

Interaction. For each of the revision topics, there is a need for the revised forest plan to:

### 1. Maintenance and Improvement of Ecosystem Health

- Adequately describe desired conditions for the vegetative communities regarding: composition, structure, and cover; resilient, functioning ecosystems; fire regimes; and plant and animal diversity.
- Provide direction regarding invasive species.
- Address the emerging issue of climate change by incorporating adaptive management strategies and describing ecological conditions that are resilient to change.

### 2. Managed Recreation

- Update the spectrum of recreation opportunities and the suitability of areas for motorized vehicle use.
- Incorporate direction for existing special areas that were not included in the current forest plan.
- Identify rivers that are eligible for the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.
- Evaluate lands for wilderness potential and, if appropriate, recommend designation by Congress.

### 3. Community-Forest Interaction

- Reduce the risk to communities and natural resources from wildfire and provide guidance for addressing urban interface demands (access, trailheads, special use permits).
- Address community expansion needs, preservation of open space, and water during land ownership adjustments.
- Address a sustainable supply of forest and rangeland resources that is consistent with achieving desired conditions and that supports local communities.
- Update the criteria for establishing new energy (utility) corridors. (Reference: Comprehensive Evaluation Report.)

### Public Participation and Opportunity To Comment

The revision process is designed to provide continued opportunities for public collaboration and open participation in the development of the revised forest plan. Additional information on the process, the documents being produced, and public participation opportunities can be found on the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests' plan revision Web site at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/asnf/plan-revision/>.

The Forest Service is seeking public comments on the need for change

identified in the Comprehensive Evaluation Report. Substantive comments received by February 16, 2009 will be of the most value in evaluating public response to the adequacy of the need for change topics outlined in the report.

It is important to participate in the plan revision process as only those parties who participate following the publication of this notice through the submission of written comments can submit an objection later in the proposed plan development process pursuant to 36 CFR 219.13(a). Comments received during the planning process, including the names and addresses of those who commented will be part of the public record available for public inspection. The Responsible Official shall accept and consider comments submitted anonymously. Submit written comments to the address noted above.

### Estimated Planning Process Schedule

The revision process for the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests officially begins with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. A series of public meetings to begin building the revised plan is tentatively planned for late spring 2009. The dates, times, and locations of these meetings will be posted on the forests' Web site: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/asnf/plan-revision/>. A draft proposed forest plan is currently scheduled to be issued for pre-decisional review in September 2009 and final plan approval in September 2010.

### Responsible Official

The Forest Supervisor, Chris Knopp, is the Responsible Official (36 CFR 219.2(b)(1)).

(Authority: 36 CFR 219.9(b)(2)(i), 73 FR 21509, April 21, 2008)

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**Chris Knopp,**

*Forest Supervisor.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Proposed Forest Plan Amendment for the Palomar Gasline Transmission Project; Mt. Hood National Forest; Oregon

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Revised Notice of intent to prepare a forest plan amendment.

**SUMMARY:** On November 24, 2008 the USDA Forest Service, Mt. Hood National Forest published a Notice of Intent in the **Federal Register** (73 FR 70956) to prepare a forest plan amendment for the proposed Palomar Gasline Transmission Project (PGT). The Notice of Intent is being revised to extend the end of the scoping comment period from January 9, 2009 to February 4, 2009.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mike Redmond, Environmental Coordinator, Mt. Hood National Forest, 16400 Champion Way, Sandy OR 97055 or by e-mailing [mredmond@fs.fed.us](mailto:mredmond@fs.fed.us) or by calling (503) 668-1776.

Dated: December 8, 2008.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

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#### Travel Management Directives; Forest Service Manual 2350, 7700, and 7710 and Forest Service Handbook 7709.55

#### Correction

In notice document E8-29041 beginning on page 74689 in the issue of Tuesday, December 9, 2008, make the following correction:

On page 74689, in the first column, in the **DATES** paragraph, in the second line, "January 7, 2009" should read "January 8, 2009".

