

would design the regeneration harvest to increase forest-age diversity across the project area. The type of regeneration harvests would vary and may potentially include: Shelterwood harvests, two-aged systems, group selection harvests, variable retention harvests, and seed tree harvests. The age of stands proposed for treatment range from 29 to 150 years.

(2) Thin and treat fuels on approximately 767 acres of riparian reserves outside of riparian buffers to accelerate and/or improve Aquatic Conservation Strategy Objectives (ACSOs). Additional riparian reserve treatments could occur on up to 50 acres within buffers, including diversity thinning in plantations, wood placement in creeks and cutting and leaving conifers in areas of hardwoods to encourage hardwood growth. All treatments will be designed to accelerate and/or improve ACSOs.

(3) Maintain or reconstruct approximately 146 miles of road, including installation of approximately 200 culverts (primarily replacements).

(4) Decommission and hydrologically stabilize approximately 11 miles of road.

(5) Construct 16 miles of temporary roads; temporary roads would be restored to their previous function and closed after all project activities are completed.

(6) Create fuel breaks along forest roads. Treatments would occur along approximate 57 miles of road and range from 33 to 66 feet wide which would equate to about 2597 acres.

(7) Enhance dry and wet meadow habitats on approximately 368 acres, which includes a combination of tree removal and broadcast burning.

(8) Reduce hazardous fuels on both existing fuel loadings and logging slash as a result of harvest to bring stands to levels within Forest Plan standards and guidelines. Proposed treatments include broadcast or under-burning, machine piling, burning of landings, hand piling and chipping.

Possible Alternatives

Due to the responses we received from the initial scoping, there is at least one other action alternative that may be considered. One commentator suggested the Forest Service consider alternatives that avoid logging mature forests. The district will develop an alternative that harvests only in previously managed stands under 80 years old (Alternative 3).

Responsible Official

McKenzie River District Ranger.

Nature of Decision To Be Made

Given the purpose and need, the scope of the decision to be made by the responsible official will be as follows: Do the proposed actions comply with all applicable laws governing Forest Service actions and with the applicable standards and guidelines found in the Willamette Land and Resource Management Plan (LRMP)? Does the Environmental Impact Statement have sufficient site-specific environmental analysis to make an informed decision? Do the proposed actions meet the purpose and need for action? With these assurances the responsible official must decide: Whether or not to select the proposed action or one of any other potential alternatives that may be developed, and what, if any, additional actions should be required.

Scoping Process

This notice of intent begins the formal scoping process, which guides the development of the environmental impact statement. It is important that reviewers provide their comments at such times and in such manner that they are useful to the agency's preparation of the environmental impact statement. Therefore, comments should be provided prior to the close of the comment period and should clearly articulate the reviewer's concerns and contentions.

We are interested in your comments on the following questions: Are there alternative ways to meet the purpose of the project other than the proposed action we offer, which you would like the Forest Service to consider and analyze? Is there any information about the project area, which you believe is important in the context of the proposed activities that you would like the Forest Service to consider? What specifically are the potential effects of this proposal that you are particularly concerned about? For example, rather than simply stating that you would like a change in a proposed activity or that you would not like an activity to take place, it is most helpful to understand why you desire this. What are your underlying concerns with an activity or action; what are the effects from the activity that concern you?

Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be part of the public record for this proposed action. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered, however, anonymous comments will not provide the Agency with the ability to provide the

respondent with subsequent environmental documents.

Dated: July 26, 2018.

Chris French,

Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest System.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Comprehensive River Management Plan for Black Butte Wild and Scenic River, Including Portions of Cold Creek, Mendocino National Forest, Mendocino County, California

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Section 3(d)(1) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, the USDA Forest Service announces the completion and availability of the comprehensive river management plan for Black Butte Wild and Scenic River, including portions of Cold Creek. On May 11, 2018, Acting Mendocino Forest Supervisor, Gar Abbas signed a decision notice to adopt a comprehensive river management plan ("CRMP") for Black Butte Wild and Scenic River (including Cold Creek). The Black Butte Wild and Scenic River CRMP (including Cold Creek) addresses resource protection, development of lands and facilities, user capacities, and other management practices necessary or desirable to achieve the purposes of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. This CRMP was prepared after consultation with State and local governments and the interested public. An environmental assessment (EA) was prepared as part of the CRMP development. This EA has been prepared in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act and other relevant federal laws and regulations. The EA discloses the direct, indirect, and cumulative environmental effects that would result from adopting the CRMP.

