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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

April 8, 2013.

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 May 13, 2013 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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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: Arapaho-Roosevelt National Forest Transportation System Alternatives Study.

OMB Control Number: 0596-NEW.

Summary of Collection: Under the authorities of the Forest Service Administration Organic Act of 1897 (16 U.S.C. 473-478, 479-482, and 551) as amended, by the Transfer Act of 1905 (16 U.S.C. 472, 524, and 554), the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources and Planning Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. chapter 36) as amended and other authorities the Forest Service (FS) is obligated to actively solicit public input to improve National Forest system lands management to better serve the public. The Arapaho-Roosevelt National Forest (ARNF) lies in the Front Range of Colorado, a complex of federal land units and population centers, most notably Denver. Brainard Lake Recreation Area, including the Indian Peaks Wilderness, Guanella Pass and Mount Evans Recreation Center has been identified as the three sites within ARNF facing the most immediate transportation system needs. Intense use of these sites is negatively impacting traffic safety, recreation experience, and the natural resources.

Need and Use of the Information: The FS is evaluating the potential for the addition of alternative transportation to existing recreation transportation systems accessing these sites. The project will collect information that will help the FS improve transportation conditions, and recreation and resource management on the ARNF. In the summer of 2013, the Forest Service will use survey instruments designed to collect feedback from visitors to assess their perceptions, experiences, expectations and opinions about potential changes in the transportation system and the impact it would have on their recreation experience.

Description of Respondents: Individuals or households; Federal Government.

Number of Respondents: 1,700.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 238.

Forest Service

Title: McKenzie River and Trail Visitor Surveys, Flathead Wild and Scenic River Visitor Survey.

OMB Control Number: 0596-0229.

Summary of Collection: The Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act of 1974 (RPA) (Pub. L. 93-378) guides planning and inventory activities on the National Forests. It requires the agency to inventory resources in the National Forests, including recreation opportunities, and to periodically review and update these assessments. The Forest Service Willamette National Forest and Flathead National Forest, in co-operation with National Park Service Glacier National Park, are proposing to continue collecting information in 2013, and if needed extended into 2014, from forest visitors using the Flathead and McKenzie and Wild and Scenic Rivers and McKenzie River National Recreational Trail. The McKenzie visitor survey will (1) support implementation of the existing Willamette National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (USFS 1990) and Upper McKenzie River Management Plan ("UMRMP," USFS 1992), (2) assess changes in visitor experience that have occurred since a previous river study in 1996, and (3) inform management practices to protect and enhance the outstandingly remarkable values identified for the McKenzie River, as required by the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. The Flathead visitor survey, which is being conducted in partnership with Glacier National Park, will (1) support the development of a Comprehensive River Management Plan (CRMP) and, in particular, will assist managers in determining a user capacity for the river, both of which are statutory requirements of the Wild and Scenic River Act and (2) help determine the allocation of service days for outfitters and guides and develop thresholds and standards for important, measurable attributes.

Need and Use of the Information: The information will be used in conjunction with other information about natural resource conditions by Flathead and Willamette National Forest and Glacier National Park managers in taking actions to provide optimum recreation experiences for visitors, while still protecting the natural resource. Information from this study will help managers determine how well river and

trail values are being protected and what actions may be needed to ensure the outstandingly remarkable values for which the rivers were designated is protected and enhanced. The surveys will be administered on-site. Collecting thoughts from the public on how these areas should be managed and consideration of their interest and priorities is a critical component to developing a fair and balanced management plan and strategy. Without the public's involvement, a plan has the risk of being biased and ineffective. Without the information from this survey, managers would not have representative information about public perceptions and preferences.

Description of Respondents:

Individuals or households.

Number of Respondents: 3,300.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 1.213.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Six Rivers National Forest, California, Trinity Summit Range Assessment Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: The Six Rivers National Forest will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to disclose the impacts associated with the re-authorization of livestock grazing in the Trinity Summit area on the Lower Trinity Ranger District through an adaptive management process.

