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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Superior National Forest; Minnesota; Rainy River Withdrawal Environmental Assessment

AGENCY: Forest Service, Agriculture (USDA).

ACTION: Notice to extend comment period.

SUMMARY: The Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, has prepared an environmental assessment to support its application for a 20-year withdrawal of the Rainy River watershed from disposition of Federally owned minerals under United States mineral and geothermal leasing laws. The intent of the requested withdrawal is to protect and preserve natural and cultural resources in the Rainy River watershed, including the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCW), Mining Protection Area (MPA), and the 1854 Ceded Territory, from the known and potential adverse environmental impacts arising from exploration and development of Federally owned minerals. This notice is to inform the public that the Forest Service is extending the opportunity to comment on the environmental assessment by 15 days.

DATES: Comments concerning the environmental assessment must be received by Friday, August 12, 2022.

ADDRESSES: The environmental assessment and supporting documents are available on the project web page at <http://go.usa.gov/xtaCw>. Electronic comments are preferred through the project website at <https://go.usa.gov/xuH43>. Comments may also be sent electronically to comments-eastern-superior@usda.gov. Written comments may be sent to Forest Headquarters, 8901 Grand Avenue Place, Duluth, MN 55808.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Matt Judd, Minerals Project Manager, at matthew.judd@usda.gov or 218-626-4300.

Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf and hard of hearing (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339, 24 hours a day, every day of the year, including holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose and Need for Action

The purpose of the requested withdrawal is to protect and preserve natural and cultural resources in the Rainy River watershed, including the BWCW, MPA, and the 1854 Ceded Territory, from the known and potential adverse environmental impacts arising from exploration and development of Federally owned minerals. The withdrawal is needed because the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) have seen and can reasonably anticipate increasing interest within the private sector for developing the copper-nickel ore minerals in the Duluth Complex that may adversely impact the Rainy River watershed.

Proposed Action

The Secretary of the Interior would issue a public land order, and approximately 225,504 acres of National Forest System lands in the Rainy River watershed would be withdrawn from disposition under the United States mineral and geothermal leasing laws for a 20-year term, subject to valid existing rights. The withdrawal would restrict the BLM from processing or issuing new hardrock prospecting permits and mineral leases on National Forest System lands in the withdrawal boundary. However, the withdrawal would not prohibit ongoing or future exploration or mining extraction operations on valid existing rights, as determined by the BLM.

The withdrawal would not prohibit activities on non-federal (surface and mineral) ownerships. State, county, and private mineral interests could continue to exercise their ownership rights. However, if fee simple title of these lands and minerals were acquired by the United States during the withdrawal period, through means such as purchase or exchange to be managed by the Forest Service, such acquisitions would be subject to the withdrawal. Partial federal mineral interests, where the Federal government owns less than 100 percent of the mineral estate, would also not be affected by the withdrawal. No other management changes would be made affecting access to private inholdings, federal mineral material operations (sand, gravel, and dimension stone), or management of other forest resources such as timber, wildlife, and recreation.

Lead and Cooperating Agencies

The Forest Service is the lead agency for preparing the environmental assessment. The BLM is a cooperating agency for the NEPA analysis (40 CFR 1508.1(e)). The BLM will independently evaluate and review the analysis and

any other documents needed for the Secretary of the Interior to make a decision on the requested withdrawal.

Responsible Official

The Secretary of the Interior is the decision-maker for the requested withdrawal.

How To Comment

Comments may be submitted in electronic (preferred) or hard-copy form to the website or addresses provided in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice. 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 assessment. Therefore, comments should be provided prior to the close of the comment period and should clearly articulate the reviewer's concerns and contentions.

The proposed withdrawal is not subject to Forest Service objection procedures at 36 CFR 218 because the decision to be made is by the Secretary of the Interior.

Dated: July 18, 2022.

