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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

April 24, 1998.

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, Pub. L. 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, DC 20503 and to Departmental 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.

Food and Nutrition Service

Title: Food Stamp Accountability Report.

OMB Control Number: 0584-0009.

Summary of Collection: The Food Stamp Act of 1977 authorizes the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), on behalf of the Secretary of Agriculture, to develop procedures for the delivery of food stamp coupons to issuance agents and bulk storage points, and for monitoring the level of coupon inventories. Regulations for the Food Stamp Program require that each issuance and bulk inventory point report monthly issuance and food stamp inventory activity on Form FNS-250, Food Coupon Accountability Report to FNS through the State agency.

Need and Use of the Information: The information collected on the FNS-250, Food Coupon Accountability Report, includes beginning and end-of-month coupon inventories, receipt and transfers of coupon shipments, coupons returned to inventory, and credits. The reported data is used by the FNS regional officer to validate the State agency liability billing for food stamp losses.

Description of Respondents: State, Local, or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 1,587.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Monthly.

Total Burden Hours: 57,132.

Rural Housing Service

Title: 7 CFR 1942-C, Fire and Rescue Loans.

OMB Control Number: 0575-0120.

Summary of Collection: The Rural Housing Service (RHS) is authorized by Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1926) to make loans to public agencies, nonprofit corporations, and Indian tribes for the development of essential community facilities primarily serving rural residents. The primary regulation for administering this Community Facility program is 7 CFR 1942-A (0575-0015). Information must be collected to determine eligibility, analyze financial feasibility, take security, monitor the use of loan funds, and monitor the financial condition of borrowers, and otherwise assisting borrowers.

Need and Use of the Information: The information will be collected by Rural Development field offices from applicant/borrowers and consultants through a variety of standardized forms and other existing documents. This information will be used to determine applicant/borrower eligibility, project feasibility, and ensure borrowers operate on a sound basis and use loan funds for authorized purposes.

Description of Respondents: Not-for-profit institutions; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 1,130.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion; Quarterly; Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 6,595.

Rural Housing Service

Title: 7 CFR 1924-C, Planning and Performing Site Development Work.

OMB Control Number: 0575-0164.

Summary of Collection: Section 502 of Title V of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended, authorizes the Rural Housing Service (RHS) to provide financial assistance to farm owners and other persons living in rural areas for the purpose of obtaining decent, safe, and sanitary dwellings and related facilities. The purpose of the financial assistance is to give families, who do not have sufficient resources to provide such dwellings and related facilities on their own account and cannot obtain the necessary credit from other sources on terms and conditions they can reasonably expect to meet, an opportunity to have adequate homes. RHS makes direct loans to applicants of up to 100 percent of the appraised value of the property, therefore, the site and its development are an integral part of the dwellings and related facilities being financed. Accordingly, information about the site proposal such as location, topography, soils, energy, and environmental considerations must be collected.

Need and Use of the Information: The information required for site approval is collected from the appraiser by the completion of Form HUD-54891, "Appraiser/Review Appraiser Checklist". All the material and information requested on Form HUD-54891 is readily available to the appraiser and the builder. The form requests general information about the site proposal, such as: location, topography, soils, energy, and environmental considerations. The

information collected is necessary to assure orderly development of rural areas which will lead to economically stable communities while considering the impacts on the environment and protecting the borrower's and Government's Security interests.

Description of Respondents:

Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 20,000.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 3,340.

Agricultural Marketing Service

Title: Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements for 7 CFR Part 29.

OMB Control Number: 0581-0056.

Summary of Collection: The Dairy and Tobacco Adjustment Act of 1983 (Pub. L. 98-198) authorizes the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), on behalf of the Secretary, to inspect all tobacco offered for importation into the United States for grades and quality except cigar and oriental tobacco which must be certified by the importer as to kind and type, and in the case of cigar tobacco, that such tobacco will be used solely in the manufacture or production of cigars. The Act also authorizes the Secretary to fix and collect fees from the importers to cover the cost of inspection. Information must be collected from the public whenever USDA inspection or certification services are requested.

Need and Use of the Information: Information is collected by AMS through a variety of forms and other documents regularly used in the importation and sale of tobacco. AMS uses the information to identify applications for inspection and/or certification of tobacco, identify applications for new auction markets or the extension of services to designated tobacco markets, and solicit nominations/recommendations for individuals to serve on the National Advisory Committee for Tobacco Inspection Services.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 645.

Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion.
Total Burden Hours: 5,569.

Rural Housing Service

Title: Rural Housing Demonstration Programs—Section 502.

OMB Control Number: 0575-0114.

