

*Abstract:* FSIS, by delegation (7 CFR 2.18, 2.53), exercises the functions of the Secretary as specified in the Federal Meat Inspection Act (FMIA) (21 U.S.C. 601, *et seq.*), the Poultry Products Inspection Act (PPIA) (21 U.S.C. 451, *et seq.*), and the Egg Products Inspection Act (EPIA) (21 U.S.C. 1031, *et seq.*). These statutes mandate that FSIS protect the public by verifying that meat, poultry, and egg products are safe, wholesome, unadulterated, and properly labeled and packaged.

FSIS is requesting renewal of the approved information collection regarding its Consumer Complaint Monitoring System (CCMS) web portal. FSIS is discontinuing use of the electronic Food Safety Mobile questionnaire that was approved under this collection. Therefore, the Agency has reduced the burden estimate by 13 hours for the Food Safety Mobile questionnaire. Additionally, FSIS has reduced the burden hours for the CCMS web portal by 75 hours due to updated information about consumer complaints. The approval for this information collection will expire on August 31, 2018.

FSIS tracks consumer complaints about meat, poultry, and egg products. Consumer complaints are usually filed when food makes a consumer sick, causes an allergic reaction, is not properly labeled (misbranded), or contains a foreign object. FSIS uses a web portal to allow consumers to electronically file a complaint with the Agency about a meat, poultry, or egg product. FSIS uses this information to look for trends that will enhance the Agency's food safety efforts.

FSIS has made the following estimates based upon an information collection assessment.

*Estimate of Burden:* The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 15 minutes per response.

*Respondents:* Consumers and organizations.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* The CCMS web portal will have approximately 700 respondents.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* The total annual burden time is estimated to be about 750 hours for respondents using CCMS web portal. Copies of this information collection assessment can be obtained from Gina Kouba, Office of Policy and Program Development, Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 6065, South Building, Washington, DC 20250-3700; (202) 720-5627.

*Comments are invited on:* (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of FSIS's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of FSIS's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the method and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques, or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to both FSIS, at the addresses provided above, and the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20253.

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.

#### Additional Public Notification

Public awareness of all segments of rulemaking and policy development is important. Consequently, FSIS will announce this **Federal Register** publication on-line through the FSIS web page located at: <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/federal-register>.

FSIS also will make copies of this publication available through the FSIS Constituent Update, which is used to provide information regarding FSIS policies, procedures, regulations, **Federal Register** notices, FSIS public meetings, and other types of information that could affect or would be of interest to our constituents and stakeholders. The Update is available on the FSIS web page. Through the web page, FSIS is able to provide information to a much broader, more diverse audience. In addition, FSIS offers an email subscription service which provides automatic and customized access to selected food safety news and information. This service is available at: <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/subscribe>. Options range from recalls to export information, regulations, directives, and notices. Customers can add or delete subscriptions themselves, and have the option to password protect their accounts.

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*Mail:* U.S. Department of Agriculture, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410.

*Fax:* (202) 690-7442.

*Email:* [program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov).

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**Paul Kiecker,**

*Acting Administrator.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### **Black Hills National Forest; South Dakota and Wyoming; Amendment of the Land Management Plan for the Black Hills National Forest**

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of the opportunity to object to a Forest Plan Amendment.

**SUMMARY:** Black Hills National Forest, located in South Dakota and Wyoming, prepared a non-significant, programmatic Forest Plan Amendment to replace an existing standard with updated language found in the Regional Watershed Conservation Practices Handbook (WCPH) relative to maintaining or improving long-term levels of organic matter and nutrients on all lands. The Forest Plan Amendment accompanies the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and Draft Record of Decision (ROD) for the Black Hills Resilient Landscapes (BHRL) project. This notice is to inform the public that a 60-day period is being initiated where individuals or entities with standing to object on the

amendment may file an objection for Forest Service review prior to the approval of the Record of Decision.

**DATES:** The BHRL FEIS, including this Forest Plan Amendment, Draft ROD, and other supporting information, will be available for review at <http://www.tinyurl.com/BHRLProject> by April 4, 2018.

