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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Information Collection; Request for Comments; Application for Permit, Non-Federal Commercial Use of Roads Restricted by Order; FS-7700-40

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Forest Service announces its intention to request a reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved information collection. Information will be collected from individuals, corporations, and organizations that request a permit to haul commercial, non-Federal products, commodities, and materials on Forest Service roads. Commercial use is prohibited without a permit. The information will be used to identify the road maintenance required as a direct result of the applicant's vehicular traffic, to calculate the applicant's commensurate share of road maintenance, and to calculate any applicable collections for recovery of past Federal investments in roads.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing on or before September 13, 1999.

ADDRESSES: All comments should be addressed to Director, Engineering Staff, Forest Service, USDA, P.O. Box 96090, Washington, D.C. 20090-6090.

Comments also may be sent via facsimile to Director, Engineering Staff, Forest Service (202) 205-0861 or transmitted by email and addressed to: jbell/wo@fs.fed.us.

The public may inspect comments in the Office of the Director, Engineering Staff, 201 14th Street, SW, Washington, D.C. Visitors are encouraged to call (202) 205-1400 to facilitate entrance into the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Bell, Engineering Staff at (202) 205-1424.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Authority for Road Use Permits derives from the National Forest Roads and Trails Act (16 U.S.C. 532-538, as amended). Detailed implementing regulations are contained in Title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations, sections 212.5, 212.9, and 261.54. These statutes and regulations authorize the Forest Service to require commercial users of Forest Service roads to perform road maintenance or pay for road maintenance made necessary by their commercial vehicular use. They also allow the Forest Service to recover, from commercial users, the Federal investment in the development and maintenance of Forest Service roads. Maintenance and cost recovery are accomplished by issuance of a road use permit. Commercial use of Forest Service roads is prohibited without such a permit.

The following information will be requested from individuals, corporations, or organizations that apply for a permit to use Forest Service roads for non-Federal commercial use: name, address, and telephone number; number of miles of roads to be used; purpose of use; use schedule; and plans for future use.

The requestor submits the information to the Forest Supervisor or District Ranger responsible for the Forest Service roads on which commercial vehicular use is requested. The information is evaluated by engineering personnel on the responsible forest.

The information is used by the Forest Service to identify the road maintenance required that is the direct result of the applicant's vehicular traffic, to calculate the applicant's commensurate share of road maintenance, and to calculate any applicable collections for recovery of past Federal investments in roads. These fees are then embodied in clauses in the road use permits issued to the applicant.

Description of Information Collection

Title: Application for Permit Non-Federal Commercial Use of Roads Restricted by Order (FS-7700-40).

OMB Number: 0596-0016.

Expiration Date of Approval: June 30, 1998.

Type of Request: Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved information collection for which approval has expired.

Abstract: In order to recover maintenance costs on Forest Service roads used for commercial hauling of non-Federal products, commodities, and materials, commercial haulers are assessed for their vehicular use of Forest Service roads. The collected information is used to determine the cost recovery amount. Respondents include individuals and organizations that use Forest Service roads for commercial hauling purposes. Assessing commercial haulers for their vehicular use of Forest Service roads provides for repair and maintenance of road surface deterioration to which commercial vehicles contribute.

Estimate of Burden: 15 minutes.

Type of Respondents: Commercial users of National Forest System Roads.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2000.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 500 hours.

Comment Is Invited

The agency invites comments on the following: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the stated purpose or the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical or scientific utility; (b) 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; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) 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.

Use of Comment

All comments, including name and address when provided, will become a matter of public record. Comments received in response to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval.

Dated: July 7, 1999.

Paul Brouha,

Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest System.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Information Collection; Request for Comments; Pilot Approval and Aircraft Contract Forms

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Forest Service announces its intention to request a reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for the administration of aviation contracts. The information helps the Forest Service ensure that pilots and aircraft offered for use by contractors meet the special Forest Service aviation mission parameters. Respondents will include individuals, businesses, corporations, and Federal, State, and local governments.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing on or before September 13, 1999.