Summary of Collection: Section 506 of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended by Title V—Rural Housing of Housing and

Urban-Rural Recovery Act of 1983, directs the Secretary to conduct research, technical studies and demonstrations in order to improve the architectural designs, cost effectiveness and utility of housing units. The amendment allows the Secretary to permit housing demonstrations which do not meet existed published standards, rules, regulations or policies, if the Secretary finds that in doing so, the health and safety of the population is not adversely affected. The Rural Housing Service (RHS) will collect information from applicants seeking an innovation housing unit award.

Need and Use of the Information:

RHS will collect information from the proposer to evaluate the strengths and weaknesses to which the proposal concept possesses or lacks the attributes set forth in the proposed content and evaluation criteria. RHS will use the collected information to select the most feasible proposals that will enhance the Agency's chances in accomplishing the demonstration objective. The information will be utilized to sustain and modify RHS's current policies pertaining to the construction of modest housing.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 15.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 1,200.

Rural Development and Farm Service Agency

Title: 7 CFR 1980-A, Guaranteed Loans—General.

OMB Control Number: 0575-0024.

Summary of Collection: The Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (CONACT), as amended, authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to make and service loans guaranteed by the Farm Service Agency (FSA) and the Rural Housing Service (RHS) to eligible applicants. The loan programs to which this subpart is applicable include farm operating, farm ownership, and soil and water loans. The collection of information requested is necessary to assure that the program is being carried out in accordance with the applicable laws and authorities. Additionally, information must be collected because the law requires that certain policies be verified by FSA to assure that loan applicants and borrowers comply with such policies in order to obtain the requested assistance.

Need and Use of the Information: FSA and RHS require some information to be reported on standard forms in order to

facilitate an effective and efficient decision-making process. The information collection required by this rule will be used by the Agencies to approve and determine the need for loans and subordinations in accordance with this rule. The Agencies consider the information collected to be essential to prudent loan making decisions. Failure to make sound loans would jeopardize the Government's loan portfolio, would result in large losses to both the borrower and the Government, and would weaken the overall agricultural economy.

Description of Respondents:

Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 3,750.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 117,066.

Rural Housing Service

Title: 7 CFR 1951-N, Servicing Cases Where Unauthorized Loan or Other Financial Assistance Was Received—Multiple Family Housing.

OMB Control Number: 0575-0104.

Summary of Collection: Cases of unauthorized assistance are identified from time to time by the Office of Inspector General or through regular serving visits by Rural Development personnel. Rural Housing Service (RHS) has published its own regulation, consistent with the Federal Claims Act, through which it can better assist the recipients of RHS assistance and still adequately protect the Government's interest. The information collected under the provisions of this regulation is provided on a voluntary basis by the recipient of the assistance in question, although failure to cooperate in effecting requiring corrections to loan accounts may result in loss or reduction of benefits or liquidation of the loan. The information to be collected will primarily be financial data relating to income and expenses.

Also, tenants who refuse to cooperate or provide information may lose their subsidy or tenancy.

Need and Use of the Information: The information required by this regulation is collected from Multi-Family Housing borrowers (who may be individuals, partnerships, private or nonprofit corporations or public bodies) and from tenants who reside in the borrowers' rental projects. The collections are made from RHS borrowers on an individual case basis by RHS personnel. Collection from tenants is made by RHS borrowers or their manager employed by the borrower to manage the project. If this regulation is not continued, the cases involving unauthorized financial

assistance would remain unresolved and many borrowers would keep financial benefits for which they did not qualify under RHS loan regulations.

Description of Respondents:

Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit; Farms; Not-for-profit institutions; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 450.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 800.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Newspapers Used for Publication of Legal Notice of Appealable Decisions for the Intermountain Region; Utah, Idaho, Nevada, and Wyoming

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice lists the newspapers that will be used by all ranger districts, forests, and the Regional Office of the Intermountain Region to publish legal notice of all decisions subject to appeal under 36 CFR 215 and 36 CFR 217. The intended effect of this action is to inform interested members of the public which newspapers will be used to inform interested members of the public which newspapers will be used to publish legal notices of decisions, thereby allowing them to receive constructive notice of a decision, to provide clear evidence of timely notice, and to achieve consistency in administering the appeals process.

DATES: Publication of legal notices in the listed newspapers will begin with decisions subject to appeal that are made on or after May 1, 1998. The list of newspapers will remain in effect until October 1998 when another notice will be published in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Donald W. Murphy, Regional Appeals Manager, Intermountain Region, 324 25th Street, Ogden, UT 84401, Phone (801) 625-5274.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The administrative appeal procedures 36 CFR 215 and 36 CFR 217, of the Forest Service require publication of legal notice in a newspaper of general circulation of all decisions subject to appeal. This newspaper publication of

notices of decisions is in addition to direct notice to those who have requested notice in writing and to those known to be interested and affected by a specific decision.

