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Food Safety and Inspection Service

Title: Electronic Animal Disease Reporting System.

OMB Control Number: 0583-0139.

Summary of Collection: The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) has been delegated the authority to exercise the functions of the Secretary as provided in the Federal Meat Inspection Act (FMIA) (21 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*), the Poultry Products Inspection Act (PPIA) (21 U.S.C. 451 *et seq.*). These statutes mandate that FSIS protect the public by ensuring that meat and poultry products are safe, wholesome, unadulterated, and properly labeled and packaged. In accordance with 9 CFR 320, 381.175, 180, 303.1(b)(3), 352.15, and 354.91, establishments that slaughter meat, poultry, exotic animals, and rabbits are required to maintain certain records regarding their business operations and to report this information to the Agency as required. For the Agency's electronic Animal Disease Reporting System (eADRS), establishments report (by shift) slaughter totals in number of heads and weight by animal category. EADRS is an information system that tracks and reports data on the number of animals slaughtered, animal diseases, and animal welfare information in the United States.

Need and Use of the Information: For eADRS, establishments report orally to

FSIS inspection personnel in the plant, slaughter totals (by shift) in number of heads and weight by animal category. FSIS uses this information to plan inspection activities, to develop sampling plans for testing, to target establishments for testing, for Agency budget planning, and in its reports to Congress.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 1,341.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Other (daily).

Total Burden Hours: 48,350.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Tongass National Forest, Thorne Bay Ranger District, Thorne Bay, AK

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Cancellation of Notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement published in the **Federal Register** on April 3, 2000 (page 17482).

SUMMARY: The Department of Agriculture, Forest Service is issuing this notice to advise the public that we are canceling the Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare Kosciusko Island Timber Sale Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to assess and disclose the environmental effects of timber harvest and road building to provide timber for the Tongass National Forest Timber Sale Program.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Frank Roberts, Zone Planner, Thorne Bay Ranger District, Tongass National Forest, P.O. Box 19001, Thorne Bay, AK 99919, telephone: 907-828-3250.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 47,007-acre Kosciusko Project Area is located approximately 48 air miles northwest of Thome Bay, Alaska. A Draft Environmental Impact Statement for this project was published in 1993.

Dated: February 16, 2010.

Forrest Cole,

Forest Supervisor, Tongass National Forest.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Huron-Manistee National Forests, Michigan, USA and State South Branch 1-8 Well

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

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

SUMMARY: The Huron-Manistee National Forests (Forest Service) and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) as a Cooperating Agency will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) to assess the environmental impacts of an industry proposal to drill one exploratory natural gas well (the USA & State South Branch 1-8 (SB 1-8) well) on National Forest System lands. The EIS will also assess the impacts of constructing necessary infrastructure including production facility and flowline, to develop the well should it be capable of producing hydrocarbons in commercial quantities. This analysis will allow the agencies to make their respective decisions on this proposal in accordance with Federal regulations.

DATES: Comments concerning the scope of the analysis must be received by April 12, 2010. The draft environmental impact statement is expected in December, 2010 and the final environmental impact statement is expected by July 2011.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Lauri Hogeboom, Interdisciplinary Team Leader, Huron-Manistee National Forests, 1755 S. Mitchell Street, Cadillac, MI, 49601; fax: 231-775-5551. Send electronic comments to: *comments-eastern-huron-manistee@fs.fed.us*.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ken Arbogast, Huron-Manistee National Forests; telephone: 231-775-2421; fax: 231-775-5551. See address above under Addresses. Copies of documents may be requested at the same address. Another means of obtaining information is to visit the Forest Web page at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/hmnf> then click on "Project and Planning," then "Mio District," and then "USA and State South Branch 1-8." Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TTY) may call 1-231-775-3183.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose and Need for Action

The purpose for action is to respond to the proponent, Savoy Energy, LP's (Savoy) proposal to exercise its rights under Federal leases to drill for, extract, remove and dispose of all the oil and gas from leased lands. The Huron-

Manistee National Forests (Forest Service) and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) received an Application for Permit to Drill (APD) including a Surface Use Plan of Operation (SUPO) from Savoy.

A response to the application is needed because Savoy has lawful oil and gas rights to three State and three Federal leases in a 640 acre drilling unit and the Forest Supervisor (FS) and the Milwaukee Field Office Manager (BLM) are required by regulation to evaluate and decide upon operating plans received from industry for exploration and development of Federal leases. The agencies must ensure Savoy's operating plan is consistent with the terms and stipulations of the Federal mineral leases, applicable laws and regulations, the Huron-Manistee's Land and Resource Management Plan, and identify any additional conditions needed to protect Federal resources.

The BLM ultimately renders a decision on the APD, and the Forest Service must review and decide upon the SUPO before the BLM can make its APD decision.

