

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information on the regulations for plum pox compensation, contact Ms. Lynn Evans-Goldner, National Policy Manager, PPQ, APHIS, 4700 River Road, Unit 150, Riverdale, MD 20737; (301) 851-2292; [lynn.evans-goldner@usda.gov](mailto:lynn.evans-goldner@usda.gov). For information on the information collection process, contact Mr. Joseph Moxey, APHIS Information Collection Coordinator, at (301) 851-2483; [joseph.moxey@usda.gov](mailto:joseph.moxey@usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Plum Pox Compensation.

*OMB Control Number:* 0579-0159.

*Type of Request:* Revision to and extension of approval of an information collection.

*Abstract:* The Plant Protection Act (PPA, 7 U.S.C. 7701 *et seq.*) authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture, either independently or in cooperation with the States, to carry out operations or measures to detect, eradicate, suppress, control, prevent, or retard the spread of plant pests, such as plum pox virus (PPV), that are new to or not widely distributed within the United States.

Plum pox is an extremely serious viral disease of plants that can affect many *Prunus* (stone fruit) species, including plum, peach, apricot, almond, nectarine, and sweet and tart cherry. A number of wild and ornamental *Prunus* species may also be susceptible to this disease. Infection eventually results in severely reduced fruit production, and the fruit that is produced is often misshapen and blemished. PPV is transmitted under natural conditions by several species of aphids. The long distance spread of PPV occurs by budding and grafting with infected plant material and by farm tools/equipment, and through movement of infected budwood, nursery stock, and other plant parts. There are no known effective methods for treating trees or other plant material infected with PPV, nor are there any known effective preventive treatments. Without effective treatments, the only option for preventing the spread of the disease is the destruction of infected and exposed trees and other infected plant material.

The regulations in “Subpart L—Plum Pox” (7 CFR 301.74–301.74-5) quarantine areas of the United States where PPV has been detected, restrict the interstate movement of host material from quarantined areas, and when the Secretary of Agriculture declares an extraordinary emergency, provides for compensation to owners of commercial stone fruit orchards and fruit tree nurseries whose trees or nursery stock were destroyed to eradicate PPV. Eligible applicants must submit an application for compensation with a

supplemental indemnity claim statement. This may include providing direct deposit information for claim payment and applying for a data universal numbering system (DUNS) number, if needed. Applicants must also maintain or provide records verifying losses and destruction of stocks, and respond to an emergency action notification if issued by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

We are asking the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve our use of these information collection activities, as described, for an additional 3 years.

The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments from the public (as well as affected agencies) concerning our information collection. These comments will help us:

- (1) Evaluate 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;
- (2) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- (3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- (4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through use, as appropriate, of automated, electronic, mechanical, and other collection technologies; *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of responses.

*Estimate of burden:* The public burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1 hour per response.

*Respondents:* Owners and affiliates of stone fruit orchards and fruit tree nurseries, and State plant health officials.

*Estimated annual number of respondents:* 2.

*Estimated annual number of responses per respondent:* 3.

*Estimated annual number of responses:* 5.

*Estimated total annual burden on respondents:* 5 hours. (Due to averaging, the total annual burden hours may not equal the product of the annual number of responses multiplied by the reporting burden per response.)

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Done in Washington, DC, this 7th day of February 2020.

**Kevin Shea,**

*Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Gallatin Resource Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Gallatin Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will meet in Bozeman, Montana. The committee is authorized under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (the Act) and operates in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The purpose of the committee is to improve collaborative relationships and to provide advice and recommendations to the Forest Service concerning projects and funding consistent with Title II of the Act. RAC information can be found at the following website: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/custergallatin/workingtogether/advisorycommittees>.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Friday, February 28, 2020, at 9:00 a.m.

All RAC meetings are subject to cancellation. For status of the meeting prior to attendance, please contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Community Room on the 3rd floor of the Courthouse at 311 W. Main in Bozeman, MT.

Written comments may be submitted as described under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**. All comments, including names and addresses when provided, are placed in the record and are available for public inspection and copying. The public may inspect comments received at the Custer Gallatin National Forest Supervisor's Office. Please call ahead at 406-587-6701 to facilitate entry into the building.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Karen Tuscano, RAC Coordinator, by phone at 406-932-5155 ext 115 or via email at [karen.tuscano@usda.gov](mailto:karen.tuscano@usda.gov).

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of the meeting is to:

1. Approve minutes from November 12, 2019 meeting;
2. Discuss, recommend, and approve new Title II projects; and
3. Discuss next meeting for the Gallatin RAC which will provide feedback on recreation fee proposals.

