

7. In general, what is the percentage of manure that stays on animal farms vs. manure exported to other properties? How far does manure generally travel off the farm? How is it transported? Does the distribution shown in the “Map of Manureshed Originating from Animal Farms” reflect what you see in your area?

8. Who are the main suppliers and recipients of transported manure? How do the suppliers and recipients know each other? Is a broker or other intermediary involved in manure exchange? Have you ever heard about the need to supply or receive more manure without a recipient or supplier?

9. Is the market value of manure correct? What creates the value, recognizing this could be a negative price for situations where there is a cost for manure to be removed? Are there ways to improve/create functional manure markets? Does anyone have plans to shift manure management to participate in carbon markets?

10. What are the main types of manure treatment and storage technologies available? Are there technical innovations (e.g., solid separators, chemical amendments, vermiculture, biochar, digesters) that anyone is considering? What research is needed on these? Is financing available?

11. Tell me about the role of regulations. Which seem reasonable or appropriate for maintaining environmental health and social wellbeing in your manureshed? Are there any changes you would make to these regulations to improve efficiency?

12. What are your pie-in-the-sky nutrient recycling dreams? What would your ideal form of manure nutrient recycling look like if no barriers existed? Without barriers, what spatial scale would you operate at? For instance, would the vision in the “Map of Trans-Regional Manuresheds” come into play? [Prompt: Would that dream entail local manure recycling or commercialization of standardized manure nutrient products or something else entirely?]

13. What type of information is necessary for collaborative manureshed management to be effective/possible? If you want information on nutrient management, who do you turn to?

The USDA-ARS Manureshed Working Group will use focus group results to design research that addresses the knowledge gaps and opportunities illuminated by practitioners on the ground. For example, if focus groups in a state reveal that land use change is a major hindrance to successful manureshed management, subsequent research and extension in that state will focus on that issue. If focus groups

reveal that a lack of social relationships between animal farmers with surplus manure and crop farmers who could use it, the ensuing research and extension would focus thusly. This honing of research, designed to support practitioners, is impossible without learning from practitioners directly. Focus group results will also direct extension activities in each state, structuring future discussions among the otherwise-disparate focus group populations with an eye toward advancing collaborative management opportunities. This proposed work is a form of “participatory action research” in which researchers and stakeholders work together to examine an issue and change it for more desired outcomes.

Jeffrey Silverstein,

Acting Associate Administrator, ARS.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Final Record of Decision for the Ashley National Forest Land Management Plan

AGENCY: Forest Service, Agriculture (USDA).

ACTION: Notice of approval of the revised land management plan for the Ashley National Forest.

SUMMARY: Susan Eickhoff, the Forest Supervisor for the Ashley National Forest, Intermountain Region, signed the final record of decision (ROD) for the Ashley National Forest revised Land Management Plan (LMP). The final ROD documents the rationale for approving the revised LMP and is consistent with the Reviewing Officer’s responses to objections and instructions.

DATES: The revised LMP for the Ashley National Forest will become effective 30 days after the publication of this notice of approval in the **Federal Register** (36 CFR 219.17(a)(1)).

ADDRESSES: To view the final ROD, final environmental impact statement (FEIS), revised LMP, and other related documents, please visit the Ashley National Forest project page at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=49606>, or visit the Forest’s planning website at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/ashley/landmanagement/planning>.

A legal notice of approval is also being published in the newspaper of record, *The Vernal Express* (Vernal, Utah). A copy of this legal notice will

be posted on the Ashley National Forest’s website described above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lars Christensen, Collaboration Specialist, Ashley National Forest; email lars.christensen@usda.gov or call 435-781-5126.

Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf or hard of hearing (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339, 24 hours a day, every day of the year, including holidays. Written requests for information may be sent to Ashley National Forest, Attn: Ashley National Forest Plan Revision, 355 North Vernal Ave., Vernal, UT 84078.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Ashley National Forest covers more than 1.4 million acres across seven counties in northeastern Utah and southwestern Wyoming. The LMP was developed pursuant to the 2012 Forest Service Planning Rule (36 CFR 219) and will replace the 1986 LMP. The LMP describes desired conditions, objectives, standards, guidelines, and land suitability for project and activity decision-making and will guide all resource management activities on the Forest. The Ashley National Forest plays an important role supporting and partnering with communities in northeastern Utah and southwestern Wyoming by providing economic benefits including fuelwood gathering, livestock grazing, and abundant recreational opportunities. The development of the LMP was shaped by the best available scientific information, current laws, and public input.

