

not be prepared. APHIS intends to issue a veterinary biological product license for this vaccine following completion of the field test provided no adverse impacts on the human environment are identified and provided the product meets all other requirements for licensure.

**Authority:** 21 U.S.C. 151–159.

Done in Washington, DC, this 14th day of September 2000.

**Bobby R. Acord,**

*Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection, Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Farm Service Agency

#### Request for Revision and Extension of an 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 the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) approval of a previously approved information collection which supports FSA, Farm Loan Programs (FLP) loan making and servicing applications. This renewal does not involve any revisions to the program regulations.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received on or before November 20, 2000 to be assured of consideration.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gail Wargo, Agriculture Management Specialist, USDA, FSA, Farm Loan Programs, Program Development and Economic Enhancement Division, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., STOP 0521, Washington, DC 20250–0521; telephone (202) 720–3647; electronic mail: gail\_\_@wdc.usda.gov.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Management Advice to Individual Borrowers and Applicants  
*OMB Control Number:* 0560–0154  
*Type of Request:* Revision and Extension of an Approved Information Collection

*Abstract:* The information collected under OMB Control Number 0560–0154 is necessary to provide proper farm assessments, credit counseling and supervision to direct loan borrowers in accordance with the requirements of 7 CFR part 1924 subpart B as authorized by the Consolidated Farm and Rural

Development Act. Specifically, the Agency uses the information to protect the Government's financial interests by ensuring that the farming operations of direct loan applicants and borrowers are properly assessed for short and long-term financial feasibility. The information is needed by the Agency to assure that the recipients of direct loans receive appropriate credit counseling and supervision to ensure the greatest chance for financial success.

*Estimate of Burden:* Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 2.26 hours per response.

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

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 77,210.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 1.03.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 180,441.

Comments are sought on these requirements including: (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; or (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical or other technological collections techniques or other form of information technology.

These comments should be sent to the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, D.C. 20503 and to Gail Wargo, USDA, FSA, Farm Loan Programs, Program Development and Economic Enhancement Division, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., STOP 0521, Washington, DC 20250–0521. Copies of the information collection may be obtained from Gail Wargo 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 at Washington, D.C., on September 13, 2000.

**Keith Kelly,**

*Administrator, Farm Service Agency.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Woronkofski Environmental Impact Statement

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to provide timber for the Tongass timber sale program. The proposed action is to harvest an estimated 5–15 million board feet (mmbf) of timber on an estimated 300–800 acres in one or more timber sales. A range of alternatives responsive to significant issues will be developed and will include a no-action alternative. A Record of Decision will be prepared to disclose if and how the Forest Service has decided to provide harvest units, roads, and associated timber harvesting facilities. The proposed timber harvest is located within Tongass Forest Plan Value Comparison Unit 461 on Woronkofski Island, Alaska, Wrangell Ranger District of the Tongass National Forest.

**DATES:** Comments concerning the scope of this project should be received by October 27, 2000. The Draft EIS is projected to be filed with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in April 2001. The Final EIS is anticipated by October 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Please send written comments to Wrangell Ranger District; Attn: Woronkofski EIS; P.O. Box 51, Wrangell, AK 99929.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Randy Hojem, Acting District Ranger, or Dee Galla, IDT Leader, Wrangell Ranger District, Tongass National Forest, P.O. Box 51, Wrangell, AK 99929 telephone (907) 874–2323.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Public participation will be an integral component of the study process and will be especially important at several points during the analysis. The first is during the scoping process. The Forest Service will be seeking information, comments, and assistance from Federal, State, local agencies, individuals and organizations that may be interested in, or affected by, the proposed activities. The scoping process will include: (1) Identification of potential issues; (2) identification of issues to be analyzed in depth; and, (3) elimination of insignificant issues or those which have been covered by a previous environmental review. Written scoping comments are being solicited through a

scoping package that will be sent to the project mailing list and to those that request the package. For the Forest Service to best use the scoping input, comments should be received by October 27, 2000.

