decommissioning could have a range of treatments including simple barrier installation (passive treatment) where watershed impacts are not likely, to active treatments ranging from removing culverts to full recontouring where risks to watersheds are high. Non-motorized access would be facilitated with improved tread on road segments identified by the public as important for use. In addition, there are three sites with proposed watershed actions on existing roads including: Callahan sediment trap improvement on NFSR 414, Raymond Creek bridge removal, and Goat Creek road culvert upgrade.

(5) The district is proposing fuel mitigation and roadside thinning to facilitate fuels reduction, safe ingress and egress for the public in case of a wildland fire and road maintenance within the project area. Approximately 779 acres of thinning and 78 acres of road maintenance are proposed along only the Forest Service roads open to yearlong motorized use.

(6) Proposed Starry Coat activities would impact approximately 1,372 acres of existing grizzly bear core, nearly all of which is associated with harvest access and haul on currently barriered roads. A minor access management change at the top of Smith Mountain also contributes to this total. Gated roads that could be barriered to provide the necessary in-kind replacement of core have been identified. These roads currently do not allow for public motorized use during the bear year. Once these roads are barriered and placed into core, no motorized use could occur on these roads during the bear year including administrative use.

(7) Proposed Recreation Improvements include the Threemile Mountain Bike Flow Trail and the McConnell Snowshoe Trail. The bike trail system consists of both a descent oriented “Flow Trail” and a “Cross-Country Bike” style loop. The “Flow trail” would consist of approximately 7 miles of new construction. The “Cross-Country Bike loop” would consist of approximately 6 miles of new trail construction and would be pursued as time and funding permits. The McConnell Snowshoe Trail includes approximately 4 miles of new construction.

(8) The Star Creek Quarry, North Fork 7 Mile Quarry, Three Mile Quarry and Airport Garvel Pit are proposed for free use rock picking where the public would be able to get a personal use permit (~2 tons per permit). The District proposes to increase the Airport Pit by approximately 3 acres and the North Fork 7 Mile Quarry by approximately 1 acre over the life of the pits.

Possible Alternatives

The Forest Service will consider a range of alternatives. One of these will be the “no action” alternative in which none of the proposed action would be implemented. Additional alternatives may be included in response to issues raised by the public during the scoping process or due to additional concerns for resource values identified by the interdisciplinary team.

Responsible Official

The Forest Supervisor of the Kootenai National Forest, 31374 U.S. Highway 2, Libby, MT 59923–3022, is the Responsible Official. As the Responsible Official, I will decide if the proposed action will be implemented. I will document the decision and rationale for the decision in the Record of Decision. I have delegated the responsibility for preparing the draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) and final environmental impact statement (FEIS) to the District Ranger, Three Rivers Ranger District.

Nature of Decision To Be Made

Based on the purpose and need, the Responsible Official reviews the proposed action, the other alternatives, the environmental consequences, and public comments on the analysis in order to make the following decisions:

(1) Whether to implement timber harvest and associated fuel reduction treatments, prescribed burning, watershed work, and recreation improvements, including the design features and potential mitigation measures to protect resources; and if so, how much, and at what specific locations.

(2) What, if any, specific project monitoring requirements are needed to assure design features and potential mitigation measures are implemented and effective, and to evaluate the success of the project objectives. Preliminary project monitoring needs identified include effectiveness of BMP work. A project-specific monitoring plan will be developed.

Preliminary Issues

Initial analysis by the interdisciplinary team has brought forward an issue that may affect the design of the project.

(1) There are 17 harvest units that would contribute to 14 openings larger than 40 acres. This action requires a 60 day public review and Regional Forester approval (FSM 2471.1). This document serves as the beginning of the 60 day public review period.
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

Agency: U.S. Census Bureau.

Title: Local Update of Census Addresses Operation.

OMB Control Number: 0607—XXX.


Type of Request: Regular Submission.

Number of Respondents: 40,000.

Average Hours per Response: 21 hours on average; will vary by number of addresses associated with government.

Burden Hours: 845,600.

Needs and Uses: The U.S. Census Bureau developed the Local Update of Census Addresses Operation (LUCA) prior to the 2000 Census to meet the requirements of the Census Address List Improvement Act of 1994, Public Law 103–430. The Census Bureau will use information collected through LUCA to help develop the housing unit and group quarters (e.g., college dormitory, nursing home, correctional facility) address information that it will need to conduct the decennial census. LUCA is voluntary for governmental units. Participating governments may review the Census Bureau’s Title 13 U.S.C. confidential list of individual living quarters addresses and provide to the Census Bureau address additions, corrections, deletions, and location coordinates (latitude/longitude). Participating governments also may provide spatial and attribute updates for roads. Governments electing to participate in LUCA also provide contact information, certification of their agreement to maintain the confidentiality of the Census Bureau address information, responses regarding their physical and information technology security capability, product media preference information, shipment inventory information, and certification of their destruction or return of materials containing confidential data. LUCA will be available to tribal, state, and local governments, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico (or their designated representatives) in areas for which the Census Bureau performs a pre-census Address Canvassing Operation. A majority of governments will have some area that will be included in the Address Canvassing Operation. LUCA is available to legally defined federally recognized Native American and Alaska Native areas (including the Alaska Native Regional Corporations), states, governmentally active counties and equivalent entities, incorporated places, and legally defined Minor Civil Divisions (MCDs) for which the Census Bureau reports data. LUCA will occur between January 2017 and June 2020. LUCA comprises five stages:

Advance Notice
The Census Bureau provides an advance notice package to all eligible tribal, state, and local governments. This package contains materials informing the eligible governments of the voluntary LUCA operation and provides instructions to update contact information and how to prepare to participate in LUCA. This stage occurs between January 2017 and March 2017.

Invitation
All eligible tribal, state, and local governments receive an invitation package. This package provides information on how to register for the operation, instructions on how to designate a liaison, and enables governments to select the type of materials. Additionally, the invitation package provides information regarding the responsibility for safeguarding and protecting Title 13 materials. The Census Bureau will follow up and send reminder packages to governments that do not respond. This stage occurs between July 2017 and September 2017.

Address Review
Goverments that elect to participate receive materials based on their selection from the invitation package. Governments have a maximum of 120 days from the date of receipt of materials to complete and submit their address and spatial updates to the Census Bureau. The Census Bureau will conduct follow up with letters, postcards, and phone calls to encourage timely submission of address and spatial updates. This stage occurs between February 2018 and May 2018.

Feedback
The Census Bureau will provide a feedback package to governments that participate in LUCA. This package includes detailed information on the results of the address and spatial updates submitted during LUCA. This stage occurs between August 2019 and October 2019.

Closeout
The Census Bureau provides a closeout letter to governments that participated in LUCA with notification to destroy or return Title 13 materials. The Census Bureau will also conduct follow up with letters and phone calls to ensure that Title 13 materials are destroyed or returned. This stage occurs between October 2019 and June 2020.

The information on LUCA contacts, certification of agreement to maintain the confidentiality of the Census Bureau address information, physical and information technology security