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**Subject:** RE: PUBLIC COMMENT ON FEDERAL REGISTER  
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Thank you for your review and comment on the proposed information collection for the Southwestern Crown of the Continent Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Project. This serves as the response to comment for the public record.

This proposal is intended to collect information from local residents and collaborative participants to understand if, and how, activities implemented through the Collaborative Forest Restoration Program on the Southwest Crown of the Continent project are contributing to the economic well-being of the local community. Multi-party monitoring, including socioeconomic monitoring, is required by the Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program Act (Title IV of the 2009 Omnibus Public Lands Management Act). This information collection would allow the project to work towards these requirements with localized data and to adapt approaches moving forward as needed and appropriate.

The Southwest Crown project covers 1,449,670 acres and approximately 70% is public land. The Lolo, Flathead, and Helena National Forests manage 59% of the landscape. These lands are primarily forested. Land ownership patterns are in transition due to recent large-scale transfers of Plum Creek Timber Company lands into public and private conservation ownership. While much of the Southwest Crown of the Continent landscape is ecologically intact and functioning properly, some of the working forests have been heavily managed, including alteration of natural fire regimes, and are in significant need of restoration. The goals are to restore forest and aquatic ecosystem function, to improve landscape-level biodiversity, resiliency, and adaptability, to enhance recreational experiences, and to reduce risks for those living in the wildland-urban interface (WUI).

Best,  
Lindsay



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**Subject:** Re: PUBLIC COMMENT ON FEDERAL REGISTER

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IF YOU DONT PAY YOU HAVE NO SAY. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT FOR THE MONTANA POLLUTERS????? TO GET THE FEDERAL TAXPAYERS TO PAY FOR ALL THE WORK. THE FIRST ISSUE THAT NEEDS SETTLING IS HOW DID THE SITE, WHICH HAS BEEN UNDER FOREST AGENCY FOR THE LAST 60 YEARS GET SO BAD IT NOW NEED "RESTORATION". WHAT WAS MONTANA DOING TO IT? WHAT WAS THE FS NOT DOING TO KEEP IT PROTECTED? WHY THE SUDDEN NEED FOR "RESTORATION" WHEN IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN PROTECTED THE ENTIRE LAST 60 YEARS UNDER THE TAXPAYERS PAYING THE GODDAM FOREST SERVICE. WAS THE FS HIDING OUT OR SOMETHING THAT THEY DIDNT DO ANY PROTECTIVE WORK?

THIS IS MADDENING TO COME UP WITH THESE STUPID WASTEFUL PLANS SHOWING THA THE AGENCY THAT WAS IN CHARGE OF PROTECTING LAND DIDNT DO A THING TO DO THEIR JOBS. AND NOW YOU WANT TO SEND A BIG BILL TO THE NATIONS 325 MILLION CITIZENS HOPING TO GET AWAY WITH THIS MASSIVE ALLEGED "RESTORATION".

WE ALL WANT TO SEE MORE AND HEAR MORE ABOUT WHAT YOU HAVE NOT BEEN DOING FOR THE LAST 60 YEARS THAT IT NOW NEEDS "RESTORATION" AND WHO MADE IT SO BAD. MAYBE WE NEED TO SUE THE POLLUTERS DESTROYERS THAT CAUSED THIS NEED FOR ALLEGED "RESTORATION".

WE ALL NEED TO LOOK AT THESE IBLLS MUCH MORE CAREFULLY. SOMETHING GROSS AND CORRUPT IS GOING ON HERE. THIS COMMENT IS FOR THE PUBLIC RECORD. PLEASE RECEIPT. JEAN PUBLIEE [JEANPUBILC1@YAHOO.COM](mailto:JEANPUBILC1@YAHOO.COM)

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Information Collection: Southwestern Crown of the Continent=20  
Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Project

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; request for comment.

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SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the=20  
Forest Service is seeking comments from all interested individuals and=20  
organizations on the proposed new information collection, Southwestern=20  
Crown of the Continent Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration=20  
Project.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing on or before May 2, 2017 to=20  
be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be=20  
considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: Comments concerning this notice should be addressed to=20  
Lindsay Buchanan, Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program=20  
Coordinator, 1220 SW 3rd Ave., Portland, Oregon, 97204. Comments may=20  
also be submitted by email to: [lindsaysbuchanan@fs.fed.us](mailto:lindsaysbuchanan@fs.fed.us). The public=20  
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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:=20  
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Program=20  
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encourage collaborative groups of neighboring landowners, to work with the Forest Service to find common ground pertaining to forest restoration. Such collaborative neighboring landowners include State, local and Tribal government representatives, businesses, interest groups, and non-profit organizations. The Southwestern Crown Collaborative (SWCC) is one of 23 Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration (CFLR) projects across the nation currently. In the SWCC, partners work with the USFS to implement restoration work and multi-party monitoring of landscape restoration treatments across four counties and three National Forests in western Montana.

