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Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be part of the public record for this proposed action. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered; however, anonymous comments will not provide the respondent with standing to participate in subsequent administrative review or judicial review.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Susan Duffy, Tracks Project Coordinator at 1393 Hy 169, Ely, MN 55731, telephone (218) 365-2097.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose and Need for Action

The primary purpose of the Tracks Project is to maintain and promote native vegetation communities that are diverse, productive, healthy, and resilient by moving the vegetation towards the desired vegetation and landscape ecosystem conditions described in the Superior National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan). Forest Plan direction for the transportation system is also part of the project's purpose.

Proposed Action

The proposed action would manage forest vegetation composition, age class, and spatial patterns and the transportation system associated with these activities. Proposed activities include: creating young forest on approximately 5,166 acres, improving stand structure and within-stand diversity on approximately 1,345 acres, and restoring stand conditions through a variety of non-harvest activities such as planting, biomass removal, and conducting prescribed burns to reduce risk of wildfire on approximately 352 acres. Managing the minimum road system needed for long-term vegetation management would involve adding 5.2 miles of system road and decommissioning 11.4 miles of road.

Responsible Official

Stephen J. Kuennen, Laurentian District Ranger, 318 Forestry Road, Aurora, MN 55705.

Nature of Decision To Be Made

An environmental analysis for the Tracks Project will evaluate site-specific issues, consider management alternatives, and analyze the potential effects of the proposed action and alternatives. The scope of the project is limited to decisions concerning

activities within the Tracks Project Area that meet the purpose and need, as well as desired conditions. An environmental impact statement will provide the Responsible Official, Stephen J. Kuennen, with the information needed to decide which actions, if any, to approve.

Permits or Licenses Required

Easement or permission to cross non-federal property may be needed to access some treatment units to implement Forest Service activities.

Scoping Process

This notice of intent initiates the scoping process, which guides the development of the environmental impact statement. Written comments will be solicited through a notice that will be sent to the landowners within the Tracks Project area and other interested individuals and organizations.

It is important that reviewers provide their comments at such times and in such manner that they are useful to the agency's preparation of the environmental impact statement. Therefore, comments should be provided prior to the close of the comment period and should clearly articulate the reviewer's concerns and contentions. The submission of timely and specific comments can affect a reviewer's ability to participate in subsequent administrative appeal or judicial review.

Dated: July 20, 2009.

Stephen J. Kuennen,

Laurentian District Ranger.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

**Associated Electric Cooperative, Inc.:
Notice of Finding of No Significant
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AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) has made a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) with respect to a request from Associated Electric Cooperative, Inc. (AECI) for assistance to finance the construction, operation, and maintenance of a new 540-MW gas-fired combustion combined-cycle generation unit, a new 161/345-kV substation, a new 161-kV transmission line, and a

new 345-kV transmission line in Mayes County, Oklahoma.

ADDRESSES: The FONSI is available for public review at the USDA Rural Utilities Service's Web site—<http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/ea.htm> or at 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 2244, Stop 1571, Washington, DC 20250-1571; and at AECI's headquarters office located at 211 South Golden, Springfield, Missouri 65801-4775 or the Pryor Public Library at 505 E. Graham, Pryor, OK 74361. To obtain copies of the FONSI or for further information, contact Stephanie Strength, Environmental Protection Specialist, USDA, Rural Utilities Service, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Stop 1571, Washington, DC 20250-1571, Telephone: (202) 720-0468 or e-mail: stephanie.strength@wdc.usda.gov or AECI's headquarters office located at 211 South Golden, Springfield, Missouri 65801-4775.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: AECI proposes to construct a 540-megawatt (MW) combined-cycle, gas-fired generation unit at the Mid America Industrial Park Chouteau Power Plant in Mayes County, Oklahoma. A new substation will also be constructed, to be located approximately two miles east of the existing plant, to be connected by a single circuit 161-kV line. A single circuit 345-kV line will further connect the substation to the Grand River Dam Authority (GRDA) Coal-Fired Power Plant, located in Mayes County, Oklahoma. Burns and McDonnell Engineering Company, Inc., an environmental consulting firm, prepared an Environmental Report for RUS. RUS conducted an independent evaluation of the Environmental Report and agreed that it accurately assessed the impacts of the proposal. RUS accepted the document as its Environmental Assessment and published the document for a 30-day public comment period. The applicant is responsible for obtaining all permits required to construct the proposal.

