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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Docket No. DA-97-04]

Notice of Request for Extension and Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), this notice announces the Agricultural Marketing Service's (AMS) intention to request an extension for and revision to a currently approved information collection for National Research, Promotion, and Consumer Information Programs for Agricultural Marketing Service.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received on or before July 8, 1997 to be assured of consideration.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS: Contact Eugene E. Krueger, Promotion and Research Staff, Dairy Division, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 96456, Rm. 2734—South, Washington DC 20090, Telephone (202) 720-6909 and Fax (202) 720-0285.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: National Research, Promotion, and Consumer Information Programs for Agricultural Marketing Service.

OMB Number: 0581-0093.

Expiration Date of Approval: Current expiration date is 10/31/97.

Type of Request: Extension and revision of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: National research and promotion programs are designed to strengthen the position of a commodity in the marketplace, maintain and expand existing domestic and foreign

markets, and develop new uses and markets for specified agricultural commodities. These programs carry out projects relating to research, consumer information, advertising, sales promotion, producer information, market development, and product research to assist, improve, or promote the marketing, distribution, and utilization of their respective commodities. Approval of the programs is required through referendum of those who would be covered. The programs are directed by industry boards. These boards, usually composed of producer, handler, processor, and in some cases, importer and public members, are appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture to administer the programs. The funding for such programs is collected from designated industry segments, usually through deductions from sales by producers, processors, marketers, and/or importers. The appointed boards are responsible for collecting assessments from the affected persons covered under these programs.

The Secretary also approves the boards' budgets, plans, and projects. These responsibilities have been delegated to the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS). The applicable commodity divisions within AMS have direct oversight of the respective programs.

The information collection requirements in this request are essential to carry out the intents of the various Acts authorizing such programs, thereby providing a means of administering the programs. The forms covered under this collection require the minimum information necessary to effectively carry out the requirements of the respective orders, and their use is necessary to fulfill the intents of the Acts as expressed in the orders. The information collected is used only by authorized employees of the various boards and authorized employees of USDA.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .0826125 hours per response.

Respondents: Producers, processors, handlers, and/or importers of a variety of agricultural commodities.

Estimated Number of Respondents: Total respondents are estimated to be 319,342.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: Number of responses per

respondent varies between programs but is estimated to average 13.90636.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: Estimated total annual burden is 366,873 hours.

Comments are invited on: (1) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the 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 those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to Eugene E. Krueger, Promotion and Research Staff, Dairy Division, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 96456, Rm. 2734—South, Washington D.C., 20090. All comments received will be available for public inspection during regular business hours at the same address.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Dated: May 5, 1997.

Richard M. McKee,

Director, Dairy Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Tusayan Growth Environmental Impact Statement, Kaibab National Forest, Coconino County, Arizona.

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Revised Notice of Intent to prepare an environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: In the March 8, 1994, edition of the **Federal Register**, page 10781, the Forest Service published a Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) on a proposed land exchange in the

Kaibab National Forest. This revised NOI is being published to give notice that the scope of the alternatives being considered in the EIS has broadened, and that the schedule for filing the draft and final EIS has been changed.

DATES: Comments in response to this Notice of Intent concerning the scope of the analysis should be received by June 13, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Written comments concerning this EIS should be sent to Tusayan Growth EIS, Kaibab National Forest, 800 South Sixth Street, Williams, Arizona 86046.

RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL: Regional Forester for the Southwestern Region, Charles W. Cartwright, Jr., is the Responsible Official.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Questions about the EIS should be directed to Dennis Lund, Forest Lands Staff Officer, or Tom Gillett, Forest Lands Staff Assistant, (520) 635-8200.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The March 1994 NOI featured the proposed land exchange as a method for providing an expanded land base in the Tusayan/Grand Canyon area to address needs related to the transportation, housing, community facilities, and visitor services.

Five alternatives are being considered in the EIS that examine different ways of accommodating area needs through the use or acquisition of National Forest System (NFS) lands. The alternatives include the "no action" alternative, several land exchange options in which area needs would be met through the development of NFS lands acquired through exchange, a Townsite Act alternative in which standard community facilities would be constructed on NFS lands acquired through the Townsite Act and on NFS lands under special use permit, and a transportation/federal housing alternative that accommodates imminent National Park Service needs for housing and transportation facilities. A preferred alternative will not be identified in the draft EIS.

The decision to be made is: (1) Whether or not to use NFS land for community expansion and additional visitor services and facilities, including construction of a transportation staging area for Grand Canyon National Park visitors; and (2) if NFS land is to be so used, what method or combination of methods of acquiring access to NFS land best meets the needs of the area.

The Forest Service is the lead agency in the preparation of the EIS. The National Park Service, Coconino County, and Northern Arizona Council

of Governments are cooperating agencies.

Issues that have been identified through public scoping include the socio-economic impacts to outlying communities that rely heavily on tourism related to Grand Canyon National Park visitation, the availability of water for development of the NFS lands, the impact on proposed development on Grand Canyon water resources, impacts on the management and visitation to Grand Canyon National Park, impacts on the visitor experience, development plan assurances, and impacts to National Forest resources and management including fire, recreation, cultural, wildlife and threatened, endangered, and sensitive species.

Various federal, state and local regulatory permits, approvals and licenses would be required under federal and state law beyond the decision made in the EIS for the proposed development of the NFS land. These requirements could include conditional use permits, building permits, occupancy permits and resource protection permits and licenses.

Extensive public participation, or scoping (40 CFR 1501.7), has occurred during the preparation of the draft EIS. A series of nine public meetings was held initially in the spring of 1994. Numerous presentations have been made to chambers of commerce in the region, American Indian Tribe representatives and various organizations. A series of seven newsletters, each focusing on different aspects of the EIS, have been prepared and distributed as part of the public involvement process from March 1995 through November 1996.

