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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Farm Service Agency

#### Notice of Request for Extension of Currently Approved Information Collection

**AGENCY:** 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 Farm Service Agency (FSA) to request an extension of currently approved information collections for a regulation used in support of the FSA Farm Loan Program (FLP) (formerly Farmer Programs of the Farmers Home Administration (FmHA)). This renewal does not involve any revisions to the program rules.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received on or before July 6, 1998, to be assured consideration.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For additional information contact Phillip Elder, Senior Loan Officer, USDA, Farm Service Agency, Loan Servicing Division, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, STOP 0523, Washington, D.C. 20013-0523; Telephone (202) 690-4012; Electronic mail: pelder@wdc.fsa.usda.gov.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* 7 CFR part 1951, subpart T, Disaster Set-Aside Program.

*OMB Control Number:* 0560-0164.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* August 31, 1998.

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

*Abstract:* The Disaster Set-Aside program (DSA) is made available through the authority granted the Secretary of Agriculture under the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C.1981a) (The Act). The set-aside program is designed

to assist borrowers in financial distress who operated a farm or ranch in an area that was declared or designated a disaster area. As provided in Section 331A of the Act, the Secretary has the authority to defer principal and interest at the request of the borrower on a loan made by USDA under the Act. Under this program, FSA farm loan program borrowers can receive immediate financial relief by moving one annual installment for each loan to the end of the loan term. DSA allows eligible borrowers who are unable to make the payments to quickly eliminate their immediate financial stress.

The public reporting burden imposed by this subpart requires borrowers who request DSA to document that their income will be reduced to an amount that will prevent payment of living and operating expenses, and amounts due FSA and other creditors. The information is required of FSA farm borrowers and collected by loan servicing officials to support approval of a set-aside request. The information to be collected will primarily be financial data not already on file, such as borrower asset values, expenses and income. This information will be analyzed expediently to determine that disaster victims need payment relief.

*Estimate of Burden:* Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 18 minutes per response.

*Respondents:* Individuals or households, businesses or other for profit and farms.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 10,700.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 1.75.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 5,646 hours.

The Agency is soliciting comments on the burden of all of the above subparts 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. These comments should be sent to Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, D.C. 20503 and to Phillip Elder, Senior Loan Officer, USDA, FSA, Farm Loan Programs, Loan Servicing Division, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, STOP 0523, Washington, D.C. 20250-0523. Copies of the information collections may be obtained from Mr. Elder at the above address. Comments regarding paperwork burden will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval of the information collection. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Signed in Washington, D.C., on April 28, 1998.

**Keith Kelly,**

*Administrator, Farm Service Agency.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Goose Creek Watershed Projects, Payette National Forest, Adams County, Idaho

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement.

**SUMMARY:** The USDA Forest Service is proposing to harvest and regenerate timber, improve watershed conditions, restore flammulated owl habitat, and expand the Grouse Campground in the Goose Creek watershed. The projects will be administered jointly by the New Meadows and McCall Ranger Districts of the Payette National Forest. The Goose Creek watershed is located on both the New Meadows and McCall Ranger Districts, roughly halfway between New Meadows and McCall, Idaho.

The Payette Forest completed scoping on the Goose Creek Watershed Projects in April 1997, with the intent of analyzing effects on issues and resources in an environmental assessment. However, the Forest has since decided to complete the analysis in an environmental impact statement due to the high intensity of public use

and interest in this watershed, and the potential for the proposed action to produce significant effects.

**DATES:** The Forest Service expects to release a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Goose Creek Watershed Projects in July 1998. A Final EIS and Record of Decision are expected in October 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments or requests for the above documents can be sent to David Alexander, Forest Supervisor, Payette National Forest, P.O. Box 1026, McCall, Idaho 83638.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Questions about the proposed projects should be directed to Sue Dixon, Team Leader, phone no. (208) 347-0331; or Kimberly Brandel, New Meadows District Ranger, phone no. (208) 347-0300.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Proposed Action (Alternative B) would manage forest vegetation to improve growth, health, and species composition on an estimated 3,940 acres using tractor, skyline, and helicopter logging systems. Silvicultural prescriptions would include 1,910 acres of commercial thinning, 730 acres of free selection thinning, 620 acres of sanitation salvage, 580 acres of clearcuts with reserve trees, 50 acres of seed tree cuts, and 50 acres of overstory removal.

