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Dear Jean Public,

Thank you for your comments.

This research has been going on for several years. Given the limited resources and time constraints, we can only do a few states (or geographic region) at a time. Our first study started in Florida (2009), then in 2014 the study was conducted in California. This OMB renewal will expand the study to include other states.

If you have further questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Jean Public [mailto:jeanpublic1@yahoo.com]

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328 million americans own the national forests. i note that sanchez thinks the only people who matter live in one section of the country so that the rest of this country will be ignored in his survey. what a stupid survey that is. one that disrespects democracy in america. how did he do that - disrespect the democratic process. we all own that land, not just the people he deigns to contact.

this is a horrific idea. the fact is this fs agency deserves a grade of f minus for its work. they are lazy and have done nothing to promote education to homeowners on the value of not being right up close to national forests and that they should be in towns. the fs has done nothing in educating local town govt to keep their home builders away from the area of national forests. this agency has done not one thing to help this issue. instead they do stupid non democratic surveys.

this proposal should be thrown in the wastebasket. where did the american way fall apart in the fs? this comment is for the public record. please receipt. i am totally against this undemocratic survey. jean public Jean Public [1@yahoo.com](mailto:1@yahoo.com)

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Information Collection; Understanding Value Trade-Offs Regarding  
Fire Hazard Reduction Programs in the Wildland-Urban Interface

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; request for comment.

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SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Forest Service is seeking comments from all interested individuals and organizations on the renewal of a currently approved information collection, Understanding Value Trade-offs regarding Fire Hazard Reduction Programs in the Wildland-Urban Interface (OMB # 0596-0189), with a revision for the removal of in-depth phone interviews and minor changes in questionnaire.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing on or before November 13, 2018 to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: Comments concerning this notice should be addressed to Jos[eacute] S[acute]nchez, USDA Forest Service, Pacific Southwest Research Station, 4955 Canyon Crest Drive, Riverside, California 92507. Comments may also be submitted via facsimile to 951-680-1501, or by email to [jsanchez@fs.fed.us](mailto:jsanchez@fs.fed.us).

The public may inspect comments received at the Pacific Southwest Research Station, during normal business hours. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead to facilitate entry to the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jos[eacute] S[acute]nchez, by phone at 951-680-1560. Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339

twenty-four hours a day, every day of the year, including holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Understanding Value Trade-offs Regarding Fire Hazard Reduction Programs in the Wildland-Urban Interface.

OMB Number: 0596-0189.

Expiration Date of Approval: November 30, 2018.

Type of Request: Renewal with revision.

Abstract: Forest Service and university researchers will collect information from members of the public via a brief phone questionnaire followed by the respondent's choice of a mail questionnaire or an online questionnaire to help forest and fire managers understand value trade-offs regarding fire hazard reduction programs in the wildland-urban interface. Researchers will evaluate the responses of Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, and Texas residents to different scenarios related to fire-hazard reduction programs, determine how effective residents think the programs are, and calculate how much residents would be willing to pay to implement the alternatives presented to them. This information will help researchers provide better information to natural resource, forest, and fire managers when they are contemplating the type of fire-hazard reduction program to implement to achieve forestland management planning objectives.

A random sample of residents of Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, and Texas will be contacted via random-digit dialed telephone calls and asked to participate in the research study. If they are willing to participate in the study, they will elect to receive an online or paper questionnaire and will provide the appropriate address. Though different forms, these questionnaires have the same set of questions. In this initial call, we will also ask those willing to participate a brief set of questions to determine pre-existing knowledge of fuels reduction treatments. After completion of the mail or online questionnaire, no further contact with the participants will occur. The in-depth phone interviews approved in the prior version of this information collection will be removed from the protocol in this renewal. Additionally, we anticipate adding several questions to the questionnaire on emerging issues, including how scenic quality impacts resident support for fire-hazard reduction programs.

A university research-survey center will collect the information for the mail and online questionnaires. A Forest Service researcher and collaborators at a cooperating university will analyze the data collected. Researchers are experienced in applied economic non-market valuation research and survey research methods.

The Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Indian Affairs, National Park Service, Fish and Wildlife Service, as well as many state agencies with fire protection responsibilities will benefit from this information collection. At present, many of these agencies with fire protection responsibilities continue an ambitious and costly fuels reduction program for fire risk reduction and will benefit from public opinion on which treatments are most effective or desirable.

Estimate of Annual Burden per Respondent: 40 minutes.

Type of Respondents: Members of the public.

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 1,675.

Estimated Annual Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 690 hours.

Comment is Invited:

Comment is invited on: (1) Whether this collection of information is necessary for the stated purposes and the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical or scientific utility; (2) the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the

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validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

All comments received in response to this notice, including names and addresses when provided, will be a matter of public record. Comments will be summarized and included in the submission request toward Office of Management and Budget approval.

Dated: August 29, 2018.

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Deputy Chief, Research & Development.  
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