The Black Butte Wild and Scenic River CRMP (including Cold Creek) and the EA are available for review at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50351> and the following offices: Upper Lake Ranger District, 10025 Elk Mountain Road, Upper Lake, CA 95484. Mendocino National Forest Supervisor's Office, 825 N Humboldt Ave., Willows, CA 95988.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Information may be obtained by contacting Hilda Kwan, District Hydrologist, Mendocino National

Forest, 10025 Elk Mountain Road, Upper Lake, CA 95484, 707-275-1413, or at hkwan@fs.fed.us.

Dated: July 30, 2018.

Chris French,

Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest System.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Rural Housing Service

Rural Utilities Service

Notice of Request for Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Rural Business-Cooperative Service, Rural Housing Service, Rural Utilities Service, U.S. Dept. Of Agriculture, (USDA).

ACTION: Proposed collection; comments requested.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the USDA Rural Development intention to request a revision for a currently approved information collection under Section 6025, Strategic Economic and Community Development (SECD), under the Agricultural Act of 2014 (2014 Farm Bill).

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by October 19, 2018 to be assured of consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Angela M. Callie, USDA Rural Development, Innovation Center, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20250 [202-568-9738, FAX Fax: 855-742-4168].

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Strategic Economic and Community Development, SECD—Section 6025.

OMB Number: 0570-0068.

Expiration Date of Approval: Dec 31, 2018.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: As authorized under Section 6025 of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (2014 Farm Bill), the Strategic Economic and Community Development program provides the Secretary of Agriculture the authority to give priority to projects that support strategic economic development or community development plans. The programs from

which funds will be prioritized include community facility programs, water and waste disposal programs, and rural business and cooperative development programs.

This collection of information is necessary for the Agency to identify projects eligible for priority under the Section 6025 Program. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Agency is submitting this information collection package to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance to implement the Section 6025 Program.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 9 hours per response.

Respondents: Municipalities, Authorities, nonprofits, Lenders, businesses.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 374.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 3,348 hours.

Comments: Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information 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 collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to Jeanne Jacobs, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, Support Services Division, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, STOP 0742, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250-0742. All comments received will be available for public inspection during regular business hours at the same address.

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

Dated: August 10, 2018.

Bette Brand,

Administrator, Rural Business Service.

Dated: August 14, 2018.

Joel Baxley,

Administrator, Rural Housing Service.

Dated: August 14, 2018.

Kenneth Johnson,

Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Notice of Public Meeting of the Tennessee Advisory Committee

AGENCY: U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act that the Tennessee Advisory Committee will hold a meeting on Wednesday, September 12, 2018, 12:30 p.m. EST to discuss proposal topic on legal financial obligations and civil rights issues.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 12, 2018, 12:30 p.m. EST.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeff Hinton, DFO, at jhinton@usccr.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Public Call Information:* The meeting will be by teleconference. Toll-free call-in number: 877-260-1479, conference ID: 7992130.

Members of the public can listen to the discussion. This meeting is available to the public through the following toll-free call-in number: 877-260-1479, conference ID: 7992130. Any interested member of the public may call this number and listen to the meeting. Callers can expect to incur charges for calls they initiate over wireless lines, and the Commission will not refund any incurred charges. Callers will incur no charge for calls they initiate over land-line connections to the toll-free telephone number. Persons with hearing impairments may also follow the proceedings by first calling the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-977-8339 and providing the Service with the conference call number and conference ID number.

Written comments may be mailed to the Regional Program Unit Office, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 230 S Dearborn, Suite 2120, Chicago, IL 60604. They may also be faxed to the Commission at (312) 353-8324 or may