Thinning treatments in lower-elevation stands would be designed to mimic historic stand conditions and restore habitat for flammulated owl, a Region 4 sensitive species that is known to occur in the watershed.

Treatment of harvest-generated fuels would include 560 acres of broadcast burning, 400 acres of tractor piling and burning, and 261 acres of excavator piling and burning. Reforestation of ponderosa pine, Douglas-fir, western larch, Engelmann spruce, and lodgepole pine seedlings would occur on 580 acres. An additional 50 acres would be monitored for natural regeneration.

An estimated 6.6 miles of new road would be constructed to support vegetation management. Another 45 miles of existing roads would be improved. Improvements include graveling 14.3 miles of native-surfaced roads with gravel from two existing developed sources. All roads would have surfaces graded and shaped, and drainage structures improved or installed as needed. Road stream crossings would be designed to meet PACFISH standards and to minimize potential effects to stream channels and water quality.

An estimated 7.9 miles of existing road would be obliterated to improve soil productivity and hydrologic

function. Obliteration would include combinations of the following: partial recontouring, pulling of culverts, reshaping drainages at culvert sites, ripping and revegetating road surfaces, placing slash and coarse wood on disturbed areas, and restricting motorized access. Post-sale road management would include closing an additional 68.7 miles of existing road to public motorized access to improve elk habitat and water quality within the watershed.

The Grouse Campground near Goose Lake would be relocated to reduce impacts to riparian areas, and expanded to accommodate increasing recreation use in the area.

The Proposed Action would require three non-significant amendments to the Forest Plan; one for exceeding the forage opening size and distance to cover for big game; one for not meeting the Elk Habitat Effectiveness target level, and one for temporarily changing the Recreation Opportunity Spectrum setting in one harvest unit (162 acres) from non-motorized to motorized.

The Draft EIS will include at least two other alternatives, including Alternative A, No Action (continue current management in the watershed), and Alternative C, which would differ mainly from the Proposed Action by treating less acres (1,600) with timber harvest, constructing less new road (3.1 miles), obliterating more existing roads (30.6 miles), and restoring dispersed camp sites near Goose Lake and Brundage Reservoir.

The Responsible Official is David F. Alexander, Forest Supervisor, Payette National Forest.

Dated: April 27, 1998.

**David F. Alexander,**  
Forest Supervisor.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Sunshine Act Meeting

**AGENCY:** Rural Telephone Bank, USDA.

**ACTION:** Staff briefing for the board of directors.

**TIME AND DATE:** 3 p.m., Thursday, May 14, 1998.

**PLACE:** Room 5030, South Building, Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC.

**STATUS:** Open.

**MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED:** General discussion involving the 1996 Telecom Act and universal service; the upcoming

Board of Directors election, and administrative issues.

**ACTION:** Board of directors meeting.

**TIME AND DATE:** 9 a.m., Friday, May 15, 1998.

**PLACE:** The Williamsburg Room, Room 104-A, Jamie L. Whitten Building, Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC.

**STATUS:** Open.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:** The following matters have been placed on the agenda for the Board of Directors meeting:

1. Call to order.
2. Action on the February 19, 1998, Minutes.
3. Report on loans approved in the second quarter of FY 1998.
4. Summary of financial activity for the second quarter of FY 1998.
5. Discussion concerning the allowance for loan losses reserve.
6. Status report on the creation of a Performance-Based Organization.
7. Consideration of resolution to adopt a schedule for various actions in connection with the November 1998 Board of Directors election.
8. Consideration of resolution to appoint Tellers for the November 1998 Board of Directors election.
9. Establish date and location of next regular Board meeting.
10. Adjournment.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Orren Cameron, III, Acting Assistant Governor, Rural Telephone Bank, (202) 720-9554.

Dated: April 30, 1998.

**Wally Beyer,**

Governor, Rural Telephone Bank.

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## ASSASSINATION RECORDS REVIEW BOARD

### Sunshine Act Meeting

**DATE:** May 12-13, 1998.

**PLACE:** ARRB, 600 E Street, NW, Washington, DC.

**STATUS:** Closed. Open: 3:00-4:00 p.m. May 12.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:**

Closed Meeting:

1. Review and Accept Minutes of Closed Meeting.
2. Review of Assassination Records.
3. Other Business.

Open Meeting:

1. Discussion of Final Report.
2. Review and Accept Minutes of April 24 Open Meeting.