

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 12,500.

36 CFR 223.194(b)

Abstract: Except for private timber that is exempt from the export restrictions, the rule requires a certification that domestic processing is required for each transaction involving unprocessed private timber, pursuant to the Act's prohibition against substitution (16 U.S.C. 620b). This certification is necessary in order to prevent substitution of private timber that requires domestic processing for private timber that is exported. This information collection requirement was identified in the proposed comprehensive rule published January 29, 1991 (56 FR 3354).

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for the certification required for transfers of private timber requiring domestic processing is estimated to average 0.50 hours per response.

Respondents: Businesses or other for-profit entities, including small businesses.

Estimated Number of Respondents: Respondents for the certification required for transfers of private timber requiring domestic manufacturing are estimated to be 500.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 20.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 5,000.

36 CFR 223.195(b)

Abstract: The rule requires that all identifying marks placed on Federal logs and/or private logs that require domestic processing be retained or, if lost, replaced. This requirement is needed to maintain log identity until the log is processed, in order to enforce the Act's prohibition against substitution (16 U.S.C. 620b). This information collection requirement was identified in the proposed comprehensive rule published January 29, 1991 (56 FR 3354).

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for the retention of identifying marks is estimated to average 1.0 hour per response.

Respondents: Businesses or other for-profit entities, including small businesses.

Estimated Number of Respondents: Respondents for retention of identifying marks are estimated to be 100.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 10.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 1,000.

36 CFR 223.195(c)

Abstract: The rule requires that National Forest System logs be branded

and, if they require domestic processing, painted with highway yellow paint.

This is necessary to show National Forest System timber sale origin and the domestic processing requirement, in order to enforce the Act's prohibition against exporting unprocessed Federal timber (16 U.S.C. 620a). This information collection requirement was identified in the proposed comprehensive rule published January 29, 1991 (56 FR 3354).

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for branding and painting National Forest System logs is estimated to average 3.33 hours per (sale) response.

Respondents: Businesses or other for-profit entities, including small businesses.

Estimated Number of Respondents: Respondents for branding and painting National Forest System logs are estimated to be 1,000.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 3.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 10,000.

36 CFR 223.195(d)

Abstract: The rule requires that private logs that require domestic processing be painted with highway yellow paint. This is necessary to show the domestic processing requirement. This information collection requirement was identified in the proposed comprehensive rule published January 29, 1991 (56 FR 3354).

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for painting private timber with highway yellow paint is estimated to average 2.25 hours per (sale) response.

Respondents: Businesses or other for-profit entities, including small businesses.

Estimated Number of Respondents: Respondents for painting private timber with highway yellow paint are estimated to be 2,000.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 3.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 13,500.

36 CFR 223.195(f)

Abstract: The rule provides that branding requirements on National Forest System logs may be waived in certain situations in order to lessen the burden on timber purchasers without hindering the agency's ability to enforce the Act. Purchasers may request a waiver by completing a certification statement. This information requirement was added in the final comprehensive rule, published September 8, 1995 (60 FR 46890), in response to comments

received on the proposed comprehensive rule.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for waiver of the branding requirement on National Forest System logs is estimated to average 0.50 hours per response.

Respondents: Businesses or other for-profit entities, including small businesses.

Estimated Number of Respondents: Respondents for waiver of the branding requirement on National Forest System logs are estimated to be 1,000.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 3.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 1,500.

Extension and Revision of Currently Approved Information Collection Under 0596-0021

Title: USDA, Forest Service Request for Disposal of National Forest Timber, Reports on Export or Substitution of Unprocessed Timber.

OMB Number: 0596-0021.

Expiration Date of Approval: March 31, 1997.

Type of Request: The following collection requirements are extensions and revisions of currently approved OMB Number 0596-0021 and are proposed to be consolidated under OMB Number 0596-0114.

36 CFR 223.48(a)

Abstract: The existing regulations require an annual report, for all sales purchased prior to August 20, 1990, on the disposition of any unprocessed timber from the sale and the disposition of private timber within the tributary area which is exported or sold for export. This collection needs to be maintained, since timber purchased prior to August 20, 1990, may still be in commerce.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for the annual report, for timber sales purchased prior to August 20, 1990, is estimated to average 2.0 hours per response.

Respondents: Businesses or other for-profit entities, including small businesses.

Estimated Number of Respondents: Respondents for the annual report, for timber sales purchased prior to August 20, 1990, are estimated to be 25.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 50.

36 CFR 223.87

Abstract: In order to be eligible to bid, bidders must certify that their timber purchase and export activities are in