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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Information Collection; Research Data Archive Use Tracking

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Forest Service is seeking comments from all interested individuals and organizations on the currently approved information collection, Research Data Archive Use Tracking.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing on or before December 13, 2010 to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: Comments concerning this notice should be addressed to USDA Forest Service, Dave Rugg, 1 Gifford Pinchot Drive, Madison, WI 53726-2366. Comments also may be submitted via e-mail to: drugg@fs.fed.us.

The public may inspect comments received at Forest Service—Forest Products Laboratory, 1 Gifford Pinchot Drive, Madison, WI, during normal business hours. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead to 608-231-9234 to facilitate entry to the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Dave Rugg, Forest Service, Northern Research Station, 608-231-9234. Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Research Data Archive Use Tracking.

OMB Number: 0596-0210.

Expiration Date of Approval: 04/30/2011.

Type of Request: Extension with no Revision.

Abstract: The Forest Service Research and Development (FS R&D) group has created a data archive to store and disseminate data collected in the course of its scientific research. Preparing data sets for the archive requires significant effort from researchers. The Forest Service has an obligation to encourage ethical use of archived FS R&D data sets and needs to know how others are using the archived data sets. This information assists FS R&D personnel in evaluating the research program. Information about the use of the products of a scientist's research is of significant importance in scientist performance evaluations.

When a member of the public requests a copy of a data set, FS R&D will collect the following information: Name; affiliation; contact information (including e-mail address); Statement of Intended Use; and Data Use Agreement. The Data Use Agreement and associated information collection closely follow the data access structure used by the National Science Foundation's Long Term Ecological Research network. FS R&D managers believe that this structure provides a sound balance between meeting obligations to its scientific staff and ease-of-access by the research community. The Statement of Intended Use will not determine access to a particular data set. A form at the archive web site will collect the information and the data set author will use the Data Use Agreements to describe the impact of research accomplishments prior to performance appraisals.

The collection of Data Use Agreements will be evaluated by the data archiving program to identify opportunities for improving the archive's function and offerings. The FS R&D communications office will use the agreements to assist in assessing the effectiveness of FS R&D research and technology transfer.

The FS R&D data archive is a new activity and participation is voluntary. This information collection is a critical component in the campaign to encourage Forest Service scientists to deposit their research data in the archive system. Sharing research data is very useful to the broader research community and sharing of well documented FS R&D data sets via the archive will be impossible without this information collection.

Estimate of Annual Burden: 10-15 minutes per respondent.

Type of Respondents: Scientists, particularly in fields studying natural resources; resource specialists in nonprofits and other government agencies.

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 200.

Estimated Annual Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 50 hours.

Comment Is Invited: Comment is invited on: (1) Whether this collection of information is necessary for the stated purposes and the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical or scientific utility; (2) the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of 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 be a matter of public record. Comments will be summarized and included in the submission request toward Office of Management and Budget approval.

Dated: October 7, 2010.

Carlos Rodriguez-Franco,

Acting Deputy Chief, Research and Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Apalachicola National Forest; Florida; City of Tallahassee 230kV Southwestern Transmission Line

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

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

SUMMARY: The U.S. Forest Service, Apalachicola National Forest intends to prepare an environmental impact statement under a 3rd party agreement with the City of Tallahassee, Florida to

issue a special use authorization for the construction, occupancy and use of national forest system land for a 230kV electric transmission line. The addition of an east-west 230kV transmission line would connect the Hopkins—Crawfordville 230kV transmission line south of the Tallahassee Regional Airport (near the intersection of Springhill and Bice Roads), with the existing Substation BP-5 (southeast of the Capital Circle S.W./Woodville Highway intersection). The proposed transmission line would be approximately 8 miles long with approximately 6.4 miles located within the Apalachicola National Forest. The transmission line would parallel the existing Florida Gas Transmission Company's natural gas lines from the Hopkins—Crawfordville line until the forest boundary south of Substation BP-5. Once off the forest it would parallel an existing 115kV electric transmission line to its terminus at Substation BP-5.

