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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

December 18, 2007.

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments regarding (a) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV or fax (202) 395-5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250-7602. Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-8958.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to

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Animal Plant and Health Inspection Service

Title: Exotic Newcastle Disease in Birds and Poultry; Chlamydiosis in Poultry.

OMB Control Number: 0579-0116.

Summary Of Collection: The Animal Health Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 8301), authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to take such measures as he may deem proper to prevent the introduction or dissemination of the contagion of any contagious or communicable disease of animals and/or live poultry from a foreign country into the United States or from one State to another. Velogenic or exotic Newcastle disease (END) is the most severe form of Newcastle disease and is foreign to the United States. It is one of the most serious diseases of poultry throughout the world. The virus also infects and causes disease in wild birds including parrots and parakeets. Disease prevention is the most effective method for maintaining a healthy animal population and for enhancing the Animal Plant and Health Inspection Service (APHIS) ability to compete in the world market of animals and animal product trade.

Need and Use of the Information: APHIS will collect information through the use of documents attesting to the health status of the birds or poultry being moved, the number and types of birds or poultry being moved in a particular shipment, the shipment's point of origin, and shipment's designation, and the reason for the interstate movement. These documents provide useful "trace back" information in the event an infected bird or chicken is discovered and an investigation must be launched to determine where the bird or chicken originated. The information provided by these documents is critical to APHIS ability to prevent the interstate spread of END, which is highly contagious and capable of causing significant economic harm to the U.S. poultry industry.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for profit.

Number of Respondents: 2.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 6.

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Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Roadless Area Conservation; National Forest System Lands in Colorado

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

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

SUMMARY: The Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, is initiating a public rulemaking process to address the management of roadless areas on National Forest System lands within the State of Colorado. This rulemaking is the result of a petition submitted by Governor Bill Ritter on behalf of the State of Colorado pursuant to 7 CFR 1.28, reviewed and recommended by the Department's Roadless Area Conservation National Advisory Committee, and accepted by the Secretary. The State requests specific regulatory protections with certain management flexibility for the approximately four million acres of affected lands. The Forest Service will prepare an environmental impact statement to analyze and disclose potential environmental consequences associated with this rulemaking.

DATES: Comments concerning the scope of the analysis must be received by February 25, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be sent via e-mail to COcomments@fsroadless.org. Written comments concerning this notice should be addressed to Roadless Area Conservation-Colorado, P.O. Box 162909, Sacramento, CA 95816-2909, or via facsimile to 916-456-6724.

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 <http://www.roadless.fs.fed.us/colorado>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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