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### U.S. Census Bureau

#### Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories, and Orders (M3) Survey

**AGENCY:** U.S. Census Bureau.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995,

Public Law 104–13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

**DATES:** To ensure consideration, written comments must be submitted on or before February 17, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 7845, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at [dHynek@doc.gov](mailto:dHynek@doc.gov)).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Chris Savage, U.S. Census Bureau, Manufacturing and Construction Division, 4600 Silver Hill Rd., Room 7K071, Washington, DC 20233–6913, (301) 763–4834 or via the Internet at [john.c.savage@census.gov](mailto:john.c.savage@census.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Abstract**

The U.S. Census Bureau plans to request an extension of the current Office of Management and Budget (OMB) clearance of the Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories and Orders (M3) survey. The Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories, and Orders (M3) survey requests data from domestic manufacturers on form M–3 (SD), which will be mailed at the end of each month. Data requested are shipments, new orders, unfilled orders, total inventory, materials and supplies, work-in-process, and finished goods. It is currently the only survey that provides broad-based monthly statistical data on the economic conditions in the domestic manufacturing sector.

The M3 survey is designed to measure current industrial activity and to provide an indication of future production commitments. The value of shipments measures the value of goods delivered during the month by domestic manufacturers. Estimates of new orders serve as an indicator of future production commitments and represent the current sales value of new orders received during the month, net of cancellations. Substantial accumulation or depletion of unfilled orders measures excess or deficient demand for manufactured products. The level of inventories, especially in relation to shipments, is frequently used to monitor the business cycle.

We do not plan any changes to the M–3 (SD) form. The estimated total annual burden hours have increased from 16,800 to 17,200 due to an increase in the number of respondents.

**II. Method of Collection**

Respondents submit data on form M–3 (SD) via mail, facsimile machine, Touchtone Data Entry (TDE), or via the Internet. Analysts call respondents who usually report, to obtain data in time for preparing the monthly estimates.

**III. Data**

*OMB Control Number:* 0607–0008.  
*Form Number:* M–3 (SD).  
*Type of Review:* Regular submission.  
*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations.  
*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 4,300.  
*Estimated Time per Response:* 20 minutes.  
*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 17,200.  
*Estimated Total Annual Cost:* \$424,324.  
*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.  
*Legal Authority:* Title 13 U.S.C. Sections 131 and 182.

**IV. Request for Comments**

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (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 automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: December 10, 2008.

**Gwellnar Banks,**

*Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**Bureau of the Census**

[Docket Number 0811251517–81520–01]

**Annual Surveys in the Manufacturing Area**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of the Census, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of determination.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of the Census (Census Bureau) is conducting the 2008 Annual Surveys in the Manufacturing Area. The 2008 Annual Surveys consist of the Current Industrial Reports surveys, the Annual Survey of Manufactures, and the Business Research and Development (R&D) and Innovation Survey. We have determined that annual data collected from these surveys are needed to aid the efficient performance of essential governmental functions and have significant application to the needs of the public and industry. The data derived from these surveys, most of which have been conducted for many years, are not publicly available from non-governmental or other governmental sources.

**ADDRESSES:** The Census Bureau will furnish report forms to organizations included in each survey. Additional copies of the surveys are available upon written request to the Director, U.S. Census Bureau, Washington, DC 20233–0101.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Thomas E. Zabelsky, Chief, Manufacturing and Construction Division, on (301) 763–4598.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Census Bureau is authorized to conduct mandatory surveys necessary to furnish current data on the subjects covered by the major censuses authorized by Title 13, United States Code (U.S.C.), Sections 61, 81, 131, 182, 193, 224, and 225.

These surveys will provide continuing and timely national statistical data on manufacturing for the period between economic censuses. The data collected in the surveys will be within the general scope and nature of those inquiries covered in the economic censuses. The next economic censuses will be conducted for the year 2012.

**Current Industrial Reports**

Most of the following commodity or product surveys provide data on shipments or production, stocks, unfilled orders, orders booked, consumption, and so forth. Reports will be required of all, or a sample of, establishments engaged in the production of the items covered by the following list of surveys:

**SURVEY TITLE**

MA311D	Confectionery
MA314Q	Carpets and Rugs
MA321T	Lumber Production and Mill Stocks
MA325F	Paint and Allied Products