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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

October 10, 2014.

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 and other forms of information technology.

Comments regarding this information collection received by November 17, 2014 will be considered. Written comments should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), New Executive Office Building, 725-17th Street NW., Washington, DC, 20503. Commentors are encouraged to submit their comments to OMB via email to: OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov or fax (202) 395-5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250-7602. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-8681.

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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.

Forest Service

Title: National Forest System Land Management Planning—Generic Collection.

OMB Control Number: 0596-0234

Summary of Collection: Section 6 of the National Forest Management Act of 1976 (16 U.S.C. 1600 *et seq.*) and implementing regulations 36 CFR 219 (2012 Planning Rule) direct the U.S. Forest Service to revise land management plans for each National Forest System unit every 15 years, and to continuously monitor conditions to inform interim or subsequent planning actions. The planning process requires public participation and involvement. As such, the agency will invite public participation broadly to facilitate public comments and submission of information that members of the public find to be relevant.

Need and Use of the Information: To ensure that the Agency can be inclusive of, and responsive to, customer/stakeholder concerns during the development, assessment, and monitoring of National Forest System Land Management Plans, the agency will use a variety of methods, such as but not limited to, customer/stakeholder comment cards, focus groups, small discussion groups and surveys. Feedback and input will provide insights into customer or stakeholder perceptions, experiences and expectations, provide an early warning of issues with service, or focus attention on areas where communications, training, or changes in operations might improve delivery of products or services such as improved Land Management Planning or the implementation thereof.

Description of Respondents: Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; and State, Local, Tribal Government

Number of Respondents: 37,250.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 63,000.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Saguache Ranger District, Rio Grande National Forest; Colorado; La Garita Hills Restoration Project

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

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

SUMMARY: The Saguache Ranger District, Rio Grande National Forest (USFS), and San Luis Valley Field Office, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), propose to conduct restoration activities on up to 90,000 acres within the 187,778 acre La Gartia Hills (LGH) analysis area; approximately 145,709 acres are managed by the USFS and 33,294 acres are managed by the BLM. All activities would occur only on federal lands. The analysis area is located west and northwest of the town of La Garita in Saguache County, in south central Colorado. Treatment activities could include mechanical thinning, hand thinning, mastication, hazard tree removal, salvage, prescribed fire, tree planting, and relocation of selected road segments. The treatments will be used singularly or in combination to transition the landscape towards long-term desired future conditions that are more characteristic of a resilient forest, as described in the Rio Grande National Forest and San Luis Resource Area Management Plans. Resilient landscapes are more resistant to droughts, insect outbreaks, diseases, potential large wildfires, and will also offer additional protection to identified values at risk including: adjacent private land and property, water quality, watershed health, transportation systems, recreation sites, wildlife habitats, heritage sites, and timber resources. The USFS is the lead agency for the Environmental Impact Statement and the BLM is participating as a cooperating agency.

DATES: Comments concerning the scope of the analysis must be received by November 17, 2014. The draft