DATES: Comments concerning the scope of the analysis must be received by November 19, 2010 in order to be considered in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. A Draft Environmental Impact Statement is expected in April 2011. A Final Environmental Impact Statement is expected in October 2011. A Public Workshop will be held in Tallahassee, Florida on October 28, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Susan Jeheber-Matthews, Forest Supervisor, National Forests in Florida, 325 John Knox Road Suite F-100, Tallahassee, FL 32303. Comments may also be sent via e-mail to comments-southern-florida@fs.fed.us, or via facsimile to (850) 523-8505.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Harold Shenk, U.S. Forest Service, 57 Taff Drive, Crawfordville, FL 32327. Telephone: (850) 926-3561.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose and Need for Action

The North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) is the electric reliability organization certified by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to develop and enforce Reliability Standards for the bulk power system. NERC Transmission Planning Standards (TPL Standards 001-004) identify the mandatory planning standards that electric utilities

must follow to ensure that reliable systems are developed that meet specified performance requirements.

The City conducts annual studies to evaluate the reliability of the bulk transmission system under a variety of contingencies that ensure the system meets the NERC standards. Recent studies have identified that the existing electric transmission network needs to be modified to ensure continued compliance with the NERC reliability planning standards.

Absent system improvements, the reliable delivery of power from the City's generating facilities and imported power via ties with other utilities to all customers cannot be ensured in the future under certain contingencies. The loss of multiple transmission lines due to a single event on a common right of way would cause other lines on the system to be overloaded. An additional electric transmission delivery path from east to west was identified as the means by which the City can maintain the ability to supply projected customer demands and wholesale transmission services into the future as required by the NERC Standards.

The proposed 230kV Transmission Line would provide enhanced system benefits that will meet the NERC mandated requirements and will improve system performance to the general public. These benefits include: (1) Improved system reliability over a broader range of contingencies & longer duration as a result of providing an additional delivery path from generation sources and interconnections with other utilities to customers; (2) improved power transfer (east to west) as a result of the reduced losses associated with higher voltage transmission lines; and (3) address reliability concerns regarding the ability to supply future customer demands should one or more of the current east to west delivery paths become unavailable due to an equipment fault or failure.

Proposed Action

The Proposed Action is to issue a special use authorization for the construction, occupancy and use of a 230kV electric transmission line on approximately 6.4 miles of national forest system lands on the Apalachicola National Forest. The proposed electric transmission line would connect the Hopkins-Crawfordville 230kV line south of the Tallahassee Regional Airport (near the intersection of Springhill and Bice Roads), with the existing Substation BP-5 (southeast of the Capital Circle SW. and Woodville Highway intersection). The proposed transmission line would be

approximately 8 miles long with approximately 6.4 miles located within the Apalachicola National Forest.

The proposed transmission line would be located adjacent to an existing utility corridor currently under a U.S. Forest Service Special Use Permit with the Florida Gas Transmission Company. The proposed transmission line would increase the existing 80 foot-wide Florida Gas corridor by an additional 60 feet. The additional corridor would occur within the temporary work space previously created by the Florida Gas Transmission Company and documented in the January 11, 2010 Record of Decision, Special Use Permit, Florida Gas Transmission Company, Phase VIII Expansion Project. The Proposed Action would also include the development of a new tap point on the Hopkins-Crawfordville line.

Possible Alternatives

Two additional routes were evaluated during development of the proposed transmission line. The first alternative route follows Springhill Road, passes through a smaller undisturbed area of the Apalachicola National Forest, and then parallels Capital Circle SW. The second route, consisting of a minor deviation of the first route, would follow Springhill Road all the way to Capital Circle SW., reducing impact to the national forest, but would not meet FAA safety regulations (FAR Part 77) for structure height near the runway at the Tallahassee Regional Airport.

Responsible Official

Susan Jeheber-Matthews, Forest Supervisor, 325 John Knox Road, Suite F-100, Tallahassee, FL 32303.

Nature of Decision To Be Made

The Forest Service will decide whether or not to issue a special use authorization for the construction, occupancy and use of a 230kV electric transmission line on approximately 6.4 miles of national forest system lands on the Apalachicola National Forest and conditions there of.

Permits or Licenses Required

Leon County Environmental Management Permit.
Florida Department of Environmental Protection, National Discharge Elimination permit.

