

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 the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Title: National Animal Identification System.

OMB Control Number: 0579-0259.

Summary of Collection: The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) regulates the importation and interstate movement of animals and animal products and conducts various other activities to protect the health of our Nation's livestock and poultry. The advent of increased animal disease outbreaks around the globe over the past decade, especially the recent BSE-positive cow found in Washington State, has intensified the public interest in developing a national animal identification program for the purpose of protecting animal health. Fundamental to controlling any disease threat, foreign or domestic, to the Nation's animal resources is to have a system that can identify individual animals or groups, the premises where they are located, and the date of entry to each premises. A national animal identification system is being implemented by APHIS at present on a voluntary basis. It is intended to identify all livestock, as well as record their movements over the course of their lifespan.

Need and Use of the Information: APHIS goal is to create an effective, uniform, consistent, and efficient system that when fully implemented, will allow traces to be completed within 48 hours of detection of a disease, ensuring rapid containment of the disease. Successful implementation of the animal identification and tracking systems will depend on the effective use of three primary information collection activities: Premises and nonproducer participants identification records, individual animal identification transaction records, and group/lot transaction records that will be created and maintained through various industry and Government collaborative efforts. Failing to collect the needed information would make it impossible to conduct a timely traceback of animals potentially exposed to a disease of concern.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 500,472.

Frequency of Responses:

Recordkeeping;

Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 2,832,437.

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Title: Importation of Fruits and Vegetables.

OMB Control Number: 0579-0264.

Summary of Collection: Under the Plant Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 7701-7772), the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to regulate the importation of plants, plant products, and other articles to prevent the introduction of injurious plant pests. Regulations contained in Title 7 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 319 (Subpart—Fruit and Vegetables), Sections 319.56 *et seq.*, implement the intent of the this Act by prohibiting or restricting the importation of certain fruits and vegetables into the United States from certain parts of the world to prevent the introduction and dissemination of fruit flies and other injurious plant pests that are new to the United States or not widely distributed within the United States. These regulations are enforced by the Plant Protection and quarantine, a program with USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS).

Need and Use of the Information: The use of certain information collection activities including phytosanitary certificates, fruit fly monitoring records, and cooperative agreements will be used to allow the entry of certain fruits and vegetables into the United States. Without the information all shipments

would need to be inspected very thoroughly, thereby requiring considerably more time and would slow the clearance of international shipments.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; Federal Government.

Number of Respondents: 15.

Frequency of Responses:

Recordkeeping;

Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 123.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency

Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection; End-Use Certificate Program

AGENCY: Farm Service Agency, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and 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 an extension of a currently approved information collection that supports the End-Use Certificate Program.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received on or before January 12, 2009 to be assured consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

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

Mail: Sharon Miner, USDA, Farm Service Agency, Commodity Operations Division, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., STOP 0553, Washington, DC 20250-0553.

E-mail: Send comment to: Sharon.Miner@wdc.usda.gov.

Fax: (202) 690-3123.

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: Sharon Miner, Commodity Operations Division, telephone (202) 720-6266.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: End-Use Certificate Program.

OMB Control Number: 0560-0151.
Expiration Date of Approval: June 30, 2009.

Type of Request: Extension.

Abstract: This information collection is to ensure that Canadian wheat imported into the U.S. does not benefit from United States export programs. To comply with the provisions of the North American Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act, FSA requires information from the importers, subsequent buyers, and end-users that assist in tracking the Canadian wheat within the U.S. marketing system.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this information collection is estimated to average 0.1744 hours per response.

Respondents: Wheat importers, traders, and end-users.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 421.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 128.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 4,520 hours.

Comments are invited on:

(1) Whether the continued collection of 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 FSA's estimate of burden including validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhancing the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; or

(4) Minimizing 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 become a matter of public record. Comments will be summarized and included in the submission for Office of Management and Budget approval.

Signed in Washington, DC on November 5, 2008.

