

threats to adjacent tribal resources (*e.g.*, through the Tribal Forest Protection Act of 2004), to meet common objectives identified in tribal and pueblo land management plans, and to utilize an “all lands” approach to resources management.

Extractive multiple uses. There is a need for plan direction that provides for the use of a variety of forest products by commercial, noncommercial, tribal, and land grant users. There is a need for plan direction that allows for flexible size criteria regarding timber extraction to balance desired conditions and the ability to provide economically viable forest products. There is a need for plan direction regarding traditional and alternative energy sources that balances demand with natural resource impacts.

Public Involvement

A Notice of initiating the assessment phase of forest plan revision for the Santa Fe National Forest was published in the **Federal Register** on March 6, 2014 (79 FR 12686). Prior to the formal initiation of the assessment, the Santa Fe National Forest held 27 joint listening sessions with the Carson National Forest and two workshops to solicit comments, input, and desires from the public, governmental entities, tribes, land grants, and nongovernmental organization for public participation through the forest plan revision process. In April and May 2014, fourteen public meetings provided an introduction to forest plan revision and an opportunity for the public to provide input for the assessment by expressing how they use and value the forest, and what trends or changes they have observed. This information was directly incorporated into the assessment report for the Santa Fe National Forest “Input Received from Public Meetings”. In April and May 2015, the Santa Fe and Carson National Forests jointly held three meetings with members of local land grants, to present and discuss the plan revision process. In October 2015, the forest held a symposium to present detailed findings from the assessment followed by ten public and two tribal work sessions on developing Need for Change statements. Additionally, the Santa Fe National Forest has been informing and engaging communities at a local level through presentation at meetings hosted by organizations, government groups and Tribes; informational booths at fairs and local community events; and presentations and field trips for local schools.

Any comments related to the Santa Fe National Forest’s assessment report that are received following the publication of

this Notice may be considered in the draft and final environmental impact statements.

Scoping Process

Written comments received in response to this notice will be analyzed to complete the identification of the needs for change to the existing forest plan, further develop the proposed action, and identify potential significant issues. Significant issues will, in turn, form the basis for developing alternatives to the proposed action. Comments on the preliminary needs for change and proposed action will be most valuable if received by August 17, 2016, and should clearly articulate the reviewer’s opinions and concerns. Comments received in response to this notice, including the names and addresses of those who comment, will be part of the public record. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered in the NEPA process; however, anonymous comments will not provide the Agency with the ability to provide the respondent with subsequent environmental documents. See the below objection process material, particularly the requirements for filing an objection, for how anonymous comments are handled during the objection process. Refer to the Forest’s Web site (www.fs.usda.gov/goto/santafeforestplan) for information on when public meetings will be scheduled for refining the proposed action and identifying possible alternatives to the proposed action.

Applicable Planning Rule

Preparation of the revised forest plan for the Santa Fe National Forest began with the publication of a Notice of Assessment Initiation in the **Federal Register** on March 6, 2014 (79 FR 12686) and was initiated under the planning procedures contained in the 2012 Forest Service planning rule (36 CFR 219 (2012)).

Permits or Licenses Required To Implement the Proposed Action

No permits or licenses are needed for the development or revision of a forest plan.

Decisions Will Be Subject To Objection

The decision to approve the revised forest plan for the Santa Fe National Forest will be subject to the objection process identified in 36 CFR part 219 Subpart B (219.50 to 219.62). According to 36 CFR 219.53(a), those who may file an objection are individuals and entities who have submitted substantive formal comments related to forest plan revision

during the opportunities provided for public comment during the planning process.

Documents Available for Review

The Needs for Change documentation, the Assessment Report, summaries of the public meetings and public meeting materials, and public comments and responses are posted on the Forest’s Web site at: www.fs.usda.gov/goto/santafeforestplan. As necessary or appropriate, the material available on this site will be further adjusted as part of the planning process using the provisions of the 2012 planning rule.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1600–1614; 36 CFR part 219 [77 FR 21260–21273].

Dated: June 23, 2016.

Joseph S. Norrell,

Deputy Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Information Collection; Appeal of Decisions Relating to Occupancy or Use of National Forest System Lands and Resources

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; requests for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Forest Service is seeking comments on the renewal of a currently approved information collection.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing by August 29, 2016 to be considered.

ADDRESSES: Comments concerning this notice should be addressed to USDA Forest Service, Deb Beighley, Assistant Director, Appeals and Litigation, Ecosystem Management Coordination staff, 202–205–1277 or by email to dbeighley@fs.fed.us.

