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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

April 2, 1999.

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) the 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), Washington, D.C. 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.

Farm Service Agency

Title: Loan Deficiency Payments.

OMB Control Number: 0560-0129.

Summary of Collection: Loan deficiency payments are authorized by the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1966 (1996 Act), Section 135. The Farm Service Agency (FSA), on behalf of the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC), administers the marketing assistance loan and loan deficiency programs. The loan deficiency payment option allows producers of eligible upland cotton, rice, wheat, feed grains, and oilseeds (marketing assistance loan commodities) to obtain loan deficiency payments on their eligible production instead of placing the commodity under a CCC marketing assistance loan. Loan deficiency payments are made available when the loan rate for the commodity is greater than the announced repayment rate or world market price, as applicable. An eligible producer on a farm must have: (1) complied with the highly erodible land requirements; (2) completed payment limitation eligibility requirements; (3) reported planted acres for commodities applicable to loan and loan deficiency payment requests; (4) met the applicable crop insurance requirements; (5) a share in the risk of producing the commodity; and (6) beneficial interests in the commodity, which includes control of the commodity, risk of loss, and title to the commodity, at the time of the loan deficiency payment request. The FSA will collect information using forms CCC-633 LDP, CCC-Cotton AA, and CCC-709.

Need and Use of the Information: FSA will collect information to determine the eligibility, applicable payments rates, quantities, and payment amount of participants to receive loan deficiency payments. They will also use the information to determine cases of noncompliance with the regulations governing the loan deficiency payment program. Furnishing the data is voluntary. However, without it, assistance under the CCC loan deficiency payment program cannot be provided.

Description of Respondents: Farm; individuals or households; Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 600,000.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 1,117,500.

Farm Service Agency

Title: Application for Payment of Amounts Due Persons who have Died, Disappeared or have been Declared Incompetent.

OMB Control Number: 0560-0026.

Summary of Collection:

Representatives or survivors of producers who die, disappear, or are declared incompetent must be afforded a method of obtaining any payment intended for the producer as stipulated in 7 CFR 707. It is necessary to collect information recorded on FSA-325 in order to determine whether representatives or survivors of a producer are entitled to receive payments earned by a producer who dies, disappears, or is declared incompetent before receiving the payments. The Farm Service Agency (FSA) will collect information using form FSA-315.

Need and Use of the Information: FSA will collect information to determine eligibility for representatives or survivors to receive payment of amounts due persons who have died, disappeared, or have been declared incompetent.

Description of Respondents: Individuals or households; business or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 3,000.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: other (when necessary).

Total Burden Hours: 1,500.

Forest Service

Title: Smith River National Recreation Area.

OMB Control Number: 0596-0138.

Summary of Collection: The Smith River National Recreation Area (NRA) was established by the Smith River National Recreation Area Act of 1990. Section 8(d) of the Act directed the Secretary of Agriculture to promulgate supplementary mineral regulations to ensure “* * * the preservation, protection, enhancement, and interpretation for present and future generations of the Smith River Watershed’s outstanding wild and scenic rivers, ecological diversity, and recreation opportunities while providing for the wise use and sustained

productivity of its natural resources. Some of the lands within the NRA fall under the purview of the United States mining laws of 1872, as amended, which governs the prospecting for and appropriation of metallic and most nonmetallic minerals. This law provides individuals the right to search for and extract valuable locatable minerals and secure title to the lands involved. A prospector, upon discovering a valuable mineral deposit, may locate a mining claim. Recording that claim in the local courthouse, and with the appropriate BLM State Office, affords the mining claimant protection from subsequent locators. A mining claimant is then entitled to reasonable access to the claim for further prospecting, mining or necessary related activities, subject to other laws and applicable regulations. The Forest Service (FS) will collect information using the Plan of Operations Form FS-2800-5 or whatever format or medium that the operator chooses to process request to mine on federally-owned and/or managed lands.

Need and Use of the Information: FS will collect information on the name and legal mailing address of the operator, owner, and any lessees, assigns, and designees; copy of the deed/legal instrument that conveyed the outstanding mineral rights; sketches/maps of the outstanding mineral rights location, the proposed area of operations, existing/proposed roads or access routes, any new proposed road construction, and the approximate location and size of the areas to be disturbed including existing or proposed structures, facilities, and other improvements; description of the type of operation which includes a list of the type, size, location, and number of structures, facilities, and other improvements, etc. The collection of this information is necessary to ensure the continued stability of the area surrounding the mining site and to monitor the mining operation.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 2.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 40.

Nancy B. Sternberg,

Departmental Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission For OMB Review; Comment Request

DOC has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

Agency: Bureau of the Census.

Title: Survey of Income and Program Participation 1996 Panel Wave 11.

Form Number(s): SIPP/CAPI

Automated Instrument: SIPP-161105(L).

Agency Approval Number: 0607-0813.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 117,800 hours..

Number of Respondents: 77,700.

Avg Hours Per Response: 30 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The Bureau of the Census conducts the Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP) to collect information from a sample of households concerning the distribution of income received directly as money or indirectly as in-kind benefits. SIPP data are used by economic policymakers, the Congress, state and local governments, and Federal agencies that administer social welfare and transfer payment programs such as the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the Department of Agriculture.

The SIPP is a longitudinal survey, in that households in the panel are interviewed 12 times at 4-month intervals or waves over the life of the panel, making the duration of the panel about 4 years. The next panel of households will be introduced in the year 2000.

The survey is molded around a central core of labor force and income questions, health insurance questions, and questions concerning government program participation that remain fixed throughout the life of the panel. The core questions are asked at Wave 1 and are updated during subsequent interviews. The core is supplemented with additional questions or topical modules designed to answer specific needs.

This request is for clearance of the topical modules to be asked during Wave 11 of the 1996 Panel. The core questions and topical modules for Waves 1-10 have already been cleared. The topical modules for Wave 11 are: (1) Child Support Agreements, (2) Support for Non-household members, (3) Adult Disability, (4) Child Disability, and (5) Computer and Internet Usage. Wave 11

interviews will be conducted from August through November 1999.

The Census Bureau is conducting incentive experiments over the course of the 1996 Panel. Monetary incentives to encourage response have been incorporated into most Waves of the 1996 Panel. Wave 11 also includes an incentive experiment.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Frequency: Every 4 months.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title 13 U.S.C., Section 182.

OMB Desk Officer: Nancy Kirkendall, (202) 395-7313.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, DOC Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3272, Department of Commerce, room 5033, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Nancy Kirkendall, OMB Desk Officer, room 10201, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: April 1, 1999.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Office of the Secretary

Estimates of the Voting Age Population for 1998

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Commerce.

ACTION: General Notice Announcing Population Estimates.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the voting age population estimates, as of July 1, 1998, for each state and the District of Columbia. We are giving this notice in accordance with the 1976 amendment to the Federal Election Campaign Act, Title 2, United States Code, Section 441a(e).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John F. Long, Chief, Population Division, Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, Room 2011, Federal Building 3, Washington, DC 20233, telephone 301-457-2071.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the requirements of the 1976 amendment to the Federal Election Campaign Act, Title 2, United States Code, Section