

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Forest Service****Forest Service Manual 2740; Forest Service Handbook 2709.11, Chapter 50; Special Uses Management, Vegetation Management Pilot Projects; Special Uses Handbook—Standard Forms and Supplemental Clauses****AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.**ACTION:** Issuance of Proposed Directives; notice of availability for public comment.

SUMMARY: The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Forest Service, is seeking public comment on proposed directives implementing section 8630 of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (2018 Farm Bill). Section 8630 of the 2018 Farm Bill gives the Forest Service discretion to issue permits for conducting vegetation management pilot projects under lower liability standards to holders of an authorization for a powerline facility or natural gas pipeline on National Forest System (NFS) lands. These pilot projects may be conducted only on NFS lands that are not covered by the special use authorization for the powerline facility or natural gas pipeline.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing by January 11, 2021.

ADDRESSES: The proposed directives are available at, and comments may be submitted electronically to, <https://cara.ecosystem-management.org/Public/CommentInput?project=ORMS-2717>. Comments may be mailed to Gregory C. Smith, Director, Lands and Realty Management, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250-1124. All timely comments, including names and addresses, will be placed in the record and will be available for public inspection and copying. The public may inspect comments received at <https://cara.ecosystem-management.org/Public/ReadingRoom?project=ORMS-2717>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Reggie Woodruff, Lands and Realty Management, at 202-205-1196 or reginal.woodruff@usda.gov. Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf may call the Federal Relay Service at 800-877-8339 between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., Eastern Time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 8630 of the 2018 Farm Bill gives the Forest Service discretion to issue permits for conducting vegetation management pilot projects under lower liability standards to holders of an authorization for a powerline facility or

natural gas pipeline. These pilot projects may be conducted only on NFS lands that are not covered by the special use authorization for the powerline facility or natural gas pipeline. Pilot projects must be conducted outside the linear right-of-way for the associated powerline facility or natural gas pipeline; may not extend more than 150 feet from either side of the powerline facility or natural gas pipeline; and may not have a total width of more than 200 feet including both sides of the powerline facility or natural gas pipeline. In addition, pilot projects may not overlap with vegetation management conducted under the special use authorization for the powerline facility or natural gas pipeline, including removal and pruning of hazard trees outside the linear right-of-way for a powerline facility. The liability provisions in a special use permit for a pilot project have no effect on the liability provisions in the special use authorization for the powerline facility or natural gas pipeline, including the liability provisions that apply to removal and pruning of hazard trees inside and outside the linear right-of-way.

The proposed directive at Forest Service Manual 2700, Special Uses Management, Chapter 40, Vegetation Management Pilot Projects, and proposed new clause B-39 in Forest Service Handbook 2709.11, Chapter 50, section 52.2, would provide for authorizing vegetation management pilot projects consistent with section 8630 of the 2018 Farm Bill and Title V of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act, section 28 of the Mineral Leasing Act, and their implementing regulations. The Forest Service has determined that two provisions in the proposed directives would formulate standards, criteria, and guidelines applicable to a Forest Service program, specifically, providing for use of form FS-2700-4 for pilot project permits and the criteria for determining the maximum dollar amount of fire suppression costs a holder must reimburse the Forest Service for a wildfire caused by the holder's operations under a pilot project permit. Therefore, the Forest Service is publishing those proposed provisions for public comment in accordance with 36 CFR part 216. The remainder of the proposed directives is not subject to public notice and comment because it merely implements statutory provisions that the Forest Service lacks discretion to interpret and therefore does not formulate standards, criteria, and guidelines applicable to FS programs.

After the public comment period closes, the Forest Service will consider timely and relevant comments in developing the final directives. A notice of the final directives, including a response to timely and relevant comments, will be posted on the Forest Service's web page at <https://www.fs.fed.us/about-agency/regulations-policies/comment-on-directives>.

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BILLING CODE 3411-15-P**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE****National Agricultural Statistics Service****Notice of Reinstatement of the Agricultural Labor Survey Previously Scheduled for October 2020****AGENCY:** National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.**ACTION:** Reinstatement of the Agricultural Labor Survey Previously Scheduled for October 2020.

SUMMARY: The National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) announces the reinstatement of the Agricultural Labor Survey previously scheduled for October 2020 and the associated publication previously scheduled for November 2020. NASS is reinstating the previously suspended information collection pursuant to a recent federal court order. *See United Farm Workers v. Perdue*, No. 20-cv-01452-DAD-JLT (E.D. Cal. Oct. 28, 2020) (order granting TRO and preliminary injunction).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kevin L. Barnes, Associate Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, (202)720-2707.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Title:* Agricultural Labor Survey.

OMB Control Number: 0535-0109.

Expiration Date of Approval: February 28, 2022.

This notice announces NASS's intention to end the suspension of the Agricultural Labor Survey previously scheduled for October 2020, and the associated publication previously scheduled for November 2020. The suspension notice (OMB No. 0535-0109) was published in the **Federal Register** on September 30, 2020. That suspension notice was challenged in federal court; the court recently issued a preliminary injunction ordering NASS to reinstate the data collection previously scheduled for October 2020.