The public may inspect comments received at the Office of Ecosystem Management Coordination, Appeals & Litigation USDA Forest Service, 201 14th Street SW., Mail Stop 1104, Washington, DC 20024–1101, during normal business hours. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead at 202–791–8488 to facilitate entry into the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Deb Beighley, Assistant Director, Appeals and Litigation, Ecosystem Management Coordination staff, 202–205–1277. Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf may call the Federal Relay Service at 800 877–8339 twenty

four hours a day, every day of the year, including holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Appeal of Decisions Relating to Occupancy or Use of National Forest System Lands and Resources.

OMB Number: 0596–0231.

Expiration Date of Approval: August 31, 2016.

Type of Request: Renewal of a currently approved information collection, approval of an associated new information collection, Appeal of Decisions Relating to Occupancy or Use of National Forest System Lands and Resources.

Abstract: This appeal process modifies, renames, and relocates to a new part in the CFR the appeal process for decisions related to occupancy or use of NFS lands and resources. This updated regulation will simplify the appeal process, shorten the appeal period, and reduce the cost of appeal for certain types of Forest Service decisions affecting occupancy or use of NFS lands and resources. The information collected will be used by the Forest Service to determine if the decision that was appealed should be affirmed or reversed in whole or in part. These appeal procedures are limited to holders, operators, and solicited applicants as defined in the proposed rule, who therefore are the only individuals or entities subject to the information collection requirement.

The information collection required for the administrative appeal process in 36 CFR part 214 is approved and assigned OMB Control No. 0596–0231.

Estimate of Annual Burden: 8 hours per application.

Type of Respondents: People Appealing Decisions to Occupancy or Use of National Forest System Lands and Resources decisions.

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 70.

Estimated Annual Number of Responses per Respondent: One.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 560 hours.

Public Comment: Public comment is invited on (1) whether this information collection is necessary for the stated purposes and the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical or scientific utility; (2) the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the information collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on

respondents, including the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

All comments received in response to this notice, including names and addresses when provided, will be a matter of public record. Comments will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval of the information collection.

Dated: June 23, 2016.

Leslie A.C. Weldon,

Deputy Chief, National Forest System.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Deschutes Provincial Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Deschutes Provincial Advisory Committee (PAC) will meet in Bend, Oregon. The committee is authorized pursuant to the implementation of E–19 of the Record of Decision and operates in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The purpose of the committee is to provide advice and make recommendations to promote a better integration of forest management activities between Federal and non-Federal entities to ensure that such activities are complementary. PAC information can be found at the following Web site: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/deschutes/workingtogether/advisorycommittees>.

DATES: The meeting will be held on July 29, 2016, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

All PAC meetings are subject to cancellation. For status of meeting prior to attendance, please contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Deschutes National Forest Headquarters Office, Ponderosa Conference Room, 63095 Deschutes Market Road, Bend, Oregon. The Committee will also be traveling to sites on the Deschutes National Forest.

Written comments may be submitted as described under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**. All comments, including names and addresses when provided, are placed in the record and are available for public inspection and copying. The public may inspect

comments received at Deschutes National Forest Headquarters Office. Please call ahead to facilitate entry into the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beth Peer, PAC Coordinator, by phone at 541–383–4769 or via email at bpeer@fs.fed.us.

Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339 between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the meeting is to:

1. Hear a presentation on climate change and water;
2. Review restoration thinning and fuels reduction operations on the Forest; and
3. Visit Ryan Ranch wetland restoration project area.

The meeting is open to the public. The agenda will include time for people to make oral statements of three minutes or less. Individuals wishing to make an oral statement should request in writing by July 15, 2016, to be scheduled on the agenda. Anyone who would like to bring related matters to the attention of the committee may file written statements with the committee staff before or after the meeting. Written comments and requests for time to make oral comments must be sent to Beth Peer, Deschutes PAC Coordinator, 63095 Deschutes Market Road, Bend, Oregon 97701; by email to bpeer@fs.fed.us, or via facsimile to 541–383–4755.

Meeting Accommodations: If you are a person requiring reasonable accommodation, please make requests in advance for sign language interpreting, assistive listening devices, or other reasonable accommodation. For access to the facility or proceedings, please contact the person listed in the section titled **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. All reasonable accommodation requests are managed on a case by case basis.

Dated: June 20, 2016.

John P. Allen,

Forest Supervisor, Deschutes National Forest.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Notice of Public Meeting of the Alaska State Advisory Committee

AGENCY: U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

ACTION: Announcement of meeting.