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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

January 23, 2012.

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13. Comments regarding (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 burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), *OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV* or fax (202) 395–5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250–7602. Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720–8681.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Rural Utilities Service

Title: 7 CFR Part 1724 and Part 1738 Electric Engineering, Architectural Services and Design Policies and Procedures; and Rural Broadband Access Loans and Loan Guarantees.

OMB Control Number: 0572–0118.

Summary of Collection: The Rural Electrification Act of 1936, 7 U.S.C. 901 *et seq.,* as amended, authorizes Rural Utilities Service (RUS) to make loans in several States and Territories of the United States for broadband access and rural electrification and the furnishing and improving of electric energy to persons in rural areas. Title 7 CFR 1724 requires each borrower to select a qualified architect to perform certain architectural services and to use the designated form that provides for these services. The agency has developed standardized contractual forms used by borrowers to contract for services.

Need and Use of the Information: The information collected stipulates the parties to the agreement, contains certain information relating to the approved loan or loan guarantee, and provides detailed contractual obligations and services to be provided and performed relating to construction, project design, construction management, compensation, and related information. The contractual forms provide standardized contract agreements between the electric or broadband borrower and the engineering or architectural firm providing services to the borrower. This has resulted in substantial savings to borrowers by reducing preparation of the documentation and the costly review by the government.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions.

Number of Respondents: 99.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 104.

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Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Notice of Extension of Public Comment Period for Draft Environmental Impact Statement: Rosemont Copper Project

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of extension.

SUMMARY: The USDA Forest Service, Coronado National Forest, is extending the public comment period for a draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) that discloses the potential impacts of a proposed action to construct; operate with concurrent reclamation; and close an open-pit mine about 30 miles southeast of Tucson, Arizona (Rosemont Copper Project). The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published a notice of availability (NOA) of the DEIS in the **Federal Register** on October 21, 2011 [76 FR 65509]. The NOA provided for a public comment period ending on January 18, 2012.

DATES: Because of a short-term, temporary malfunction of an electronic mailbox for receiving public comments on the DEIS, several individuals and organizations have requested an extension of the comment period. The Forest Service has decided to accommodate these requests; therefore, comments on the Rosemont Copper Project DEIS will now be accepted through January 31, 2012. Comments received or postmarked after January 31, 2012, will be considered to the extent practicable. Those parties who submit comments on or before this date will be eligible to appeal a decision on the project in accordance with 36 CFR part 215.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the DEIS are available for public review at the following locations:

* *Nogales Ranger District:* 303 Old Tucson Road, Nogales, Arizona.
* *Coronado National Forest Supervisor's Office:* 300 West Congress Street, 6th Floor, Tucson, Arizona.

Written comments on the DEIS are best submitted electronically by accessing *http://RosemontEIS.us* and following the link to ''Comment Here''. Written comments may be mailed to: Rosemont Comments, P.O. Box 4207, Logan, UT 84323–4207.

Written comments may also be submitted by facsimile to (435) 750–