A legal notice of the initiation of the 60-day objection period is also being published in the Black Hills National Forest's newspaper of record, which is the *Rapid City Journal*. The date of publication of the legal notice in the *Rapid City Journal* will determine the actual date of initiation of the 60-day objection period. A copy of the legal notice that is published in the *Rapid City Journal* will be posted on the website listed above.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the BHRL FEIS, including the Forest Plan Amendment, and the Draft ROD can be obtained online at: <http://www.tinyurl.com/BHRLProject>; or by visiting or mailing a request to the Forest Supervisor's Office at the following location:

- 1019 North 5th Street, Custer, SD 57730 (Telephone: 605-673-9200);

Objections must be submitted to the Reviewing Officer:

- Regional Forester, USDA-Forest Service, ATTN: Objection Reviewing Officer, 1617 Cole Boulevard, Building 17, Lakewood, CO 80401 (Fax: 303-275-5134).

Objections may be submitted electronically at: [r02admin\\_review@fs.fed.us](mailto:r02admin_review@fs.fed.us)

Note that the office hours for submitting a hand-delivered objection are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding Federal holidays. Electronic objections must be submitted in a commonly used format such as an email message, plain text (.txt), rich text format (.rtf) or Microsoft Word® (.doc or .docx).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Kelly Honors, Environmental Coordinator, Black Hills National Forest at 605-673-9207. 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 time), Monday through Friday.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Region, Black Hills National Forest, prepared a Forest Plan Amendment for maintaining and improving long-term levels of organic matter and nutrients on all lands. This notice is to inform the public that a 60-day period is being initiated where individuals or entities with standing, may file an objection for Forest Service

review prior to the approval of the ROD for the BHRL Project.

The publication date of the legal notice in Black Hills National Forest's newspaper of record, the *Rapid City Journal*, will initiate the 60-day objection period and is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an objection (36 CFR 219.16 and 219.52). An electronic scan of the notice with the publication date will be posted on Black Hills National Forest's website at: <http://www.tinyurl.com/BHRLProject>.

The objection process under 36 CFR 219, subpart B, provides an opportunity for members of the public who have standing, to have any unresolved concerns reviewed by the Forest Service prior to a final decision by the Responsible Official. Only those who provided substantive formal comments during the public comment period during the planning process are eligible to file an objection. Regulations at 36 CFR 219.62 define substantive formal comments as:

*“Written comments submitted to, or oral comments recorded by, the responsible official or his designee during an opportunity for public participation provided during the planning process, and attributed to the individual or entity providing them. Comments are considered substantive when they are within the scope of the proposal, are specific to the proposal, have a direct relationship to the proposal, and include supporting reasons for the responsible official to consider.”*

**How To File an Objection**

The Forest Service will accept mailed, emailed, faxed, and hand-delivered objections concerning the Forest Plan Amendment for 60 calendar days following the date of the publication of the legal notice of this objection period in the newspaper of record, the *Rapid City Journal*. It is the responsibility of the objector to ensure that the Reviewing Officer receives the objection in a timely manner. The regulations prohibit extending the length of the objection filing period.

Objections must be submitted to the Reviewing Officer, who will be the Regional Forester for the Rocky Mountain Region, at the address shown in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

An objection must include the following (36 CFR 219.54(c)):

(1) The objector's name and address along with a telephone number or email address if available—in cases where no identifiable name is attached to an objection, the Forest Service will attempt to verify the identity of the objector to confirm objection eligibility;

(2) Signature or other verification of authorship upon request (a scanned signature for electronic mail may be filed with the objection);

(3) Identification of the lead objector, when multiple names are listed on an objection. The Forest Service will communicate to all parties to an objection through the lead objector. Verification of the identity of the lead objector must also be provided if requested;

(4) The name of the forest plan amendment being objected to, and the name and title of the Responsible Official;

(5) A statement of the issues and/or parts of the forest plan amendment to which the objection applies;

(6) A concise statement explaining the objection and suggesting how the proposed plan decision may be improved. If the objector believes that the forest plan amendment is inconsistent with law, regulation, or policy, an explanation should be included;

(7) A statement that demonstrates the link between the objector's prior substantive formal comments and the content of the objection, unless the objection concerns an issue that arose after the opportunities for formal comment; and

(8) All documents referenced in the objection (a bibliography is not sufficient), except that the following need not be provided:

a. All or any part of a Federal law or regulation,

b. Forest Service Directive System documents and land management plans or other published Forest Service documents,

c. Documents referenced by the Forest Service in the planning documentation related to the proposal subject to objection, and

d. Formal comments previously provided to the Forest Service by the objector during the plan amendment comment period.

**Responsible Official**

The responsible official for this Forest Plan Amendment is Mark Van Every, Forest Supervisor, Black Hills National Forest, 1019 North 5th Street, Custer, SD 57730.

Dated: March 12, 2018.

**Chris French,**

*Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest System.*

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