

The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments from the public (as well as affected agencies) concerning our information collection. These comments will help us:

(1) Evaluate 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;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the information collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the information collection on those who are to respond, through use, as appropriate, of automated, electronic, mechanical, and other collection technologies, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of responses.

Estimate of burden: The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.052471 hours per response.

Respondents: Owners and shippers of slaughter horses and owners/operators of slaughtering facilities.

Estimated annual number of respondents: 200.

Estimated annual number of responses per respondent: 401.

Estimated annual number of responses: 80,100.

Estimated total annual burden on respondents: 4,203 hours. (Due to averaging, the total annual burden hours may not equal the product of the annual number of responses multiplied by the reporting burden per response.)

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Done in Washington, DC, this 8th day of October, 2003.

Peter Fernandez,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Oregon Coast Provincial Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Oregon Coast Province Advisory Committee will meet in

Newport, OR, October 23, 2003. The theme of the meeting is Introduction/Overview/Business Planning. The agenda includes: Payments to Counties Update, Monitoring Trip Update, Coho Recovery Plan, PAC Subcommittee Presentation, BLM/Forest Service Settlement Agreement, Public Comment and Round Robin.

DATES: The meeting will be held October 23, 2003, beginning at 9 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the La Quinta Inn and Suites, 45 SE 32nd Street, Newport, OR.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joni Quarnstrom, Public Affairs Specialist, Siuslaw National Forest, 541-750-7075, or write to Siuslaw National Forest Supervisor, P.O. Box 1148, Corvallis, OR 97339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public. Council Discussion is limited to Forest Service/BLM staff and Council Members. Lunch will be on your own. A public input session will be at 2:30 p.m. for fifteen minutes. The meeting is expected to adjourn around 3:30 p.m.

Dated: October 7, 2003.

Carl Frounfelker,

Wildlife Biologist.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Procedures Involving Hydropower Licensing on National Forest System Lands

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of issuance of agency directive.

SUMMARY: The Forest Service is issuing an amendment to Forest Service Manual (FSM) chapter 2770 to guide its employees regarding certain procedures for hydropower licensing on National Forest System lands. The amendment addresses internal agency procedures and provides for increased efficiency in processing hydropower applications for licensing. The amendment also clarifies the roles of the Forest Service and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) in licensing hydropower projects affecting National Forest System lands and resources. The procedures established in the amendment streamline the application process, but they do not limit or preclude the opportunity for interested parties and the general public to be involved during

the analysis for project-specific licensing by FERC.

DATES: This amendment is effective October 14, 2003.

ADDRESSES: This amendment (Amendment No. 2700-2003-2) is available electronically from the Forest Service via the World Wide Web/Internet at <http://www.fs.fed.us/im/directives>. Single paper copies of the amendment are also available by contacting Robert Cunningham, Lands Staff (Mail Stop 1124), Forest Service, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-1124, telephone: (202) 205-2494.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert Cunningham, Lands Staff (202) 205-2494.

Dated: October 7, 2003.

Dale N. Bosworth,

Chief.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Finding of No Significant Impact for Upper Salt Creek 10-A Rehabilitation, Lancaster County, NE

Introduction

The Upper Salt Creek 10-A Rehabilitation is a federally assisted action authorized for planning under Pub. L. 83-566, the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act as amended by Section 313 of Pub. L. 106-472 The Small Watershed Rehabilitation Amendments of 2000. An environmental assessment was undertaken in conjunction with the development of the watershed plan. This assessment was conducted in consultation with local, State, and Federal agencies as well as with interested organizations and individuals. Data developed during the assessment are available for public review at the following location: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Federal Building, Room 152, 100 Centennial Mall North, Lincoln, Nebraska 68508-3866.

Recommended Action

Proposed is the rehabilitation of one floodwater retarding structure, Upper Salt Creek 10-A on an unnamed tributary of Hickman Branch. The Upper Salt Creek 10-A structure controls the drainage of 2,052 acres.