=C2=A0=C2=A0=C2=A0 The Forest Landscape Restoration Act (FLRA) of 2009 (16 U.S.C. 7303), which enabled the CFLRP, requires monitoring ``to assess the positive or negative

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ecological, social, and economic effects of projects implementing a selected proposal for not less than 15 years after project implementation commences." This Information Collection Request (ICR) will help meet the SWCC's obligation for monitoring the social impacts on residents and stakeholders of activities conducted under the CFLRP. The scope of the ICR includes residents of communities within and adjacent to the SWCC landscape and collaborative participants.

=C2=A0=C2=A0=C2=A0 Gaining information from individuals who work or live in the geographic area of the SWCC provides valuable information to partners and land management decision makers. To ensure the USFS is informed about the opinions of participants of collaborative processes and public members living in or around the SWCC, the USFS seeks to obtain approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) of an ICR to collect both qualitative and quantitative feedback from stakeholders on management decisions, forest restoration work, monitoring activities, and land management planning. The information will be collected through a census survey of participants of the Southwestern Crown Collaborative and a mail-in, on-line, and hard copy survey of residents of the Southwestern Crown of the Continent Landscape. Through the collection of this information, managers and planners will obtain valuable information to inform future decisions. USFS public affairs staff, social scientists, and economists may also use this information, and USFS, academic, and other researchers may use or cite the results or data collected in publications.

=C2=A0=C2=A0=C2=A0 Without the collection of this information, the USFS will be unable to determine whether it is meeting the requirements of the Forest Landscape Restoration Act, nor if they are fully incorporating partner and public input into forest project, implementation, monitoring and/or planning processes as required by law.

=C2=A0=C2=A0=C2=A0 Type of Respondents: Residents within the Southwestern Crown CFLRP

landscape (4,429 occupied dwellings) and Southwestern Crown=20  
Collaborative participants (150 participants on email list).  
=C2=A0=C2=A0=C2=A0 Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 750.  
=C2=A0=C2=A0=C2=A0 Estimated Annual Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.  
=C2=A0=C2=A0=C2=A0 Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours on Respondents: 386 =  
hours.

#### Comment Is Invited

=C2=A0=C2=A0=C2=A0 Comment is invited on: (1) Whether this collection of in=  
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is necessary for the stated purposes and the proper performance of the=20  
functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have=20  
practical or scientific utility; (2) the accuracy of the Agency's=20  
estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the=20  
validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance=20  
the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;=20  
and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on=20  
respondents, including the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or=20  
other technological collection techniques or other forms of information=20  
technology.

=C2=A0=C2=A0=C2=A0 All comments received in response to this notice, includ=  
ing names=20

and addresses when provided, will be a matter of public record.=20

Comments will be summarized and included in the submission request for=20  
OMB approval.

=C2=A0=C2=A0=C2=A0 Dated: February 15, 2017.

Jeanne Higgins,

Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest System.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Southwestern Crown of the Continent Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Project.

OMB Number: 0596--NEW.

Expiration Date of Approval: Not Applicable--new request.

Type of Request: New.

Abstract: The Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program (CFLRP) is a U.S. Forest Service (USFS) program started in 2010 to encourage collaborative groups of neighboring landowners, to work with the Forest Service to find common ground pertaining to forest restoration. Such collaborative neighboring landowners include State, local and Tribal government representatives, businesses, interest groups, and non-profit organizations. The Southwestern Crown Collaborative (SWCC) is one of 23 Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration (CFLR) projects across the nation currently. In the SWCC, partners work with the USFS to implement restoration work and multi-party monitoring of landscape restoration treatments across four counties and three National Forests in western Montana. The Forest Landscape Restoration Act (FLRA) of 2009 (16 U.S.C. 7303), which enabled the CFLRP, requires monitoring to assess the positive or negative impacts of projects implementing a selected proposal for not less than 15 years after project implementation commences." This Information Collection Request (ICR) will help meet the SWCC's obligation for monitoring the social impacts on residents and stakeholders of activities conducted under the CFLRP. The scope of the ICR includes residents of communities within and adjacent to the SWCC landscape and collaborative participants. Gain information from individuals who work or live in the geographic area of the SWCC provides valuable information to partners and land management decision makers. To ensure the USFS is informed

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