Thomas B. Hofeller,

Acting Administrator, Farm Service Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Genesis, Inc. Exploration Drilling Project Kootenai National Forest, Lincoln County, MT

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

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

SUMMARY: Genesis, Inc. submitted a revised Plan of Operations for exploration drilling near Troy, Montana. This revised plan adds drilling at seven sites on National Forest System Roads to the exploratory helicopter-assisted drilling described in the July 25, 2008, Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

Scoping Comment Date: Comments concerning the revised proposed action must be postmarked by December 8, 2008, to be considered in the draft EIS.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments concerning the Proposed Action to Mike Herrin, Three Rivers District Ranger, Genesis Exploration Project, Kootenai National Forest, 12858 U.S. Hwy 2, Troy, MT 59935, or e-mail your comments to: *comments-northern-kootenai-three-rivers@fs.fed.us*. All comments received must contain: Name of commenter, postal service mailing address, and date of comment.

Comments sent as an e-mail message should be sent as an attachment to the message. A copy on computer-generated disc should accompany all comments over one page in length.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dick Harlow, Project Coordinator, Three River Ranger Station, 12858 U.S. Hwy 2, Troy, Montana 59935. Phone (406) 293-7773, or e-mail at *dharlow@fs.fed.us*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Proposed Action

The Three Rivers District Ranger of the Kootenai National Forest has received a revised plan of operations proposing exploration drilling in two phases.

Phase 1 adds previously authorized (Mount Vernon Exploratory Drilling Decision Memo, February 2004), but uncompleted, exploratory drilling activities located in Section 6, T28N, R33W, P.M.M., Lincoln County, Montana. This phase consists of 12 core holes from seven drill sites on National Forest System Roads 4628 and 4628A with no additional surface disturbance. The sites are approximately 100 feet long by 20 feet wide, and the holes are estimated to average 1,200 feet in depth. A diamond drill mounted on a trailer or skid would be utilized and pulled into position with a pickup or tractor. The drill schedule would be two shifts per day, seven days per week. The new timeframe for this phase is two years.

Phase 2 includes access to three (3) helicopter supported drill sites on NFS lands in sections 7, 17, 18, T28N, R33W,

MT. P.M., southwest of Bull Lake, in Lincoln and Sanders Counties. These sites are within the Scotchman Peaks #662 Inventoried Roadless Area. All three sites were previously drilled in 1999, and this additional exploration drilling is needed to further define ore reserves on the unpatented mining claims. The proposal is to drill 8 core holes from three separate locations, utilizing existing openings from previous helicopter drill sites. The holes will vary from 100' to 1600' in depth. The Drilling Plan for the drill sites is to use a preconstructed metal landing/drill platform (approx. 30' long x 15' wide). The platform will be flown to the sites in sections and assembled. The drill will be mounted on the drill platforms on the south side of Ross Creek. A helicopter staging site will be located near the junction of FR 4628 and FR 4628A. Some site maintenance will be required. This work will include removal of brush and short trees.

Design features and mitigations to maintain and protect resource values would be included.

The proposed implementation period would begin in the fall of 2009 and reclamation would be completed by December 15, 2012.

Lead and Cooperating Agencies

Montana Department of Environmental Quality, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, and Kootenai Tribe of Idaho, have either jurisdiction or interest and will participate as cooperating agencies or government entities in the preparation of this EIS. Other governmental agencies and any public that may be interested in or affected by the proposal are invited to participate in the scoping process, which is designed to obtain input and to identify potential issues relating to the proposed project.

Responsible Official

As the District Ranger of the Three Rivers Ranger District, Kootenai National Forest, I am the Responsible Official. As the Responsible Official, I will decide if the proposed project will be implemented. I will document the decision and reasons for the decision in the Record of Decision.

Range of Alternatives

The Forest Service will consider a range of alternatives. One of these will be the "no action" alternative in which none of the proposed activities will be implemented. Additional alternatives will examine varying levels and locations for the proposed activities to