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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

September 26, 1997.

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), Washington, D.C. 20503 *and* to Department Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, D.C. 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) 720–6746.

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.

- **Farm Service Agency**

Title: 7 CFR 783, Tree Assistance Program.

OMB Control Number: 0560-New.

Summary of Collection: Owners of orchard trees or grapevines provide information concerning losses due to disaster.

Need and use of the Information: The information is used to determine eligibility and calculation of losses.

Description of Respondents: Farms; Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 1,000.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Once.

Total Burden Hours: 249.

Donald Hulcher,

Departmental Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Secretary

California Spotted Owl Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; renewal of advisory committee.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Agriculture is renewing the charter for the California Spotted Owl Federal Advisory Committee which is reviewing a preliminary revised Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Managing California Spotted Owl Habitat in the Sierra Nevada National Forests of California. The Advisory Committee's final report is due to the Secretary of Agriculture no later than December 31, 1997.

DATES: The charter for the California Spotted Owl Federal Advisory committee is being renewed to extend the life of the Committee until December 31, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jonathan Stephens, Ecosystem Management Coordination Staff, Forest Service, telephone: (202) 205–0948.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.), notice is hereby given that the Secretary of Agriculture intends to renew the charter for the California Spotted Owl Federal Advisory Committee. The renewal is necessary for the Committee to complete its report and recommendations to the Secretary of Agriculture. The Committee was established in November 1996 (61 FR 59400). The purpose of the Advisory Committee is to review and evaluate the preliminary revised Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) and make recommendations on how the DEIS integrates the information recently published in the Sierra Nevada Ecosystem Project Report (SNEP) with the forest planning alternatives. The Committee will also examine the planning models, assumptions, analytical processes, and statistical treatment of information used to develop and support management actions in the preliminary revised DEIS. In addition, the Committee will review other scientific information brought to the Committee's attention that may pertain to the management of National Forest System lands in the Sierra Nevada ecosystem. The Committee will make recommendations to the Secretary on additional analysis and how the Forest Service should proceed regarding the release of a revised DEIS for public comment.

The Secretary has determined that the work of the Advisory Committee is necessary and in the public interest and relevant to the duties of the Department of Agriculture.

Dated: September 22, 1997.

Pearlie S. Reed,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Establishment of Homochitto Purchase Unit; Correction

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; correction.

SUMMARY: The Forest Service published a notice of the establishment of the Homochitto Purchase Unit in the **Federal Register** on Tuesday, July 1, 1997. The establishment designation document, published as part of the notice, contained an error in the