The meeting is open to the public. The agenda will include time for people to make oral statements of three minutes or less. Individuals wishing to make an oral statement should request in writing by Friday, February 21, 2020, to be scheduled on the agenda. Anyone who would like to bring related matters to the attention of the committee may file written statements with the committee staff before or after the meeting. Written comments and requests for time for oral comments must be sent to Karen Tuscano, RAC Coordinator, P.O. Box 1130, Big Timber, Montana 59011; by email to [karen.tuscano@usda.gov](mailto:karen.tuscano@usda.gov), or via facsimile to 406-587-6758.

**Meeting Accommodations:** If you are a person requiring reasonable accommodation, please make requests in advance for sign language interpreting, assistive listening devices, or other reasonable accommodation. For access to the facility or proceedings, please contact the person listed in the section titled **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. All reasonable accommodation requests are managed on a case by case basis.

Dated: February 10, 2020.

**Cikena Reid,**

*USDA Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### National Environmental Policy Act, Revised Procedures

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the establishment of a categorical exclusion (CE) for the USDA, Forest Service as directed by the amendment of the Healthy Forests Restoration Act (HFRA) of 2003 by the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018. This establishment revises Forest Service policies and procedures for compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), as amended. This CE, as well as others established by Congress, as described below, will be incorporated into the Forest Service Handbook.

**DATES:** The new and updated CEs will be incorporated into Forest Service Handbook (FSH) 1909.15, Chapter 30 March 16, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** The public will be able to review the revised FSH on the Forest Service's website at: [https://www.fs.fed.us/emc/nepa/nepa\\_procedures/index.shtml](https://www.fs.fed.us/emc/nepa/nepa_procedures/index.shtml). The Forest Service's current procedures can also be viewed at that website.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** James Smalls, Assistant Director, Ecosystem Management Coordination via phone at 202-205-1475 or via email at [james.smalls@usda.gov](mailto:james.smalls@usda.gov).

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Over the past several years, Congress has established new or revised existing CEs or exceptions from NEPA for use by the Forest Service. These actions are listed in FSH 1909.15—National Environmental Policy Act Handbook, Chapter 30—Categorical Exclusion from Documentation. Section 32.3 lists categories established by statute and section 32.4 lists statutory NEPA exceptions. Chapter 30 is being updated to add a new statutorily established CE for greater sage-grouse or mule deer habitat. The Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 amended Title VI of HFRA of 2003 (16 U.S.C. 6591 *et seq.*) to add section 606. Section 606 directed development of a CE for specified covered vegetation management activities carried out to protect, restore, or improve habitat for greater sage-grouse or mule deer (HFRA, Section 606(b)(1)). Section 606 further provides the specific terms, actions, limitations, exclusions, and definitions of activities to be included in the CE established. As directed by this section, the Forest Service is to establish the CE that meets these same specific terms, actions, limitations, exclusions, and definitions; and to establish the CE within one year of the enactment of the legislation (by December 20, 2019).

In addition to adding the section 606 CE, the Forest Service is combining sections 32.3 and 32.4 of FSH 1909.15, Chapter 30. The updated section 32.3 will also incorporate updates to the Forest Service's approach to implementation of the section 603 CE and incorporate several other CEs established by Congress in recent years. Section 32.3 has also been reordered to list the categories and exceptions in

chronological order based on when they were enacted.

Because the categories and exceptions are established or directed by Congress, the Forest Service does not have the discretion to change their terms. Below is the new text of FSH 1909.15, Chapter 30, Section 32.3:

#### 32.3—Categories and Exceptions Established by Statute

Congress has statutorily established the following CEs or exceptions from NEPA. Excluding the exception for organizational camp special use authorizations, all of the following items must be published to the Schedule of Proposed Actions and must be entered into the Planning, Appeals, and Litigation System (PALS). Specific requirements on public input, collaboration, documentation, and extraordinary circumstances vary by each category and are specified below. The responsible official should be familiar with each category, as they have varying procedural requirements.

1. *Organizational Camp Special Use Authorizations.* The National Forest Organizational Camp Fee Improvement Act of 2003 (16 U.S.C. 6231 *et seq.*) established that the ministerial issuance or amendment of an organizational camp special use authorization is not subject to NEPA. Sections 502(c) and 507 (16 U.S.C. 6231, 6236) provide as follows:

502(c) Definitions. In this Act:

(1) The term “organizational camp” means a public or semipublic camp that—

(A) is developed on National Forest System lands by a nonprofit organization or governmental entity;

(B) provides a valuable service to the public by using such lands as a setting to introduce young people or individuals with a disability to activities that they may not otherwise experience and to educate them on natural resource issues; and

(C) does not have as its primary purpose raising revenue through commercial activities.

507(a) NEPA EXCEPTION.—The ministerial issuance or amendment of an organizational camp special use authorization shall not be subject to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*).

(b) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—For purposes of subsection (a), the ministerial issuance or amendment of an authorization occurs only when the issuance or amendment of the authorization would not change the physical environment or the activities, facilities, or program of the operations