This legal notice is to identify: the decision by title and subject matter; the date of the decision; the name and title of the official making the decision; and how to obtain copies of the decision. In addition, the notice is to state the date the appeal period begins which is the day following publication of the notice.

The timeframe for appeal shall be based on the date of publication of the notice in the first (principal) newspaper listed for each unit.

The newspapers to be used are as follows.

Regional Forester, Intermountain Region

For decisions made by the Regional Forester affecting National Forests in Idaho: *The Idaho Statesman*, Boise, Idaho.

For decisions made by the Regional Forester affecting National Forests in Nevada: *The Reno Gazette-Journal*, Reno, Nevada.

For decisions made by the Regional Forester affecting National Forests in Wyoming: *Casper Star-Tribune*, Casper, Wyoming.

For decisions made by the Regional Forester affecting National Forests in Utah: *Standard-Examiner*, Ogden, Utah.

If the decision made by the Regional Forester affects all National Forests in the Intermountain Region, it will appear in: *Standard-Examiner*, Ogden, Utah.

Ashley National Forest

Ashley Forest Supervisors decisions: *Vernal Express*, Vernal, Utah.

Vernal District Ranger decisions: *Vernal Express*, Vernal, Utah.

Flaming Gorge District Ranger for decisions affecting Wyoming: *Casper Star-Tribune*, Casper, Wyoming.

Flaming Gorge District Ranger for decisions affecting Utah: *Vernal Express*, Vernal, Utah.

Roosevelt and Duchesne District Ranger decisions: *Uintah Basin Standard*, Roosevelt, Utah.

Boise National Forest

Boise Forest Supervisor decisions: *The Idaho Statesman*, Boise, Idaho.
Mountain Home District Ranger decisions: *The Idaho Statesman*, Boise, Idaho.

Boise District Ranger decisions: *The Idaho Statesman*, Boise, Idaho.

Idaho City District Ranger decisions: *The Idaho Statesman*, Boise, Idaho.

Cascade District Ranger decisions: *The Advocate*, Cascade, Idaho.

Lowman District Ranger decisions: *The Idaho City World*, Idaho City, Idaho.

Emmett District Ranger decisions: *The Messenger-Index*, Emmett, Idaho.

Bridger-Teton National Forest

Bridger-Teton Forest Supervisor decisions: *Casper Star-Tribune*, Casper, Wyoming.

Jackson District Ranger decisions: *Casper Star-Tribune*, Casper, Wyoming.

Buffalo District Ranger decisions: *Casper Star-Tribune*, Jackson, Wyoming.

Big Piney District Ranger decisions: *Casper Star-Tribune*, Jackson, Wyoming.

Pinedale District Ranger decisions: *Casper Star-Tribune*, Casper, Wyoming.

Greys River District Ranger decisions: *Casper Star-Tribune*, Casper, Wyoming.

Kemmerer District Ranger decisions: *Casper Star-Tribune*, Casper, Wyoming.

Caribou National Forest

Caribou Forest Supervisor decisions: *Idaho State Journal*, Pocatello, Idaho.

Soda Springs District Ranger decisions: *Idaho State Journal*, Pocatello, Idaho.

Montpelier District Ranger decisions: *Idaho State Journal*, Pocatello, Idaho.

Malad District Ranger decisions: *Idaho State Journal*, Pocatello, Idaho.

Pocatello District Ranger decisions: *Idaho State Journal*, Pocatello, Idaho.

Dixie National Forest

Dixie Forest Supervisor decisions: *The Daily Spectrum*, St. George, Utah.

Pine Valley District Ranger decisions: *The Daily Spectrum*, St. George, Utah.

Cedar City District Ranger decisions: *The Daily Spectrum*, St. George, Utah.

Powell District Ranger decisions: *The Daily Spectrum*, St. George, Utah.

Escalante District Ranger decisions: *The Daily Spectrum*, St. George, Utah.

Teasdale District Ranger decisions: *The Daily Spectrum*, St. George, Utah.

Fishlake National Forest

Fishlake Forest Supervisor decisions: *Richfield Reaper*, Richfield, Utah.

Loa District Ranger decisions: *Richfield Reaper*, Richfield, Utah.

Richfield District Ranger decisions: *Richfield Reaper*, Richfield, Utah.

Beaver District Ranger decisions: *Richfield Reaper*, Beaver, Utah.

Fillmore District Ranger decisions: *Richfield Reaper*, Fillmore, Utah.

Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forests

Humboldt Forest Supervisor decisions: *Elko Daily Free Press*, Elko, Nevada.

Toiyabe Forest Supervisor decisions: *Reno Gazette-Journal*, Reno, Nevada.

Sierra Ecosystem Coordination Center (SECO): Carson District Ranger