Pursuant to 36 CFR 800.4(d)(1) of the regulations (36 CFR part 800) implementing Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), 16 U.S.C. 470f, RUS made a finding that this project will not affect historic properties. RUS received no objection to this finding of effect from the Oklahoma State Historic Preservation Office or other consulting parties. RUS has determined this finding of no historic properties affected made pursuant to Section 106 of NHPA to be consistent with its FONSI.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, as amended

(42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR 1500–1508), and RUS' Environmental Policies and Procedures (7 CFR Part 1794), RUS has determined that the environmental impacts of the proposal have been adequately addressed and that no significant impacts to the quality of the human environment would result from the construction and operation of the proposal. Any final action by RUS related to the proposal will be subject to, and contingent upon, compliance with all relevant federal and state environmental laws and regulations. Since RUS' action will not result in significant impacts to the quality of the human environment, the preparation of an environmental impact statement related to the proposed project is not necessary.

Dated: July 23, 2009.

James R. Newby,

Acting Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Fitzgerald Renewable Energy, LLC: Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of finding of no significant impact.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) has made a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) with respect to a request from Fitzgerald Renewable Energy, LLC (FRE) for assistance to finance the construction, operation, and maintenance of a new 55-megawatt (MW) gas-fired combustion biomass fueled power plant in Ben Hill County, Georgia near Fitzgerald, Georgia.

ADDRESSES: The FONSI is available for public review at the USDA Rural Utilities Service's Web site—<http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/ea.htm> or at 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 2244, Stop 1571, Washington, DC 20250–1571; and at FRE's headquarters office located at Fitzgerald Renewable Energy, LLC, 152 Lincoln Avenue, Winter Park, FL 32789 or at the Fitzgerald/Ben Hill County Library, 123 North Main Street, Fitzgerald, GA 31750. To obtain copies of the FONSI or for further information, contact Stephanie Strength, Environmental Protection Specialist, USDA, Rural Utilities Service, 1400 Independence

Avenue, SW., Stop 1571 Washington, DC 20250–1571, Telephone: (202) 720–0468 or e-mail:

stephanie.strength@wdc.usda.gov, or FRE's headquarters office located at Fitzgerald Renewable Energy, LLC, 152 Lincoln Avenue, Winter Park, FL 32789.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Fitzgerald Renewable Energy, LLC proposes to construct a 55-megawatt (MW) biomass fueled power plant (the Proposal) on Peachtree Road near Fitzgerald, Georgia in Ben Hill County. The Proposal, which will be fueled primarily by wood debris and residue from the regional forest products industry, is projected to be in service in 2011. Trinity Consultants, an environmental consulting firm, prepared an Environmental Report for RUS. RUS conducted an independent evaluation of the Environmental Report and agreed that it accurately assessed the impacts of the proposal. RUS accepted the document as its Environmental Assessment and published the document for a 30-day public comment period. The applicant is responsible for obtaining all permits required to construct the Proposal.

Pursuant to 36 CFR 800.4(d)(1) of the regulations (36 CFR part 800) implementing Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), 16 U.S.C. 470f, RUS made a finding that this Proposal will not affect historic properties. RUS received no objection to this finding of effect from the Georgia State Historic Preservation Office or other consulting parties. RUS has determined this finding of no historic properties affected made pursuant to Section 106 of NHPA.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR 1500–1508), and RUS' Environmental Policies and Procedures (7 CFR part 1794), RUS has determined that the environmental impacts of the Proposal have been adequately addressed and that no significant impacts to the quality of the human environment would result from the construction and operation of the proposal. Any final action by RUS related to the Proposal will be subject to, and contingent upon, compliance with all relevant Federal and State environmental laws and regulations. Since RUS' action will not result in significant impacts to the quality of the human environment, the preparation of an environmental impact statement related to the proposed project is not necessary.

Dated: July 23, 2009.

James R. Newby,

Acting Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.

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AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Notice of Public Information Collection Requirements Submitted to OMB for Review

SUMMARY: U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) has submitted the following information collections to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13. Comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Comments should be sent via e-mail to Ross_A_Rutledge@omb.eop.gov fax to 202–395–6974. Copies of submission may be obtained by calling (202) 712–1365.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Number: OMB 0412–0572.

Form Number: N/A.

Title: Summer Internship Application.

Type of Submission: Renewal of 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.

Dated: July 27, 2009.

Cynthia Staples,

Acting Chief, Information and Records Division, Office of Administrative Services, Bureau for Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the