See *United Farm Workers v. Perdue*, No. 20-cv-01452-DAD-JLT (E.D. Cal. Oct. 28, 2020). Pursuant to the court's order, NASS issues this notice of reinstatement. The reinstated survey will be based on July and October reference weeks and completion of the survey and report is expected to require nine weeks following the **Federal Register** publication of this notice. If the court's order is modified or dissolved in the future, NASS will publish a subsequent notice informing the public of that development as well as NASS's intentions regarding this information collection.

Authority: These data are collected under authority of 7 U.S.C. 2204(a). Individually identifiable data collected under this authority are governed by Section 1770 of the Food Security Act of 1985, 7 U.S.C. 2276, which requires USDA to afford strict confidentiality to non-aggregated data provided by respondents.

Signed at Washington, DC, December 4, 2020.

Kevin L. Barnes,

Associate Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[B-53-2020]

Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 82—Mobile, Alabama Authorization of Production Activity; Aker Solutions, Inc. (Subsea Oil and Gas Systems), Mobile, Alabama

On August 7, 2020, Aker Solutions, Inc., submitted a notification of proposed production activity to the FTZ Board for its facility within FTZ 82, in Mobile, Alabama.

The notification was processed in accordance with the regulations of the FTZ Board (15 CFR part 400), including notice in the **Federal Register** inviting public comment (85 FR 50802, August 18, 2020). On December 7, 2020, the applicant was notified of the FTZ Board's decision that no further review of the activity is warranted at this time. The production activity described in the notification was authorized, subject to the FTZ Act and the FTZ Board's regulations, including Section 400.14.

Dated: December 7, 2020.

Andrew McGilvray,

Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Industry and Security

[Docket No. 201120-0309]

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Notice of Request for Public Comments by the Titanium Sponge Working Group

AGENCY: Bureau of Industry and Security, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of request for public comments.

SUMMARY: In March of 2019, the Secretary initiated an investigation under Section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962, as amended, to determine the effects on the national security from imports of titanium sponge. In February of 2020, the President issued a memorandum concurring with the Secretary's findings that titanium sponge imports threatened to impair U.S. national security. The President's concurrence also agreed that actions to adjust imports under Section 232, such as tariffs, should not be taken at this time and established an interagency working group. The work of the Titanium Sponge Working Group has proceeded in exploring measures to ensure access to titanium sponge in the United States for use for national defense and in critical industries during an emergency, and at this time the Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) is seeking public comments to better inform the deliberations of the working group.

DATES: The due date for filing original comments is January 11, 2021. The due date for rebuttal comments is January 25, 2021. Rebuttal comments may only address issues raised in the original comment it is filed under, which was filed on or before January 11, 2021.

ADDRESSES: *Submissions:* All written comments on the notice must be addressed to the Titanium Sponge Working Group and filed through the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. To submit comments via <http://www.regulations.gov>, enter docket number BIS-2020-0037 on the home page and click "search." The site will provide a search results page listing all documents associated with this docket. Find a reference to this notice and click on the link entitled "Comment Now!" (For further information on using <http://www.regulations.gov>, please consult the resources provided on the website by clicking on "How to Use This Site.")

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: TSWG@bis.doc.gov; Titanium Sponge

232 Project Line 202-482-3110. Email is the preferred method of contact, and will facilitate a more timely response by BIS.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On March 4, 2019, in response to a petition, the Secretary initiated an investigation under Section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1862), to determine the effects on the national security from imports of titanium sponge. This petition led the Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) to publish a *Notice of Request for Public Comments on Section 232 National Security Investigation of Imports of Titanium Sponge* on March 8, 2019 (84 FR 8503). The March 8, 2019 notice requested comments specific to the status of the titanium sponge industrial base in the United States. While the comments received were pertinent, several developments have occurred since the end of that notice period that warrant this notice of request for additional comments.

On November 29, 2019, the Secretary transmitted to the President a report on the Section 232 investigation in which he found that titanium sponge imports threatened to impair the national security, and stated that there is a risk of the United States being completely dependent on imports of titanium sponge and could therefore lack surge capacity required to support defense and critical industries needs in an extended national emergency. On February 27, 2020, the President issued a memorandum regarding the Section 232 investigation into whether imports of titanium sponge threatened to impair the national security. The President concurred with the Secretary's finding that imports of titanium sponge threatened to impair U.S. national security, and also agreed with the Secretary's recommendation that he not take actions to adjust imports under Section 232 at that time. Instead, the President directed the Secretaries of Commerce and Defense to form a working group, along with other executive departments and agencies that they deemed appropriate, to develop recommended actions.

The Titanium Sponge Working Group (TSWG), established at the President's direction, consists of the following permanent members: The Departments of Commerce, Defense, Interior, and State, which are joined by rotating members from other U.S. Government agencies as needed. The goal of the TSWG is to reach interagency agreement on measures needed to ensure access to titanium sponge in the United States for