Deborah Hollen,

Acting Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest System.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

[Docket No. RUS-22-Agency-0034]

60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Lien Accommodations and Subordinations

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, as amended, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Utilities Service (RUS) announces its' intention to request an extension of a currently approved information collection and invites comments on this information collection.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by September 19, 2022 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted electronically by the Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and, in the "Search Field" box, labeled "Search for Rules, Proposed Rules, Notices or Supporting Documents," enter the following docket number: (RUS-22-

Agency–0034). To submit or view public comments, click the “Search” button, select the “Documents” tab, then select the following document title: (60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Lien Accommodations and Subordinations; 7 CFR 1717, subparts R & S; OMB Control No.: 0572–0100) from the “Search Results” and select the “Comment” button. Before inputting your comments, you may also review the “Commenter’s Checklist” (optional). Insert your comments under the “Comment” title, click “Browse” to attach files (if available). Input your email address and select “Submit Comment.”

Information on using *Regulations.gov*, including instructions for accessing documents, submitting comments, and viewing the docket after the close of the comment period, is available through the site’s “FAQ” link.

Other Information: Additional information about Rural Development and its programs is available on the internet at <https://www.rd.usda.gov>.

All comments will be available for public inspection online at the Federal eRulemaking Portal (<https://www.regulations.gov>).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Crystal Pemberton, Management Analyst, Branch 1, Rural Development Innovation Center—Regulations Management Division, United States Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, South Building, Washington, DC 20250–1522. Telephone: 202–260–8621. Email: Crystal.Pemberton@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Management and Budget’s (OMB) regulation (5 CFR part 1320) implementing provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–13) requires that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (see 5 CFR 1320.8(d)). This notice identifies the following information collection that RUS is submitting to OMB as extension to an existing collection with Agency adjustment.

Title: Lien Accommodations and Subordinations; 7 CFR 1717, Subparts R & S.

OMB Control Number: 0572–0100.

Expiration Date of Approval: November 30, 2022.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Estimate of Burden: Public Reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 19 hours per response.

Respondents: Not-for-profit institutions; Business or other for profit.
Estimated Number of Respondents: 1.
Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 19 hours.

Abstract: The Rural Electrification Act of 1936 (The RE Act), as amended (7 U.S.C. 901 *et seq.*), authorizes and empowers the Administrator of RUS to make loans in the several United States and Territories of the United States for rural Electrification and the furnishing of electric energy to persons in rural areas who are not receiving central station service. The RE Act also authorizes and empowers the Administrator of RUS to provide financial assistance to borrowers for purposes provided in the RE Act by accommodating or subordinating loans made by the national Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation, the Federal Financing Bank, and other lending agencies. Title 7 CFR part 1717, subparts R & S sets forth policy and procedures to facilitate and support borrowers’ efforts to obtain private sector financing of their capital needs, to allow borrowers greater flexibility in the management of their business affairs without compromising RUS loan security, and to reduce the cost to borrowers, in terms of time, expenses and paperwork, of obtaining lien accommodations and subordinations. The information required to be submitted is limited to necessary information that would allow the Agency to make a determination on the borrower’s request to subordinate and accommodate their lien with other lenders.

Comments are invited on:

(a) 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;

(b) the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the collection of information including the validity of the methodology 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 on respondents, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. 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.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Crystal Pemberton,

Regulations Team, Innovation Center, at email: Crystal.Pemberton@usda.gov. All 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.

Christopher A. McLean,

Acting Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

[Docket No. RUS–22–AGENCY–0037]

60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Request for Release of Lien and/or Approval of Sale, RUS Form 793; OMB Control No.: 0572–0041

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35, as amended), the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) invites comments on this information collection for which approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) will be requested.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by September 19, 2022 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted electronically by the Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and, in the “Search Field” box, labeled “Search for Rules, Proposed Rules, Notices or Supporting Documents,” enter the following docket number: (RUS–22–AGENCY–0037). To submit or view public comments, click the “Search” button, select the “Documents” tab, then select the following document title: (60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Request for Release of Lien and/or Approval of Sale, RUS Form 793; OMB Control No.: 0572–0041) from the “Search Results” and select the “Comment” button. Before inputting your comments, you may also review the “Commenter’s Checklist” (optional). Insert your comments under the “Comment” title, click “Browse” to attach files (if available). Input your email address and select “Submit Comment.”

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