

compel the expenditure of \$100 million or more by any State, local, or tribal government, or anyone in the private sector. Therefore, a statement under section 202 of the act is not required.

*Federalism and Consultation and Coordination With Indian Tribal Governments*

The Department has considered this proposed rule under the requirements of Executive Order 13132, Federalism. The agency has made a preliminary assessment that the rule conforms with the federalism principles set out in this Executive order; would not impose any compliance costs on the States; and would not have substantial direct effects on the States, on the relationship between the national government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government. Based on comments received on this proposed rule, the Department will consider if any additional consultation will be needed with State and local governments prior to adopting a final rule.

Moreover, this proposed rule does not have tribal implications as defined by Executive Order 13175, Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments. However, Forest Service line officers in the field have been asked

to make contact with Tribes to ensure awareness of this proposed rule and conduct government-to-government dialog.

*Controlling Paperwork Burdens on the Public*

This proposed rule does not contain any record keeping, reporting requirements, or other information collection requirements as defined in 5 CFR part 1320, and therefore imposes no paperwork burden on the public. Accordingly, the review provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*) and implementing regulations at 5 CFR part 1320 do not apply.

*Government Paperwork Elimination Act Compliance*

The Forest Service is committed to compliance with the Government Paperwork Elimination Act, which requires Government agencies to provide the public the option of submitting information or transacting business electronically to the maximum extent possible.

**List of Subjects in 36 CFR Part 294**

National Forests, Navigation (air), Recreation and recreation areas, Wilderness areas.

Therefore, for the reasons set forth in the preamble, the Department of

Agriculture proposes to amend part 294 of title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations as follows:

**PART 294—SPECIAL AREAS**

**Subpart B—Protection of Inventoried Roadless Areas**

1. The authority citation for subpart B continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 472, 529, 551, 1608, 1613; 23 U.S.C. 201, 205.

2. Revise paragraph (d) of § 294.14 to read as follows:

**§ 294.14 Scope and applicability.**

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(d) Until the USDA promulgates a revised final roadless area conservation rule [to which the agency originally sought public comments in the July 10, 2001, advance notice of proposed rulemaking (66 FR 35918)], this subpart does not apply to road construction, reconstruction, or the cutting, sale, or removal of timber in inventoried roadless areas in the Tongass National Forest.

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