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 request for Office of Management and Budget approval.


J. Lenise Lago,
Deputy Chief, Business Operations.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339 between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Lead and Cooperating Agencies
The United States Forest Service, Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests and Thunder Basin National Grassland, is the lead agency. The United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the State of Wyoming would be cooperating agencies.

Responsible Official
The Forest Supervisor, Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests and Thunder Basin National Grassland, 2468 Jackson Street, Laramie, Wyoming 82070, is the official responsible for making the decision on this action.

Nature of Decision To Be Made
Site-specific management proposals, alternatives to the Proposed Action, and the effects of the activities proposed in the alternatives will be analyzed in the Thunder Basin National Grassland Prairie Dog Amendment EIS. The EIS will form the basis for the Responsible Official to determine:
1. Whether the Proposed Action will proceed as proposed, as modified by an alternative, or not at all; and
2. Design criteria and monitoring requirements necessary for project implementation.

Scoping Process
This notice of intent reinitiates the scoping process, which guides the development of the environmental impact statement. While public comments are welcome at any time, comments received during the scoping period are most useful for the identification of issues and the development and analysis of alternatives to the Proposed Action. More detailed information specific to the Proposed Action (e.g., scoping document and maps) is located on the World Wide Web at: http://www.fs.fed.us/npa/npa_project_exp.php?project=42753.

Along with this opportunity to comment, the Forest Service will also be hosting four Open House/Presentation meetings for the Thunder Basin National Grassland Prairie Dog Amendment. The Open House/ Presentation meetings will be held on November 18th, 19th, 20th, and 21st, 2013.

• November 18th: Douglas, Wyoming—Douglas National Guard Armory—315 Pearl Road

• November 19th: Newcastle, Wyoming—USDA Hell Canyon Ranger District Office—1225 Washington Boulevard

• November 20th: Wright, Wyoming—Wright Town Hall—Council Room—201 Wright Boulevard

• November 21st: Cheyenne, Wyoming—Laramie County Library—Sunflower Room—2200 Pioneer Avenue

The meetings will begin at 4:00 p.m. and generally last until 7:00 p.m. The meetings will begin with a 30-minute Open House, followed by a short presentation and time for public comment, and ending with additional time for viewing of Open House materials and displays. Forest Service employees assigned to the Thunder Basin National Grassland Prairie Dog Amendment will be available to discuss and answer questions the public may have about the Proposed Action.

The Forest Service will be operating under the new Part 218—Project-level Pre-decisional Administrative Review Process (hereinafter referred to as ‘objection’), 36 CFR 218 subparts A and B, for this analysis. Per these regulations, individuals and entities who submit timely, specific written comments regarding a proposed project or activity during any designated opportunity for public comment will have standing to file an objection. This includes requests for comments during this initial scoping period as well as comments submitted during the 45-day comment period for the Draft EIS.

It is the responsibility of persons providing comments to submit them by the close of established comment periods. Only those who submit timely
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Notice of Intent To Change the Submission Requirements of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: National Institute of Food and Agriculture, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations, this notice announces the National Institute of Food and Agriculture’s (NIFA) intention to revise a currently approved information collection entitled, “Reporting Requirements for State Plans of Work for Agricultural Research and Extension Formula Grants.”

DATES: Written comments on this notice must be received by December 31, 2013 to be assured of consideration. Comments received after this date will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods: Email: Include [Plan of Work] in the subject line of the message. rmartin@nifa.usda.gov; Fax: 202–720–0857; Mail: Office of Information Technology (OIT), NIFA, USDA, STOP 2216, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250–2216.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert Martin, eGovernment Program Leader; Email: rmartin@nifa.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Reporting Requirements for State Plans of Work for Agricultural Research and Extension Formula Grants.

OMB Number: 0524–0036.

Expiration Date of Current Approval: August 31, 2016.

Type of Request: Notice of intent to change the submission requirements for a currently approved information collection. The burden for this submission remains unchanged.


Abstract: This notice changes the requirement for institutions within a state to submit individual Plans of Work and Annual Reports of Accomplishments; and now will require states to submit the Plans of Work and Annual Reports of Accomplishments as a single integrated State-wide submission. In a memorandum dated November 8, 2012, Dr. Sonny Ramaswamy, NIFA Director, stated NIFA’s intent to implement this policy change, in accordance with the Agriculture, Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act of 1998 (AREERA), beginning with the FY 2015–2019 Plan of Work Update, due April 1, 2014, to require that all Plans of Work be submitted at the “state level”. NIFA defines “state level” as the combining of all 1862 and 1890 Land-Grant University and State Research and Extension entities within the same State or Insular Area. Full integration of Research and Extension entities in a State enables full demonstration of effective partnership and leveraging in the use of the federal grant dollars subject to the Plan of Work.

The intent is to replace section II.A.1. of the Guidelines for State Plans of Work for Agricultural Research and Extension Formula Funds published in the Federal Register (71 FR 4101, 25 January 2006)) with the following text:

II. Submission of the 5-Year Plan of Work
A. General
1. Planning Option

This document provides guidance for preparing the Plan of Work (POW) with preservation of programmatic flexibility within the Federal-State Partnership. The POW is a 5-year prospective plan that covers the initial period of FY 2007 through FY 2011, with the submission of annual updates to the 5-Year POW to add an additional year to the plan each year. The 5-Year POWs must be prepared for state-wide activities, which include research and extension activities for all the eligible institutions in a State. Each 5-Year POW must reflect the content of the program(s) funded by Federal agricultural research and extension formula funds and the required matching funds. This 5-Year POW must describe how the program(s) address critical short-term, intermediate, and long-term agricultural issues in a State.

Comments: Comments are invited on:
(a) Whether the proposed change to the guidelines is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; and
(b) whether the proposed change to the guidelines will present undue burden on the respondents. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request to OMB for approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Obtaining a Copy of the Information Collection: A copy of the information collection and related instructions may be obtained free of charge by contacting Robert Martin as directed above.

Done in Washington, DC, this 18th day of October 2013.

Catherine E. Woteki,
Under Secretary, Research, Education, and Economics.

CHEMICAL SAFETY AND HAZARD INVESTIGATION BOARD

Sunshine Act Meeting

TIME AND DATE: November 14, 2013, 10:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. CST.

PLACE: Radisson Hotel & Conference Center, Banquet Room 5, 200 S. Bell School Road, Rockford, IL 61108.

STATUS: Open to the public.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: The Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board (CSB) will convene a public meeting on November 14, 2013, starting at 10:30 a.m., CST at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center, Banquet Room 5, 200 S. Bell School Road, Rockford, IL 61108. At the public meeting, the Board will consider and vote on the draft case study of the December 7, 2009, accident at NDK Crystal, Inc., in Belvidere, Illinois, and possibly other items at the discretion of the Chair.

The CSB’s case study examines the violent rupture of a 50-foot pressure vessel used to produce synthetic crystals. The vessel, located in an enclosed building, generated several projectiles during the explosion that resulted in one fatality and one injury to members of the public, and