Scoping Process

This notice of intent initiates the scoping process, which will guide the development of the environmental impact statement. A Public Workshop will be held in Tallahassee, Florida on October 28, 2010 (Woodville Elementary

School Cafeteria, 9373 Woodville Highway, 5–7 p.m.) to provide citizens an opportunity to learn about the project and to provide comments. Letters requesting comments on the proposed action will be mailed to the public involvement mailing list for the Apalachicola National Forest and local citizens that may be affected by the project.

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.

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 Agency with the ability to provide the respondent with subsequent environmental documents.

Dated: October 7, 2010.

Susan Jeheber-Matthews,
Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Yavapai County Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Yavapai County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will meet in Prescott, Arizona. The committee is meeting as authorized under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (Pub. L. 110–343) and in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss RAC Timeline, Grants and Agreements Workshop, Discuss Financial Status, and Project Evaluation Criteria.

DATES: The meeting will be held October 29, 2010; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Prescott Fire Center, 2400 Melville Dr., Prescott, AZ 86301.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Debbie Maneely, RAC Coordinator, Prescott National Forest, 344 S. Cortez,

Prescott, AZ 86301; (928) 443–8130 or dmaneely@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public. The following business will be conducted: (1) Approve September meeting minutes; (2) discuss possible Grants and Agreements workshops; (3) financial reporting; (4) RAC timeline; (5) create project evaluation criteria; (6) followup on bin items from last meeting; (7) next meeting agenda, location, and date.

Dated: October 7, 2010.

Alan Quan,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

National Institute of Food and Agriculture

RIN 0524–AA43

Solicitation of Input From Stakeholders Regarding Administration of the Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program (VMLRP)

AGENCY: National Institute of Food and Agriculture, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting and request for stakeholder input.

SUMMARY: The National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) is soliciting stakeholder input on the recent implementation of the Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program (VMLRP) authorized under section 1415A of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3151a). The purpose of this program is for the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to enter into agreements with veterinarians under which the veterinarians agree to provide, for a specific period of time as identified in the agreement, veterinary services in veterinarian shortage situations. As part of the stakeholder input process, NIFA is conducting a public meeting to solicit comments regarding the processes developed and implemented for the first application cycle that concluded with the first group of awards under this program in September 2010. Input collected will be used to modify and improve processes for subsequent calls of shortage situation nominations and request for applications.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Monday, November 8, 2010, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. All comments must be received by close of business Monday, November 15, 2010, to be considered.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in room 1410 A–B–C–D of the Waterfront Centre Building, National Institute of Food and Agriculture, United States Department of Agriculture, 800 9th St., SW., Washington, DC 20024. Meeting participants will need to provide photo identification to be admitted to the building. Please allow sufficient time to go through security. You may submit comments, identified by NIFA–2011–0001, by any of the following methods:
Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

E-mail: vmlrp@nifa.usda.gov. Include NIFA–2011–0001 in the subject line of the message.

Fax: 202–720–6486.

Mail: Paper, disk or CD–ROM submissions should be submitted to VMLRP, Plant and Animal Systems (PAS) Unit, National Institute of Food and Agriculture, U.S. Department of Agriculture; STOP 2220, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250–2220.

Hand Delivery/Courier: VMLRP; Plant and Animal Systems (PAS) Unit, National Institute of Food and Agriculture, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 3153, Waterfront Centre, 800 9th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20024.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and NIFA–2011–0001. All comments received will be posted to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Lisa Stephens, (202) 401–6438, or lstephens@nifa.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Additional Meeting and Comment Procedures

Because of the diversity of subjects, and to aid participants in scheduling their attendance, the following schedule is anticipated for the November 8, 2010, meeting:

9–9:30 a.m.—Introduction and Background of VMLRP.

9:30–12 p.m.—Identification and prioritization of veterinarian shortage situations.

1–3:30 p.m.—Administration of the VMLRP, including application forms; timing and length of VMLRP application period; application prioritization and review; execution of VMLRP agreements; agreement terms and conditions; and monitoring and oversight of VMLRP agreements.

Persons wishing to present oral comments at this meeting are requested