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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

September 8, 2010.

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.

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

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Title: Importation of Artificially Dwarfed Plants.

OMB Control Number: 0579-0176.

Summary of Collection: Under the Plant Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 7701-7772), the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to prohibit or restrict the importation, entry or movement of plants and plant pests, to prevent the introduction of plant pests into the United States or their dissemination within the United States. The Plant Protection and Quarantine, a program within USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), enforce these regulations. APHIS requires artificially dwarfed plants that are imported into the United States to have been grown under certain conditions in greenhouses or screen houses within nurseries registered with the government of the country where the plants were grown.

Need and Use of the Information: APHIS will collect information from the phytosanitary certificate to state that the plants were: (1) Grown for at least 2 years in a nursery that is registered with the government of the country of export; (2) grown in pots containing only sterile growing media; (3) grown on benches at least 50 cm above the ground; and (4) inspected (along with the nursery itself) at least once each year by the plant protection service of the country of export. The collected information will enable PPQ to verify that the imported plants were grown under conditions that helped keep the plants free from infestation by certain longhorned beetles and other pests. APHIS also uses the information on this certificate to determine the pest condition of the shipment at the time of inspection in the foreign country. Without the information, all shipment would need to be inspected very thoroughly, thereby requiring considerably more time. This would slow the clearance of international shipments.

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

Number of Respondents: 30.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting; On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 38.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Mark Twain National Forest; Missouri; Integrated Non-Native Invasive Plant Project

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

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

SUMMARY: The Mark Twain National Forest (MTNF) proposes to implement an integrated Forest-wide management strategy to control the spread of non-native invasive plants (NNIP) within the National Forest over the next 10 years, or until circumstances change to the point that the analysis is no longer valid. The proposal utilizes several management tools, including registered herbicides, bio-agents, and manual/mechanical methods.

DATES: Comments concerning the scope of the analysis must be received by October 4, 2010. The draft environmental impact statement is expected November 2010 and the final environmental impact statement is expected March 2011.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Integrated NNIP Project, 401 Fairgrounds Road, Rolla, MO 65401. Comments may also be sent via e-mail to *mailroom_r9_mark_twain@fs.fed.us*, or via facsimile to (573) 364-6844.

It is important that reviewers provide their comments at such times and in such a way that they are useful to the Agency's preparation of the EIS. Therefore, comments should be provided prior to the close of the comment period and should clearly articulate the reviewer's concerns and contentions.

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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Brian K Davidson, 401 Fairgrounds Road, Rolla, MO 65401.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Purpose and Need for Action**

The purpose of this project is to protect and restore naturally-functioning native ecosystems on the MTNF by controlling current and future threats of NNIP infestations. Control means, as appropriate, eradicating, suppressing, reducing, or managing NNIP populations, preventing the spread of NNIP, and taking steps such as restoration of native species and habitats to reduce the effects of invasive species and to prevent further invasions (Executive Order 13112 invasive species). Resiliency, integrity, and sustainability of a variety of ecosystems on the MTNF could be compromised if NNIP infestations continue to spread. This proposal is needed because existing populations of NNIP currently occur on the MTNF and are degrading natural communities. Inventoried and new or unknown infestations continue to spread unchecked. Past projects to control invasive plants on the MTNF have been authorized as small portions of larger vegetation management projects. Those limited actions have not been able to keep pace with the extent in which several NNIP species spread and encroach into new areas. Species such as garlic mustard, spotted knapweed, and *Sericea lespedeza* are too wide-spread and aggressive to address individually or at a smaller project level in order to be successful.

Proposed Action

The MTNF proposes to implement an integrated program for the prevention, eradication, suppression, and reduction of existing and future NNIP infestations on the forest. The integrated approach considers the best available scientific information, most current NNIP inventories, and the effectiveness of control methods designed to meet desired treatment objectives to control NNIP infestations on National Forest System lands with the MTNF boundaries. These control methods would include various combinations of manual, mechanical, chemical, cultural, and biological treatments.

Cooperating Agencies

Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) is a cooperating agency with the

MTNF, the lead agency, on this proposal.

Responsible Official

The forest supervisor of the Mark Twain National Forest is the responsible official.

Nature of Decision To Be Made

The forest supervisor will make a decision on whether to implement the Integrated NNIP strategy on National Forest System land as proposed, an alternative, or no action.

Preliminary Issues

The interdisciplinary team has identified preliminary issues. Unintended detrimental environmental effects to non-target species could result from the application of herbicide or release of bio-agents. The application of herbicide could result in an increase of toxic chemicals in groundwater.

Scoping Process

Typically, this notice of intent initiates the scoping process, which guides the development of the environmental impact statement. Scoping for this project began in November 2009 with a letter to the public and posting of information to MTNF world wide Web site. Four comment letters were received in response to that solicitation. Those comments will be incorporated into the analysis for this EIS.

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.

Dated: August 23, 2010.

David C. Whittekiend,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Forest Service****Fresno County Resource Advisory Committee**

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Fresno County Resource Advisory Committee will be meeting in Clovis, California, October 27, 2010. The purpose of the meeting will be to

develop a timeline for receiving project proposals for the next funding cycle and review monitoring accomplishments.

DATES: The meeting will be held on October 27, 2010 from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Sierra National Forest Supervisor's Office, 1600 Tollhouse Road Prather, CA. Send written comments to Robbin Ekman, Fresno County Resource Advisory Committee Coordinator, c/o Sierra National Forest, High Sierra Ranger District, 29688 Auberry Road, Prather, CA 93651 or electronically to rekman@fs.fed.us.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Robbin Ekman, Fresno County Resource Advisory Committee Coordinator. (559) 855-5355 ext. 3341.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public. Committee discussion is limited to Forest Service staff and Committee members. However, persons who wish to bring Payments to States Fresno County Title II project matters to the attention of the Committee may file written statements with the Committee staff before or after the meeting. Agenda items to be covered include: (1) Accept new project proposals and (2) Discuss monitoring accomplishments of current projects.

Dated: September 7, 2010.

Ray Porter,

District Ranger.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Forest Service****Del Norte Resource Advisory Committee (RAC)**

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Del Norte Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will meet in Crescent City, California. The committee meeting is authorized under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination (SRS) Act (Pub. L. 110-343) and in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

DATES: The meeting will be held September 27 and 28, 2010, from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Del Norte County Unified School District, Board Room, 301 West Washington Boulevard, Crescent City, California 95531.