

Opportunities for Public Participation

The FHWA provided opportunities for public comment throughout the development of this project, including public comment periods and public meetings following issuance of the draft EIS and Final EIS. A history of public participation, including all public comments, is available at: http://sterlinghighway.net/SHWPI_New.html. Both the draft and final EIS disclosed the need for a Forest Plan amendment, depending on the alternative selected.

This notice initiates a 45-day comment period on the proposed amendment. This will be the final comment period for this proposed amendment prior to issuing the record of decision for administrative review. Instructions on how to provide comment, and where to find additional information, are described in the beginning of this notice. 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.

Administrative Review of Forest Plan Amendment Decisions

The decision for a plan amendment will be documented in a record of decision issued by the Forest Service. The decision will be subject to the predecisional administrative review process per 36 CFR 219 subpart B. Objections will be accepted only from those who have previously submitted substantive formal comments specific to the proposed plan amendment. The Reviewing Official for any objection is the Regional Forester for the Alaska Region.

Dated: September 7, 2018.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Boundary Establishment for Black Butte National 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(b) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, the USDA Forest Service, Washington

Office, is transmitting the final boundary of the Black Butte National Wild and Scenic River, including portions of Cold Creek, to Congress.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Information may be obtained by contacting Mendocino National Forest Supervisor's Office, 825 N Humboldt Ave., Willows, CA 95988; (530) 934-3316.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Black Butte Wild and Scenic River, including portions of Cold Creek, boundary is available for review at the following offices: USDA Forest Service, Yates Building, 14th and Independence Avenues SW, Washington, DC 20024; Pacific Southwest Region 1323 Club Drive, Vallejo, CA 94592; and Mendocino National Forest Supervisor's Office, 825 N Humboldt Ave., Willows, CA 95988.

The Northern California Coastal Wild Heritage Wilderness Act (Pub. L. 109-362) of October 17, 2006, designated the Black Butte River and portions of Cold Creek, California, as a National Wild and Scenic River, to be administered by the Secretary of Agriculture. As specified by law, the boundary will not be effective until 90-days after Congress receives the transmittal.

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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.

Agency: U.S. Census Bureau.

Title: Report of Building or Zoning Permits Issued for New Privately-Owned Housing Units.

OMB Control Number: 0607-0094.

Form Number(s): C-404.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Number of Respondents: 20,325.

Average Hours per Response: Ranges from 3 to 23 minutes.

Burden Hours: 17,263.

Needs and Uses: The Census Bureau is requesting a three-year extension of the Report of Building or Zoning Permits Issued for New Privately-Owned Housing Units, otherwise

known as the Building Permits Survey (BPS). The Census Bureau conducts this survey to collect data on new residential buildings from state and local permit-issuing offices. The key estimates from the survey are the numbers of new housing units authorized by building permits; data are also collected on the valuation of the housing units. The BPS specifically collects information on changes to the geographic coverage of the permit-issuing place, the number and valuation of new residential housing units authorized by building permits, and additional information on residential permits valued at \$1 million or more, including, but not limited to, site address and type of building.

The Census Bureau produces statistics used to monitor activity in the large and dynamic construction industry. Given the importance of this industry, several of the statistical series have been designated by the Office of Management and Budget as Principal Economic Indicators. Two such indicators are directly dependent on the key estimates from the BPS. For New Residential Construction (which includes Housing Units Authorized by Building Permits, Housing Starts, and Housing Completions), form C-404 is used to collect the estimate for Housing Units Authorized by Building Permits. For New Residential Construction and Sales, the number of housing units authorized by building permits is a key component utilized in the estimation of housing units started, completed, and sold.

These statistics help state, local, and federal governments, as well as private industry, analyze this important sector of the economy. The building permit series are available monthly based on a sample of building permit offices, and annually based on the entire universe of permit offices. Published data from the survey can be found on the Census Bureau's website at www.census.gov/permits.

The Census Bureau collects these data primarily by mail or online using an online version of the same questionnaire. Some data are also collected via receipt of proprietary electronic files or mailed printouts for jurisdictions who have established reporting arrangements which allow them to submit their responses using their own file format.

We use the data, a component of The Conference Board Leading Economic Index, to estimate the number of housing units authorized, started, completed, and sold (single-family only). In addition, the Census Bureau uses the detailed geographic data in the development of annual population