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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[DOcket No. APHIS–2018–0032]

Notice of Request for Revision to and Extension of Approval of an Information Collection; Animal Welfare

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Revision to and extension of approval of an information collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service’s intention to request a revision to and extension of approval of an information collection associated with the Animal Welfare Act regulations for the humane handling, care, treatment, and transportation of certain animals by dealers, research facilities, exhibitors, carriers, and intermediate handlers.

DATES: We will consider all comments that we receive on or before September 10, 2018.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by either of the following methods:


• Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery: Send your comment to Docket No. APHIS–2018–0032, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3A–03.8, 4700 River Road, Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737–1238.

Supporting documents and any comments we receive on this docket may be viewed at http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=APHIS-2018-0032 or in our reading room, which is located in Room 1141 of the USDA South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC. Normal reading room hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 799–7039 before coming.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information on the Animal Welfare Act regulations, contact Dr. Kay Carter-Corker, Director, National Policy Staff, Animal Care, APHIS, 4700 River Road, Unit 84, Riverdale, MD 20737; (301) 851–3748. For copies of more detailed information on the information collection, contact Ms. Kimberly Hardy, APHIS’ Information Collection Coordinator, at (301) 851–2483.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Animal Welfare.

OMB Control Number: 0579–0036.

Type of Request: Revision to and extension of approval of an information collection.

Abstract: Under the Animal Welfare Act (AWA, 7 U.S.C. 2131 et seq.), the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to promulgate standards and other requirements governing the humane handling, care, treatment, and transportation of certain animals by dealers, exhibitors, operators of auction sales, research facilities, carriers and intermediate handlers. The Secretary has delegated responsibility for administering the AWA to the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Animal Care.

Definitions, regulations, and standards established under the AWA are contained in 9 CFR parts 1, 2, and 3 (referred to below as the regulations). Part 1 contains definitions for terms used in parts 2 and 3. Part 2 provides administrative requirements and sets forth institutional responsibilities for regulated parties, including licensing requirements for dealers, exhibitors, and operators of auction sales. Dealers, exhibitors, and operators of auction sales are required to comply in all respects with the regulations and standards (9 CFR 2.100(a)) and to allow APHIS officials access to their place of business, facilities, animals, and records to inspect for compliance (9 CFR 2.126). Part 3 provides standards for the humane handling, care, treatment, and transportation of covered animals. Part 3 consists of subparts A through E, which contain specific standards for dogs and cats, guinea pigs and hamsters, rabbits, nonhuman primates, and marine mammals, respectively, and subpart F, which sets forth general standards for warmblooded animals not otherwise specified in part 3.

Administering the AWA requires the use of several information collection activities such as license applications and renewals, which now include a request to identify whether the business mailing address is a personal residence or not a personal residence; registration applications and updates; annual reports; acknowledgement of regulations and standards; inspections; requests; notifications; agreements; plans; written program of veterinary care and health records; itineraries; applications and permits; records of acquisition, disposition, or transport of animals; official identification; variances; protocols; health certificates; complaints; marking requirements; and recordkeeping.

These information collection activity requirements provide APHIS with the data necessary for the review and evaluation of program compliance by regulated facilities, and they provide a workable enforcement system to carry out the requirements of the AWA and the intent of Congress without resorting to more detailed and stringent regulations and standards that could be more burdensome to regulated facilities.

We are asking the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve our use of these information collection activities, as described, for an additional 3 years.

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 collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

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

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information 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.
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Notice of New Fee Sites; Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act

AGENCY: Bitterroot National Forest, Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of new fee sites.

SUMMARY: The Bitterroot National Forest is proposing to implement new fees at two campgrounds and one rental cabin. These fees are only proposed and will help ensure that the Forest can continue maintaining and improving the sites for future generations.

DATES: Send any comments about these fee proposals by August 13, 2018 so comments can be compiled, analyzed, and shared with the Western Montana Bureau of Land Management Resource Advisory Council prior to a final decision and implementation.

For further information contact: Erica Strayer, Recreation Program Manager, Darby Ranger District, at 406–821–4252 or estrayer@fs.fed.us. Information about proposed fee changes can also be found at www.fs.usda.gov/goto/r1recfee.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Recreation Lands Enhancement Act (Title VII, Pub. L. 108–447) directed the Secretary of Agriculture to publish a six month advance notice in the Federal Register whenever new recreation fee areas are established.

The Bitterroot National Forest is proposing to charge a $10 per night fee for reservations at the Lost Horse Guard Station, which would open this site for public rental. The proposal is to charge a $10/night fee for both Slate Creek and Sam Billings Memorial campgrounds. Lost Horse Guard Station was built in 1935 and listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1989. It lies at the head of Lost Horse Creek near the Montana/Idaho divide. It is near a variety of recreation opportunities such as hiking, camping, horseback riding, non-motorized water sports, hunting, backcountry skiing, and snowmobiling at Twin Lakes. The rustic guard station can sleep up to eight people.

Slate Creek Campground also has a new group gathering area and Sam Billings Memorial Campground has new horse camping sites. Reasonable fees, paid by users of these sites and services, will help ensure that the Forest can continue maintaining and improving the sites for future generations.

A business analysis of the proposed new fee sites listed has shown that people desire having a variety of recreation opportunities and experiences on the Bitterroot National Forest, such as group camping, cabin and lookout rentals and single family camping. A market analysis of surrounding recreation sites with similar amenities indicates that the proposed fees are comparable and reasonable.

Advance reservations for the Lost Horse Guard Station will be available through www.recreation.gov or by calling 1–877–444–6777. The National Recreation Reservation Service charges a $10 fee for reservations.


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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Notice of Proposed New Fee Site; Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act

AGENCY: Flathead National Forest, Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of new fee site.

SUMMARY: The Flathead National Forest is proposing to charge a new fee at the Lindbergh Lake Campground. Funds generated at the site will be used for the operation and maintenance, upkeep of facilities, and improvements as feasible. This fee is only proposed and will be determined upon further analysis and public comment.

DATES: Send any comments about these fee proposals by August 13, 2018 so comments can be compiled, analyzed, and shared with the Western Montana Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Resource Advisory Council. The effective date of implementation of this fee would be no earlier than six months after publication of this notice.

ADDRESSES: Chip Weber, Forest Supervisor, Flathead National Forest, 650 Wolfpack Way, Kalispell, MT 59901 or Email to cweber@fs.fed.us.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Chris Prew, Recreation Program Manager, Flathead National Forest, at 406–758–3538 or chrisprew@fs.fed.us. Information about proposed fee changes can also be found at www.fs.usda.gov/goto/r1recfee.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Recreation Lands Enhancement Act (Title VII, Pub. L. 108–447) directed the Secretary of Agriculture to publish a six month advance notice in the Federal Register whenever new recreation fee areas are established. This new fee will be reviewed by the Western Montana BLM Resource Advisory Council prior to a final decision and implementation.

The Flathead National Forest is proposing to charge a $10 per night fee at Lindbergh Lake Campground. Lindbergh Lake Campground offers breathtaking views of the Mission and Swan Mountain Ranges and has a concrete boat ramp for ease of lake access and enjoyment. The lake offers boating, swimming, and fishing opportunities and is located in close proximity to the Mission Mountains Wilderness, which offers excellent hiking opportunities. The campground has 21 individual camp sites and features a new toilet facility and other site improvements.