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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

December 22, 2010.

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 or other forms of information technology should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV or fax (202) 395-5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250-7602. Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-8958.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control 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

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Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Title: Small-Scale Livestock Operations 2011 Study.

OMB Control Number: 0579-NEW.

Summary of Collection: Under the Animal Health Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 8301 *et seq.*), the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is authorized, among other things, to protect the health of our Nation's livestock and poultry populations by preventing the introduction and interstate spread of serious diseases and pests of livestock and for eradicating such diseases from the United States when feasible. In connection with this mission, APHIS operates the National Animal Health Monitoring System (NAHMS), which collects nationally representative, statistically valid, and scientifically sound data on the prevalence and economic importance of livestock diseases and associated risk factors. As part of an ongoing series of NAHMS studies on the U.S. livestock population, APHIS plans to conduct the Small-Scale Livestock Operations 2011 Study. A small-scale farm is defined by the USDA as a farm with annual sales less than \$250,000.

Need and Use of the Information: The study is designed to collect information on operations with total annual sales between \$10,000 and \$250,000. The study questionnaire will be administered via mail with a telephone follow-up for those who do not respond. The information collected through the Small-Scale Livestock Operations study will be analyzed and organized into descriptive reports. The Small-Scale Livestock Operations study will collect data that will assist APHIS in its ability to support farmers in times of unusual economic distress or disaster, such as a foreign animal disease outbreak. The information collected will provide insight into how these small scale producers can best be served in an animal disease outbreak.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 16,000.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 4,128.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Buckhorn Exploration Project 2010, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Okanogan County, Washington

ACTION: Notice of Extension of Scoping Period for Environmental Impact Statement.

Joint Lead Agencies: Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; and Department of Natural Resources, Washington State.

Cooperating Agencies: Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; and Department of Ecology, Washington State.

On November 26, 2010, the Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, in cooperation with the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and Washington Department of Ecology (WADOE), announced the intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for a proposal by Echo Bay Exploration, Inc. (Echo Bay) to explore their mineral holdings northeast of Tonasket, Washington (FR 72781, Vol. 75, No. 227).

That notice of intent identified January 3, 2011 as the time by which comments on the scope of the project must be received. That period is now being extended until January 18, 2011. Comments must be received by this new date. For further information, contact Phillip Christy, District Environmental Coordinator, 1 West Winesap, Tonasket, Washington 98855, phone (509) 486-5137, Kelly Courtright, BLM Mining Engineer, 1103 N. Fancher Road, Spokane, WA 99212, phone (509) 536-1218, or Fred Greef, SEPA Coordinator, Washington State Department of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 7015, Olympia, WA 98504-7015, phone (360) 902-1628. Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8

a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern Time, Monday through Friday.

Dated: December 20, 2010.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Huron-Manistee National Forests, Michigan, Land and Resource Management Plan Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: The Huron-Manistee National Forests (Forest Service) will prepare a supplemental environmental impact statement (SEIS) to assess the environmental impacts of a Land and Resource Management Plan alternative that would ban firearm hunting and snowmobile use (subject to existing rights) on National Forest System lands within Semiprimitive Nonmotorized Management Areas and would ban firearm hunting (subject to existing rights) in Primitive Area (Nordhouse Dunes Wilderness). This analysis will remedy deficiencies identified by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit Court in the original Environmental Impact Statement prepared for the Huron-Manistee Land and Resource Management Plan Revision of 2006. The decision which results may amend the Huron-Manistee National Forests Land and Resource Management Plan. The objectives of the analysis, consistent with existing regulatory direction as identified by the court, are to coordinate recreation planning with the State of Michigan with the aim (to the extent feasible) to reduce duplication in meeting recreation demands, to minimize conflicts between off-road vehicle use and other uses of the Forests, and to identify recreational preferences of user groups and the settings needed to provide quality recreational opportunities.

DATES: Comments concerning the scope of the analysis must be received by February 11, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Lee Evison, Forest Planner, Huron-Manistee National Forests, 1755 S. Mitchell Street, Cadillac, MI, 49601; fax: 231-775-5551. Send electronic

comments to: comments-eastern-huron-manistee@fs.fed.us. Comments sent via e-mail should contain the subject line: "Forest Plan SEIS".

Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record on this proposed action and will be available for public inspection. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered; however, anonymous comments may limit the respondent's ability to participate in subsequent administrative or judicial review.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ken Arbogast, Huron-Manistee National Forests; telephone: 231-775-2421; fax: 231-775-5551. See address above under **ADDRESSES**. Copies of documents may be requested at the same address. Another means of obtaining information is to visit the Forest Web page at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/hmnf> then click on "Land and Resources Management", then "Forest Land and Resource Management Plan".

Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TTY) may call 1-231-775-3183.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose and Need for Action

On September 29, 2010, the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit issued an opinion in the case of *Meister v. U.S. Department of Agriculture, et al.*, No. 09-1712 (September 29, 2010), which found deficiencies in the analysis supporting the revised Land and Resource Management Plan for the Huron-Manistee National Forests. Specifically, the court found that:

1. The Forest Service's estimates of snowmobile and cross-country visitors to the Forests were arbitrary,
2. The Service did not coordinate its recreation planning with the State of Michigan, as required, to reduce duplication in recreation demands with respect to gun hunting and snowmobiling,
3. The Service's reasons for keeping certain trails open to snowmobile use were arbitrary, and
4. The Service violated the National Environmental Policy Act when it failed to consider closing Primitive and Semiprimitive Nonmotorized areas to gun hunting and snowmobile use.

Proposed Action

The Forest Service proposes to remedy the deficiencies identified by the court by supplementing the Environmental Impact Statement for the

Forest Land and Resource Management Plan. The supplement will evaluate an alternative that closes Semiprimitive Nonmotorized Management Areas to snowmobile use and firearm hunting (subject to existing rights) and closes Primitive Area (Nordhouse Dunes Wilderness) to firearm hunting (subject to existing rights).

The Forest Service proposes to utilize such studies as: The National Visitor Use Monitoring study (2009); Michigan's Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP 2008-2012); Social and Economic Assessment for the Michigan National Forests (2003); Social and Economic Assessment for Michigan's State Forests (2006); Demographics, Recruitment, and Retention of Michigan Hunters by Brian J. Frawley; Demographics, Recruitment, and Retention of Michigan Hunters: 2005 Update; A Portrait of Hunters and Hunting License Trends in Michigan by the National Shooting Sports Foundation on Behalf of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources; Assessment of Snowmobiling in Michigan by Snowmobilers with Michigan Trail Permits (2009) by Charles Nelson; Opinions of Selected Stakeholders Concerning Semiprimitive Area Designation in the Huron-Manistee National Forests (1994) by Charles Nelson.

Possible Alternatives

No Action Alternative: The Forest Service would continue to implement the 2006 Forest Plan in its current form. Current direction would continue to guide management of the Semiprimitive Nonmotorized Management Areas and Primitive Area (Nordhouse Dunes Wilderness). There would be no changes to the management of these areas.

Modified Closure Alternative: The Forest Service would ban firearm hunting and snowmobile use in some portion of the 13 existing Semiprimitive Nonmotorized Areas and the Primitive Area (Nordhouse Dunes Wilderness).

Other reasonable alternatives may be developed to respond to issues raised during public participation.

Lead and Cooperating Agencies

The lead agency for this proposal is the U.S. Forest Service. The Forest Service has invited the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment (MDNRE) to become a Cooperating Agency.

Responsible Official for Lead Agency

The Responsible Official for the decision is the Regional Forester of the Eastern Region of the Forest Service.