Proposed Action

The Forest Service proposes to authorize Savoy to conduct surface operations associated with accessing, drilling, testing, and completing the USA and State South Branch 1-8 Well, as described in detail under Alternative 2: The Proposed Action and described in the Surface Use Plan of Operations (SUPO) and Application for Permit to Drill (APD) submitted to the BLM. The Forest Service would approve the Surface Use Plan of Operations for the USA and State South Branch 1-8 Well.

The BLM proposes to authorize Savoy to conduct operations to drill test and complete the proposed exploratory well on the subject leases and approve the APD submitted for this well.

The Forest Service and BLM authorization would include reasonable and necessary mitigation to ensure Savoy's operations would be in compliance with law, regulation, and policy.

Savoy holds six subsurface mineral leases included in a 640 acre drilling unit in South Branch Township (T25N, R1W), Crawford County, Michigan, Section 7 E ½, Section 8 W ½. This 640 acre drilling unit includes three State and three Federal oil and gas leases. Savoy is proposing to drill directionally from National Forest System lands within the boundaries of the Huron-Manistee National Forests to the bottomhole located in Federal mineral lease MIES 50521 approximately 2,200 feet NW of the surface hole and

construct associated infrastructure including a production facility and flowline if Savoy determines the well could produce a commercial product.

Savoy's proposal includes: Leveling of the well pad (approximately 3.5 acres) for the drilling rig, equipment, and pit, including some minor cut and fill using a bulldozer to level the surface. It also includes the use, reconstruction and maintenance of existing roads for year-round access, including snow plowing along portions of River Lake Road (aka Hickey Creek Road), FSR 4209 (Mason Chapel Road), and FSR 4208, to access the well site; construction and maintenance of 50 feet of new road, 14 feet wide with three feet of clearing on each side of the new road (approximately 0.05 acre of disturbance) to access the well pad from FSR 4208; and drilling a water well at the well pad site to provide water for drilling and future well maintenance, if needed. Following these activities drilling equipment would be moved in and rigged up.

Drilling and well completion would be expected to take 45 days. Drilling operations would be restricted to a time period of December 1 to April 15. The well pad would be approximately 3.5 acres in size. Standard and accepted drilling techniques and practices would be used and must comply with minimum operating standards approved by Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment and the BLM. This includes a casing program, pressure control equipment, and proposed drilling fluids program. Hazardous materials, including stimulation and completion fluids, would be contained in steel tanks and disposed of by a licensed waste hauler.

Additional actions proposed if the well is productive include: construction of a production facility located in SE, Section 9, T25N, R1 W, (approximately 1.5 miles from the well pad) on approximately 2.0 acres, including installation of a gas/water separator, oil and brine tanks, dehydrator, compressor, volume bottle, and measurement (monitoring) equipment; installation of flowlines from the well site to the production facility site, buried along side the road bed and a pipeline to the Michigan Consolidated Gas transmission line, totaling approximately 1.7 miles, and reclamation of the well pad, following drilling and completion, leaving ⅓ acre used for well operations.

If the well is not capable of commercial production, the operator plug and abandon the well under applicable State and BLM rules. Reclamation of the site according to the

reclamation plan included with the SUPO would occur within six months of completion of well plugging. This would include: Recontouring and stabilizing all excavations, topsoil removed during leveling will be spread evenly over the site except the roads; the site would be seeded with a Forest Service approved mix; the flowline route would be restored and the 50 foot access road would be obliterated.

Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment's Water Management Practices on Forest Land will be used to manage the roads. Additionally, prior to reconstructing FSR 4209, approximately 150 feet of silt fence would be placed per FS direction adjacent to the south side of the road for wetland protection.

The operator would maintain a dike around the condensate and brine tanks at the production facility of sufficient size and height so as to contain 150% of the total capacity of the tanks.

The width of the reconstructed roads would not exceed 14 feet. An additional 3 feet of clearing would be done on each side of the road. Clearing width would not exceed 20 feet.

Soil disturbed with the placement of the flowline/pipeline would be seeded with mix specified by the Forest Service.

Roads into the well pad and production facility would be gated and locked.

Road design and construction would take into account visual quality.

Minimization of noise is to be emphasized during drilling, completion, and production operations. Hospital-type engine mufflers would be used on drilling, completion, and work over rigs, mud pumps, and compressors. No pumps or motors would be placed on the surface of the well or at the well site. The total sound level for the production facility would not exceed 36 dBA at 1,320 feet if more than one well is being processed. If the production facility is processing gas from one well, the sound level would not exceed 33 dBA at 1,320 feet. The production facility would be constructed to meet these sound levels.

Off-road equipment would be inspected by a Forest Service representative and washed if needed to prevent introduction of non-native invasive plants that are not already present in the project area.