The Ashley National Forest initiated plan revision in 2016 and engaged the public frequently throughout the process. This engagement effort has included conventional public meetings, collaborative work sessions and technical meetings, information sharing via social media, and working with cooperating agencies. The Forest invited State, local, and Tribal governments, and other Federal agencies from around the region to participate in the process to revise the LMP. The Forest engaged in government-to-government consultation with two Tribes during LMP revision, ensuring tribal-related plan direction accurately reflects the Ashley National Forest’s trust responsibilities and government-to-government relationship with tribes. An Ashley National Forest-Ute Indian Tribal Task Force met regularly throughout the plan revision effort. During the 90-day comment period November 2021 through February 2022 for the draft LMP and draft EIS, the Ashley National Forest received 191

comment letters which helped refine the preferred alternative and augment plan content based on response to comments.

A draft ROD, LMP, and FEIS were released on April 19, 2023, initiating a 60-day objection filing period that closed June 20, 2023. The Ashley received 15 eligible objections, two of which were for species of conservation concern. Through a comprehensive review of each objection, a variety of issues were identified. Following the objection review, the Reviewing Officer held an objection resolution meeting with objectors and interested persons. Based on these meetings, the Reviewing Officer for the LMP issued a written response on November 14, 2023, and the Reviewing Officer for species of conservation concern issued a written response on November 17, 2023. The instructions from the Reviewing Officer were addressed in the ROD, LMP, and FEIS.

Responsible Officials

The Responsible Official for approving the revised LMP is Susan Eickhoff, Forest Supervisor, Ashley National Forest. The Responsible Official approving the list of species of conservation concern is Mary Farnsworth, Regional Forester, Intermountain Region.

Dated: January 19, 2024.

Troy Heithecker,

Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest System.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

[Docket No. RBS-24-CO-OP-0001]

Notice of a Revision to a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Rural Business-Cooperative Service's (RBCS or Agency), an agency within the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, intention to request a revision to a currently approved information collection package for the Agriculture Innovation Center Demonstration Program (AIC). In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Agency invites comments on this information

collection for which it intends to request approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by March 26, 2024 to be assured of consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Pamela Bennett, Rural Development Innovation Center—Regulations Management Division, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, STOP 1522, South Building, Washington, DC 20250-1522. Telephone: (202) 720-9639. Email pamela.bennett@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The OMB regulation (5 CFR part 1320) implementing provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13) requires that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (see 5 CFR 1320.8(d)). This notice identifies an information collection that RBCS is submitting to OMB for revision to an existing collection.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed 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 the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (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.

Comments may be sent by the Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and, in the "Search" box, type in the Docket No. RBS-24-CO-OP-0001. A link to the Notice will appear. You may submit a comment here by selecting the "Comment" button or you can access the "Docket" tab, select the "Notice," and go to the "Browse & Comment on Documents" Tab. Here you may view comments that have been submitted as well as submit a comment. To submit a comment, select the "Comment" button, complete the required information, and select the "Submit Comment" button at the bottom. Information on using [Regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov), including instructions for accessing documents, submitting comments, and viewing the docket after the close of the comment period, is

available through the site's "FAQ" link at the bottom.

A federal agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, nor shall a person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. Data furnished by the applicants will be used to determine eligibility for program benefits. Furnishing the data is voluntary; however, failure to provide data could result in program benefits being withheld or denied.

Title: Agriculture Innovation Center Demonstration Program.

OMB Control Number: 0570-0045.

Type of Request: Revision to a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: The USDA, through the RBCS administers the Agriculture Innovation Center Demonstration (AIC) Program. The primary objective of this program is to provide funds to Agriculture Innovation Centers (Centers) which provide agricultural producers with technical and business development assistance. RBCS collects information from applicants to confirm eligibility for the program and to evaluate the quality of the applications. Recipients of awards are required to submit reporting and payment request information to facilitate monitoring of the award and disbursement of funds. The Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (Pub. L. 107-171) authorized the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to award grant funds to Centers.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 11.736 hour per response.

Respondents: Small business or organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 29.

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 109.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 3.75.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 1,279 Hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Pamela Bennett, Rural Development Innovation Center—Regulations Management Division, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, South Building, Washington, DC 20250-1522. Telephone: (202) 720-9639. Email: pamela.bennett@usda.gov.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request