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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

March 29, 2005.

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 Housing Service

Title: 7 CFR 1901–E, Civil Rights Compliance Requirements.

OMB Control Number: 0575–0018.

Summary of Collection: Rural Development (RD) is required to provide Federal financial assistance through its farmer, housing, and community and business programs on an equal opportunity basis. The laws implemented in 7 CFR 1901–E, require the recipients of Rural Development's Federal financial assistance to collect various types of information by race, color, and national origin.

Need and Use of the Information: RD will use the information to monitor a recipient's compliance with the civil rights laws, and to determine whether or not service and benefits are being provided to beneficiaries on an equal opportunity basis. This information is made available to USDA officials, officials of other Federal agencies and to Congress for reporting purposes. Without the required information, RD and its recipient will lack the necessary documentation to demonstrate that their programs are being administered in a nondiscriminatory manner and in full compliance with the civil rights laws.

Description of Respondents: Individuals or households; non-for-profit institutions; business or other for-profit; farms; State, local or tribal government.

Number of Respondents: 19,565.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 587,568.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Secretary

Intergovernmental Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to renew Federal advisory committee.

SUMMARY: The Department of Agriculture, in consultation with the Department of the Interior, intends to renew the Intergovernmental Advisory Committee (IAC). This renewal is in response to the continued need for the IAC to provide intergovernmental advice on coordinating the implementation of the Record of Decision of April 13, 1994, for Management of Habitat for Late-Successional and Old-Growth Forest Related Species Within the Range of the Northern Spotted Owl. The IAC also provides advice and recommendations to promote integration and coordination of forest management activities between Federal and non-Federal entities.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the April 13, 1994, Record of Decision can be obtained electronically at *http://www.reo.gov/library/*. Paper copies can be obtained from the Regional Ecosystem Office, P.O. Box 3623, Portland, OR 97208.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Geraldine Bower, Planning Specialist, Ecosystem Management Coordination Staff, Forest Service, USDA (202) 205–1022.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.), notice is hereby given that the Department of Agriculture, in consultation with the Department of the Interior, intends to renew the Intergovernmental Advisory Committee (IAC) to the Regional Interagency Executive Committee (RIEC). The purpose of the RIEC is to facilitate the coordinated implementation of the Record of Decision (ROD) signed April 13, 1994, for Management of Habitat for Late-Successional and Old-Growth Forest Related Species Within the Range of the Northern Spotted Owl. The RIEC consists of representatives of the following Federal agencies: Forest Service, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Bureau of Land Management, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Geological Survey Biological Resources Division, Environmental Protection Agency, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The purpose of the IAC is to advise the RIEC on coordinating the implementation of the ROD. The IAC will provide advice and recommendations to promote integration and coordination of forest

management activities between Federal and non-Federal entities.

The IAC is in the public interest in connection with the duties and responsibilities of the managing agencies for developing an ecosystem management approach that is consistent with statutory authority for land use planning. Ecosystem management requires improved coordination among governmental entities responsible for land management decisions and the public they serve.

The chair of the IAC will alternate annually between representatives of the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management. The Executive Director, Regional Ecosystem Office, will serve as the Designated Federal Official under sections 10(e) and (f) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.). Any vacancies on the committee will be filled in the manner in which the original appointment was made.

A meeting notice will be published in the **Federal Register** no less than 15 days before a scheduled meeting date. All advisory committee meetings are open to the public and typically include a 15-minute ''public forum'' for participants to present comments to the advisory committee. Alternates may choose not to be active during this session on the agenda. The chair of the given committee ultimately makes the decision whether to offer time on the agenda for the public to speak to the general body.

Renewal of the IAC does not require amendment of Bureau of Land Management or Forest Service planning documents because it does not affect the standards and guidelines or land allocations. The Bureau of Land Management and Forest Service will provide further notice, as needed, for additional actions or adjustments when implementing interagency coordination, public involvement, and other aspects of the ROD.

Equal opportunity practices will be followed in all appointments to the advisory committee. To ensure that the recommendations of the IAC have taken into account the needs of diverse groups served by the Departments, membership will, to the extent practicable, include individuals with demonstrated ability to represent minorities, women, and persons with disabilities.

Dated: March 30, 2005.

John Surina,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Commodity Credit Corporation

Farm Service Agency

Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection; Representations for CCC and FSA Loans and Authorization To File a Financing Statement

AGENCY: Commodity Credit Corporation and Farm Service Agency, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intent of the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) and the Farm Service Agency (FSA) to request extension of the information collection currently used in support of the CCC and FSA Farm Loan Programs (FLP).

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received on or before June 3, 2005, to be assured consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Chris Kyer, USDA, Farm Service Agency, Price Support Division, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., STOP 0512, Washington, DC 20250–0512; Telephone (202) 720–7935; electronic mail: *chris.kyer@wdc.usda.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Representations for CCC or FSA Loans and Authorization to File a Financing Statement.

OMB Control Number: 0560–0215.

Expiration Date of Approval: September 30, 2005.

Type of Request: Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection.

Abstract: Form CCC–10 is necessary to: (a) Gather or verify basic data provided by a CCC or FSA loan applicant that is required by a financing statement filed by CCC or FSA to perfect a security interest in collateral used to secure a loan; and (b) obtain loan applicant permission to file a financing statement prior to the execution of a security agreement.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 5 minutes per response.

Respondents: Individual farmers, farm or other business entities.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 105,500.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden On Respondents: 61,507 hours.

Comments are invited on the following: (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; or (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. These comments should be sent to the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503 and to Chris Kyer, Program Manager, USDA, Farm Service Agency, Price Support Division, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., STOP 0512, Washington, DC 20250–0512.

All comments will become a matter of public record.

Signed in Washington, DC, on March 28, 2005.

James R. Little,

Executive Vice President, CCC and Administrator, Farm Service Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Foreign Agricultural Service

Notice of Request for Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intent of the Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) to request revision of the information collection currently approved in support of the Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) for Farmers Program. FAS invites public comments on this notice.

DATES: Comments on this notice should be received on or before June 3, 2005, in order to be assured of consideration. Comments received after this date may be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be mailed or delivered to Jean-Louis Pajot, Import Policies and Programs Division, Foreign Agricultural Service, 1400