The planning area is located on National Forest System lands administered by the Lower Trinity Ranger District in Humboldt County, California within the upper Mill Creek and Tish Tang a Tang Creek watersheds to the east of Hoopa Valley Indian Reservation. Small portions of the planning area are located in the headwaters of Horse Linto Creek and Red Cap Creek. The majority of the grazing lands fall within the Trinity Wilderness and are considered to be culturally significant. The grazing lands are located in all or portions of T. 7 N., R. 6 E., R. 7 E.; T. 8 N., R. 5 E.; R. 6 E., R. 7 E.; and T. 9 N., R. 5 E., R. 6 E., R. 7 E.

DATES: Comments concerning the scope of the analysis must be received by May 28, 2013. The draft EIS is expected October 2013 and the final EIS is expected March 2014.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Carolyn Cook, Trinity Summit Range Assessment, Six Rivers National Forest, 1330 Bayshore Way, Eureka, CA 95501. Electronic comments, in acceptable plain text (.txt), rich text (.rtf), or Word (.doc) may be submitted to comments-pacificsouthwest-six-rivers-lower-trinity@fs.fed.us. Please ensure that "Trinity Summit Range Assessment" occurs in the subject line.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nolan Colegrove, District Ranger, at 530-627-3291 or Carolyn Cook, Project Lead, at 707-441-3551. You may also access the scoping documents from the Forest's Web site at <http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/fs-usda-pop.php/?project=41307>.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Mill Creek and Trinity Summit allotments occupy 13,128 and 20,325 acres respectively, are located adjacent to the eastern boundary of the Hoopa Valley Indian Reservation, and include portions of the Trinity Alps Wilderness Area. This region, known as the Trinity Summit area, is mostly above 5,000 feet in elevation. The majority of acreage in both allotments is dominated by coniferous forest vegetation. Shrublands also occupy significant portions of the allotments, especially in areas that were affected by the 1999 Megram Fire which burned a portion of each allotment at a high or moderate intensity. Although the majority of acreage within the analysis area is forested, herbaceous plant communities exist within forest openings near the headwaters of Horse Linto, Mill and Tish Tang creeks.

Purpose and Need for Action

The purpose and need for action centers on maintaining a grazing program under updated allotment management plans for the purposes of contributing to the economic stability of local livestock producers who rely on public lands grazing for their livelihood while sustainably managing for healthy rangeland ecosystems that maintain biologic diversity, wilderness characteristics, water quality, soil productivity, and quality fish and wildlife habitat; preserving and enhancing the character of culturally

significant landscapes; and meeting the Rescissions Act of 1995, Public Law 104, as directed by Congress. The purpose of the Rescissions Act is to evaluate and analyze the re-authorization of grazing. As directed by the Six Rivers National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (LRMP), the opportunity to graze must also be consistent with the values and uses of other resources. Rangelands, as well as all other resources within the grazing allotments, should be maintained in satisfactory condition. Because unsatisfactory resource conditions have been identified at monitoring sites within the allotments, action is required that will help restore satisfactory conditions. Restoration of satisfactory rangeland conditions is possible with adaptive management and grazing permit administration.

Proposed Action

The Six Rivers National Forest proposes to continue livestock grazing in the Trinity Summit area under the conditions described below and to implement boundary and administrative changes to facilitate improved management. The Mill Creek and Trinity Summit grazing allotments would be combined into a single allotment. A non-significant Forest Plan amendment is proposed to modify the allotment boundary to include a 225-acre area on the western boundary of the current allotment (T. 8 N., R. 6 E. Section 3). This is an administrative adjustment to include an area that has been continuously grazed.

The Forest also proposes to re-authorize livestock grazing under existing permitted use through an adaptive management process. Adaptive management will meet LRMP goals, objectives, standards and guidelines, and other legal requirements while moving toward desired conditions.

Responsible Official

Tyrone Kelley, Forest Supervisor, Six Rivers National Forest, 1330 Bayshore Way, Eureka, CA 95501.

Nature of Decision To Be Made

The Responsible Official will decide whether to adopt and implement the proposed action, an alternative to the proposed action, or the no action (no grazing) alternative.

Scoping Process

This notice of intent initiates the scoping process, which guides the development of the EIS. No public meetings are planned during the scoping process, however, public meetings may be held in conjunction