, and stabilize stream banks made unstable by motorized vehicles, cattle trailing, and channelization (historic railroad grades); (4) update fish/water quality standards for Corral Creek in Appendix K of the Clearwater Forest Plan to better meet the Clean Water Act standards supporting fisheries and reflect better information

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AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

PROJECT: Corralled Bear, Clearwater National Forest, Latah County, ID.