Protection will be provided for Endangered, Threatened and Sensitive Species in accordance with law, regulation and policy.

The Forest Service, the BLM, and MDNRE will coordinate inspections to ensure compliance with requirements.

Possible Alternatives

No Action alternative: The Forest Service would not approve the SUPO and the BLM would not approve the APD. Current direction would continue to guide management of the project area. The USA and State South Branch 1–8 well would not be drilled, no flow lines would be installed, and no production facility would be constructed.

Alternative 2: Modification of Savoy's Proposal—The Forest Service would approve the SUPO and the BLM would approve the APD subject to additional conditions of approval necessary for resource protection. Alternative 2 would be the same as the proposed action except with additional conditions of approval to the SUPO and APD based on mitigation developed to respond to the issues raised.

Lead and Cooperating Agencies

The BLM and the Forest Service entered into an Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in April 2006 “to establish procedures for the coordinated administration of oil and gas operations on Federal leases within the National Forest System (NFS).” The MOU identifies the responsibilities of the agencies to provide efficient, effective adherence to rules and regulations for each. Specifically, the MOU states,

“111A3. * * * the Forest Service has the full responsibility and authority to approve and regulate all surface-disturbing activities associated with oil and gas exploration and development through analysis and approval of the SUPO component of an APD.” [VB] Forest Service will: Serve as lead agency for oil and gas * * * environmental analyses required for APD: * * *

“111A2. The BLM has the authority and responsibility to provide final approval of all APDs, including those for operations on Federal leases on NFS lands * * * The BLM has the authority and responsibility to regulate all down-hole operations and directly related surface activities and use, and provide approval of the drilling plan and final approval of the APD on NFS lands.”

This MOU is consistent with the NEPA regulations, 40 CFR 1501.5 Lead Agency and 1501.6 Cooperating Agencies, identifying the Forest Service as the lead agency and the BLM as the cooperating agency.

Responsible Official for Lead Agency

Barry Paulson, Forest Supervisor, Huron-Manistee National Forests, 1755 S. Mitchell Street, Cadillac, MI 49601.

Responsible Official for Cooperating Agency

Mark Storzer, Field Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Milwaukee Field Office, 626 E Wisconsin Ave. Suite 200, Milwaukee, WI 53202–46 17.

Nature of Decision To Be Made

The Forest Supervisor of the Huron-Manistee National Forests will issue a decision on whether to approve, approve subject to specified conditions, or disapprove for stated reasons, the proposed Surface Use Plan of Operations or development of the well and construction and operation of the flowline/pipeline and production facilities. Similarly, the BLM Field Manager in Milwaukee will issue a decision on whether to approve the Application for Permit to Drill as submitted, approve subject to appropriate modifications or conditions, or disapprove for stated reasons.

Preliminary Issues

We expect issues to include possible effects of noise, odor and changes to the visual quality from the project on anglers and visitors to the Semi-Primitive Nonmotorized area and Mason Tract, as well as the possible effects of the project on tourism in the county.

Permits and Licenses Required

Savoy will be required to obtain a State permit for drilling from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment.

Scoping Process

This notice of intent initiates the scoping process, which guides the development of the environmental impact statement. The Forest Service plans to scope for information by contacting persons and organizations interested or potentially affected by the proposed action by using mailings, public announcements, and personal contacts.

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.

We are especially interested in information that might identify a specific undesired result of implementing the proposed action. Comments will be used to help formulate alternatives to the proposed action. Please make your written comments as specific as possible as they relate to the proposed action, and include your name, address, and if

possible, telephone number and e-mail address.

Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record on this proposed action and will be available for public inspection. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered; however, those who submit anonymous comments will not have standing to appeal the subsequent decisions under 36 CFR part 215. Additionally, pursuant to 7 CFR 1.27(d), any persons may request the agency to withhold a submission from the public record by showing how the FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) permits such confidentiality. Persons requesting such confidentiality should be aware that under FOIA confidentiality may be granted in only very limited circumstances, such as to protect trade secrets. The Forest Service will inform the requester of the agency's decision regarding the request for confidentiality and, should the request be denied, return the submission and notify the requester that the comments may be resubmitted with or without name and address within 90 days.

Dated: February 16, 2010.

Barry Paulson,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS–2007–0044]

Draft Environmental Impact Statement; Determination of Regulated Status of Alfalfa Genetically Engineered for Tolerance to the Herbicide Glyphosate

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; extension of comment period and rescheduled public meeting.

SUMMARY: We are extending the comment period for our notice of availability of a draft environmental impact statement in connection with making a determination on the status of the Monsanto Company and Forage Genetics International alfalfa lines designated as events J101 and J163 as regulated articles. This notice also provides notice that a public meeting scheduled for February 9, 2010, has been rescheduled for February 24, 2010.