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AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Notice of Public Information Collections Being Reviewed by the U.S. Agency for International Development; Comments Requested

SUMMARY: U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) is making efforts to reduce the paperwork burden. USAID invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act for 1995. Comments are requested concerning: (a) whether the proposed or continuing collections of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the burden estimates; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Send comments on this information collection on or before April 3, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beverly Johnson, Bureau for Management, Office of Administrative Services, Information and Records Division, U.S. Agency for International Development, Room 2.07-106, RRB, Washington, D.C. 20523, (202) 712-1365 or via E-mail bjohnson@usaid.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
OMB No.:OMB 0412-0035.
Form No.:AID 1550-2.

Title:Private and Voluntary Organization Annual Return.
Type of Review:Renewal of Information Collection.

Purpose:USAID is required to collect information regarding the financial

support of private and voluntary organizations registered with the Agency. The information is used to determine the eligibility of PVOs to receive USAID funding.

Annual Reporting Burden:

Respondents:442.

Total annual responses:442.

Total annual hours requested:1,320 hours.

Dated: February 14, 2000.

Joanne Paskar,

Acting Chief, Information and Records Division, Office of Administrative Services, Bureau for Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Information Collection; Request for Comments; Volunteer Application for Natural Resource Agencies

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Forest Service announces its intention to reinstate a previously approved information collection. The collected information will help the Forest Service match the skills of individuals, who are applying for volunteer work on National Forest System lands, with work that can be accomplished by volunteers. Information will be collected from potential volunteers of all ages. Those under age 18 must have written consent from their parent or guardian.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing on or before April 25, 2000.

ADDRESSES: All comments should be addressed to Director, Senior, Youth and Volunteer Programs Staff, (Mail Stop 1136), Forest Service, USDA, P.O. Box 96090, Washington, D.C. 20090-6090.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Donald T. Hansen, Program Manager, Senior, Youth and Volunteer Programs Staff, at (703) 605-4851.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Volunteer Act of 1972, as amended, authorizes the Forest Service to recruit and train volunteer workers to

accomplish certain work, such as building and maintaining trails, constructing campground facilities, improving wildlife habitat, assisting with interpretive services, assisting visitors, or other activities to help the agency meet its mission. Volunteers can be any age, as long as they are capable of doing the work for which they volunteer.

Persons interested in volunteering will have to write or call the Forest Service volunteer coordinator and request a copy of the form, the Volunteer Application for Natural Resource Agencies. Forest Service personnel developed this form for multi-agency use in cooperation with the Bureau of Land Management, Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Park Service, the Department of the Army-Corps of Engineers, and the Tennessee Valley Authority. Multi-agency use of the Volunteer Application for Natural Resource Agencies form will enhance cooperation between agencies. Information gleaned from the form will support the efforts to develop a multi-agency computer-assisted volunteer database referral system, which will enable agencies to tap into the vast resource of volunteers. Currently, each agency maintains its own volunteer resource database.

Description of Information Collection

The following describes the information collection to be reinstated:
Title: Volunteer Application for Natural Resource Agencies.

OMB Number: 0596-0080.

Expiration Date of Approval: January 31, 1998.

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

Abstract: Forest Service employees will evaluate the collected information to match the skills of volunteers with the work the agency needs to accomplish.

Individuals interested in volunteering will have to write or call the agency volunteer and request a copy of the form, Volunteer Application for Natural Resource Agencies. The volunteer then will have to complete the form and return it to the agency volunteer coordinator, either in person or by mail.

Potential volunteers will be asked to respond to questions that include their telephone number, their age, the work

categories in which they are most interested in volunteering, their past work experience, their educational background, the specific kind of volunteer work they would like to do, if they have volunteered before, if they would be interested in supervising others, any physical limitations that may limit the kind of volunteer work they can do, their reason for volunteering, the months they would be available to volunteer, if they require lodging, and if a volunteer assignment is not available for them, would they like to have their application forwarded to other agencies. The potential volunteer then returns the form to the agency in person or by mail.

The agency volunteer coordinator, along with other agency personnel, will evaluate the completed form to determine if the person's skills and physical condition match agency volunteer opportunities.

Data gathered in this information collection are not available from other sources.

Estimate of Annual Burden: 15 minutes.

Type of Respondents: Individuals.

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 58,100.

Estimated Annual Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 14,525 hours.

Comment is Invited

The agency invites comments on the following: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the stated purposes and 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 Comments

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

Dated: February 18, 2000.

Clyde Thompson,

Deputy Chief for Business Operations.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Eastern Washington Cascades Provincial Advisory Committee and Yakima Provincial Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Eastern Washington Cascades Provincial Advisory Committee and Yakima Provincial Advisory Committee will meet on Tuesday, March 7, 2000, at the Wenatchee National Forest headquarters main conference room, 215 Melody Lane, Wenatchee, Washington. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. and continue until 3:30 p.m. Much of the agenda for this meeting will be devoted to helping members decide where to focus committee efforts in the coming year, and to agree on ways to work together more effectively. There will also be updates on new developments in the implementation of the Northwest Forest plan. All Eastern Washington Cascades and Yakima Province Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public. Interested citizens are welcome to attend.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Direct questions regarding this meeting to Paul Hart, Designated Federal Official, USDA, Wenatchee National Forest, 215 Melody Lane, Wenatchee, Washington, 98801, 509-662-4335.

Dated: February 18, 2000.

Sonny J. O'Neal,

Forest Supervisor, Wenatchee National Forest.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Notice of Proposed Changes to Section IV of the Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG) of the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Wisconsin

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Wisconsin, US Department of Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice of availability of a proposed change in Section IV of the

FOTG of the NRCS in Wisconsin for review and comment.

SUMMARY: it is the intention of NRCS in Wisconsin to issue a revised conservation practice standard in Section IV of the FOTG. The revised standard is Fence (Code 382). This practice may be used in conservation systems that treat highly erodible land. **DATES:** Comments will be received for a 30-day period commencing with this date of publication.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Inquire in writing to Donald A. Baloun, Assistant State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), 6515 Watts Road, Suite 200 Madison, WI 53719-2726. Copies of this standard will be made available upon written request. You may submit electronic requests and comments to dbaloun@wi.nrcs.usda.gov

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Donald A. Baloun, 608-276-8732.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 343 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 states that revisions made after enactment of the law, to NRCS state technical guides used to carry out highly erodible land and wetland provisions of the law, shall be made available for public review and comment. For the next 30 days, the NRCS in Wisconsin will receive comments relative to the proposed change. Following that period, a determination will be made by the NRCS in Wisconsin regarding disposition of those comments and a final determination of change will be made.

Dated: November 23, 1999.

Patricia S. Leavenworth,

State Conservationist, Madison, Wisconsin.

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List Addition

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 a service to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 27, 2000.