ADDRESSES: All comments should be addressed to Director, Fire and Aviation Management Staff, Mail Stop 1107, Forest Service, USDA, P.O. Box 96090, Washington, DC 20090-6090 or submitted by FAX to (202) 205-1272 or by email to: fam/wo@fs.fed.us.

The public may inspect comments at the office of the Director, Fire and Aviation Staff, 201 14th Street, SW, Washington, DC. Visitors are encouraged to call (202) 205-1483 to facilitate entrance into the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Dudley, Aviation Management Specialist, at (202) 205-0995.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The forms described in this request for reinstatement of this previously approved information collection, are used by the agency to issue and administer aviation contracts. The Forest Service is the largest owner and operator of aircraft in the Federal government outside of the Department of Defense. The majority of Forest Service flying is in support of wildland fire suppression. The Forest Service contracts with approximately 400 pilot and aircraft vendors to provide aviation services for National Forest System land

protection and administrative projects. The aircraft and pilots average 63,000 flying hours each year.

Contracts for these services establish rigorous qualification requirements for pilots and specific condition, equipment, and performance requirements for aircraft. These requirements are necessary in order for the Forest Service to maintain an acceptable level of safety, mission preparedness, and cost effectiveness in aviation operations. This is particularly true in fire suppression missions, which are conducted under adverse conditions of weather, terrain, turbulence, smoke reduced visibility, minimally improved landing areas, and congested airspace around wildfires.

The data from this information collection will be used to document the basis for the Forest Service to approve or deny contracts for pilots and aircraft. The completed forms are maintained in Forest Service Regional Headquarters with the Regional Aviation Officers and aircraft inspectors. Information on these forms form the basis for the agency to approve or deny contract agreements with pilots or for aircraft. If the pilots or aircraft meet the agency's requirements, approval cards are issued to each contract pilot and for each contract aircraft. Forest Service personnel verify possession of properly approved cards before utilizing the services of these pilots and aircraft. Without the information supplied on these forms, Forest Service contracting officers, pilot, and aircraft inspectors cannot determine if pilots and aircraft meet the detailed qualification, equipment, and condition requirements essential for safe, efficient accomplishment of Forest service specified flying missions.

Description of Information Collection

The following describes the information collection to be reinstated:

Title: FS-5700-20, Airplane Pilot Qualifications and Approval Record.

OMB Number: 0596-0015.

Expiration Date of Approval: August 31, 1998.

Type of Request: Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

Abstract: The information provided on this form is used by authorized Forest Service pilot and aircraft inspectors to ensure that pilots meet contract specifications for qualifications, such as hours flown in a particular model of fixed-wing aircraft. Forest Service personnel collect information that includes the pilot's medical certificate number, airman certificate number, and hours flown in

a specific type of aircraft, including Pilot In Command hours.

Estimate of Burden: .25 hours.

Type of Respondents: Individuals, businesses, corporations, and Federal, State, and local governments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 570.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 143 hours.

Description of Information Collection

The following describes the information collection to be reinstated:

Title: FS-5700-20a, Helicopter Pilot Qualifications and Approval Record.

OMB Number: 0596-0015.

Expiration Date of Approval: August 31, 1998.

Type of Request: Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

Abstract: The information provided on this form is used by authorized Forest Service pilot and aircraft inspectors to ensure that pilots meet contract specifications for qualifications for hours flown in a particular helicopter type. Forest Service personnel collect information that includes the pilot's medical certificate number, airman certificate number, and hours flown in a specific type of helicopter, including Pilot In Command hours.

Estimate of Burden: .25 hours.

Type of Respondents: Individuals, businesses, corporations, and Federal, State, and local governments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 418.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 105 hours.

Description of Information Collection

The following describes the information collection to be reinstated:

Title: FS-5700-21, Airplane Data Record.

OMB Number: 0596-0015.

Expiration Date of Approval: August 31, 1998.

Type of Request: Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

Abstract: The information provided on this form is used by authorized Forest Service pilot and aircraft inspectors to ensure that fixed-wing aircraft meet contract specifications for equipment and condition requirements. Information to be collected includes the aircraft's airworthiness and registration