The draft EIS is expected to be available for public review by late May or June 1997 (the earlier NOI specified a target release date of February 1995 for draft EIS and a projected release date of October 1995 for the final EIS). The comment period on the draft EIS will be 90 days from the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes a notice of availability in the **Federal Register**.

The final EIS is expected to be completed by May or June 1998. In the final EIS, the Forest Service will respond to comments received during the comment period on the draft EIS. The Responsible Official will decide which, if any, of the alternatives will be implemented. The Responsible Official will document the decision and reasons for the decision in the Record of Decision. That decision will be subject

to Forest Service appeal regulations in 36 CFR 217.

The Forest Service believes, at this early stage, it is important to give reviewers notice of several court rulings related to public participation in the environmental review process. First, reviewers of draft environmental impact statements must structure their participation in the environmental review of the proposal so that it is meaningful and alerts an agency to the reviewer's position and contentions. *Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corp. v. NRDC*, 435 U.S. 519, 553 (1978). Also, environmental objections that could be raised at the draft environmental impact statement but that are not raised until after completion of the final environmental impact statement may be waived or dismissed by the courts. *City of Angoon v. Hodel*, 803 F.2d 1016, 1022 (9th Cir. 1986) and *Wisconsin Heritages, Inc. versus Harris*, 490 F. Supp. 1334, 1338 (E.D. Wis. 1980). Because of these court rulings, it is very important that those interested in this proposed action participate by the close of the 45 day comment period so that substantive comment and objections are made available to the Forest Service in a time when it can meaningfully consider them and respond to them in the final environmental impact statement.

To assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering issues and concerns on the proposed action, comments on the draft environmental impact statement should be as specific as possible. It is also helpful if comments refer to specific pages or chapters of the draft statement. Comments may also address the adequacy of the draft environmental impact statement or the merits of the alternatives formulated and discussed in the statement. Reviewers may wish to refer to the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act at 40 CFR 1503.3 in addressing these points.

Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record on this proposed action and will be available for public inspection. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered; however, those who submit anonymous comments will not have standing to appeal the subsequent decision under 36 CFR Part 215. Additionally, pursuant to 7 CFR 1.27(d), any person may request the agency to withhold a submission from the public record by showing how the Freedom of

Information Act (FOIA) permits such confidentiality. Persons requesting such confidentiality should be aware that, under the FOIA, confidentiality may be granted in only very limited circumstances, such as to protect trade secrets. The Forest Service will inform the requester of the agency's decision regarding the request for confidentiality, and where the request is denied, the agency will return the submission and notify the requester that the comments may be resubmitted with or without name and address.

Dated: April 29, 1997.

Louis Volk, Jr.,

Acting Regional Forester.

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List Additions

AGENCY: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

ACTION: Addition to the Procurement List.

SUMMARY: This action adds to the Procurement List commodities to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 9, 1997.

ADDRESS: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Crystal Square 3, Suite 403, 1735 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202-3461.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beverly Milkman (703) 603-7740.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 6, 1996, the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notices (61 F.R. 64666) of proposed addition to the Procurement List. Comments were received from both current contractors for the paper. One contractor's comments appeared to question the capability of the designated nonprofit agency to produce the paper. The other contractor indicated that it needed all the business it had to remain profitable and retain its employees.

The nonprofit agency was found capable based on an inspection and affirmative capability finding by the Government agency which buys the paper. The impact of the addition on the two contractors is well below the level which the Committee considers to be

severe adverse impact. Accordingly, it is unlikely that either contractor's employees will lose their jobs.

After consideration of the material presented to it concerning capability of qualified nonprofit agencies to provide the commodities and impact of the addition on the current or most recent contractors, the Committee has determined that the commodities listed below are suitable for procurement by the Federal Government under 41 U.S.C. 46-48c and 41 CFR 51-2.4.

I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were:

1. The action will not result in any additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities other than the small organizations that will furnish the commodities to the Government.

2. The action will not have a severe economic impact on current contractors for the commodities.

3. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the commodities to the Government.

4. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 46-48c) in connection with the commodities proposed for addition to the Procurement List.

Accordingly, the following commodities are hereby added to the Procurement List:

Paper, Kraft Wrapping
8135-00-160-7762
8135-00-160-7776
8135-00-160-7778
8135-00-160-7758
8135-00-286-7317
8135-00-160-7771
8135-00-160-7769
8135-00-160-7768
8135-00-160-7766
8135-00-160-7759
8135-00-160-7757
8135-00-160-7753
8135-00-160-7752
8135-00-160-7764
8135-00-290-3407
8135-00-160-7772
8135-00-160-7770

This action does not affect current contracts awarded prior to the effective date of this addition or options that may be exercised under those contracts.

Beverly L. Milkman,

Executive Director.

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List Proposed Additions

AGENCY: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

ACTION: Proposed additions to procurement list.

SUMMARY: The Committee has received proposals to add to the Procurement List commodities and services to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE: June 9, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Crystal Square 3, Suite 403, 1735 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202-3461.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beverly Milkman (703) 603-7740.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published pursuant to 41 U.S.C. 47(a) (2) and 41 CFR 51-2.3. Its purpose is to provide interested persons an opportunity to submit comments on the possible impact of the proposed actions.

If the Committee approves the proposed additions, all entities of the Federal Government (except as otherwise indicated) will be required to procure the commodities and services listed below from nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were:

1. The action will not result in any additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities other than the small organizations that will furnish the commodities and services to the Government.

2. The action does not appear to have a severe economic impact on current contractors for the commodities and services.

3. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the commodities and services to the Government.

4. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 46-48c) in connection with the commodities and services proposed for addition to the Procurement List.