Based on results of scoping and the resource capabilities within the project area, alternatives including a "no action" alternative will be developed for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIS).

The comment period on the draft environmental impact statement will be a minimum of 45 days from the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes the notice of availability in the **Federal Register**.

The Forest Service believes it is important to give reviewers notice of several court rulings related to public participation in the environmental review process. First, reviewers of draft environmental impact statements must structure their participation in the environmental review of the proposal so that it is meaningful and alerts an agency to the reviewer's position and contentions. *Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corp. v. NRDC*, 435 U.S. 519, 553, (1978). Environmental objections that could have been raised at the draft environmental impact statement stage may be waived or dismissed by the courts. *City of Angoon v. Hodel*, 803 F.2d 1016, 1022 (9th Cir. 1986) and *Wisconsin Heritages, Inc. v. Harris*, 490 F. Supp. 1334, 1338 (E.D. Wis. 1980). Because of these court rulings, it is very important that those interested in this proposed action participate by the close of the comment period so that substantive comments and objections are made available to the Forest Service at a time when it can meaningfully consider them and respond to them in the final environmental impact statement.

To assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering issues and concerns of the proposed action, comments during scoping and comments on the draft environmental impact statement should be as specific as possible. It is also helpful if comments refer to specific pages or chapters of the draft statement. Comments may also address the adequacy of the draft environmental impact statement or the merits of the alternatives formulated and discussed in the statement. Reviewers may wish to refer to the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act at 40 CFR 1503.3 in addressing these points. Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and

addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record on this proposed action and will be available for public inspection. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered; however, those who submit anonymous comments will not have standing to appeal the subsequent decision under 36 CFR Parts 215 or 217. Additionally, pursuant to 7 CFR 1.27(d), any person may request the agency to withhold a submission from the public record by showing how the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) permits such confidentiality. Requesters should be aware that, under FOIA, confidentiality may be granted in only very limited circumstances, such as to protect trade secrets. The Forest Service will inform the requester of the agency's decision regarding the request for confidentiality, and where the request is denied, the agency will return the submission and notify the requester that the comments may be resubmitted with or without name and address within 7 days.

*Permits:* Permits required for implementation include the following:

1. U.S. Army Corp of Engineers
  - Approval of discharge of dredged or fill material into the waters of the United States under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act;
  - Approval of the construction of structures or work in navigable waters of the United States under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899;
2. Environmental Protection Agency
  - National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (402) Permit;
  - Review Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure Plan;
3. State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources
  - Tideland Permit and Lease or Easement;
4. State of Alaska, Department of Environmental Conservation
  - Solid Waste Disposal Permit;
  - Certification of Compliance with Alaska Water Quality Standards (401 Certification).

#### Responsible Official

Thomas Puchlerz, Forest Supervisor, Tongass National Forest, Federal Building, Ketchikan, Alaska 99901, is the responsible official. The responsible official will consider the comments, response, disclosure of environmental consequences, and applicable laws, regulations, and policies in making the decision and stating the rationale in the Record of Decision.

Dated: September 5, 2000.

**Thomas Puchlerz,**  
Forest Supervisor.

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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:* U.S. Census Bureau.

*Title:* 2000 Panel of the Survey of Income and Program Participation, Wave 4 Topical Module.

*Form Number(s):* SIPP 2045(L), Director's Letter, SIPP/CAPI Automated Instrument.

*Agency Approval Number:* 0607-0865.

*Type of Request:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Burden:* 37,650.

*Number of Respondents:* 26,250.

*Avg. Hours Per Response:* 30 minutes per person.

*Needs and Uses:* The Census Bureau conducts the Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP) to collect information 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 at 4-month intervals or waves over the life of the panel. The duration of a panel is typically 3 to 4 years. The length of the 2000 SIPP Panel is subject to the approval of budget initiatives but is currently scheduled for one year and will include three waves of interviews.

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 in Wave 1 and are updated during subsequent interviews. The core is supplemented with additional questions or topical