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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Docket No. TB-04-12]

Notice of Request for an Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), this notice announces the Agricultural Marketing Service's (AMS) intention to request an extension to a currently approved information collection for Tobacco Report.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by November 8, 2004 to be assured of consideration.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS: Contact Henry R. Martin, Chief, Market Information and Program Analysis Branch, Tobacco Programs, AMS, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Stop 0280, 1400 Independence Ave. SW., Washington, DC 20250-0280, (202) 205-0489, Fax (202) 205-0099.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Tobacco Report.

OMB Number: 0581-0004.

Expiration Date of Approval: 06/30/2005.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: The Tobacco Statistics Act of 1929 (7 U.S.C. 501-508) provides for the collection and publication of statistics of tobacco by USDA with regard to quantity of leaf tobacco in all forms in the United States and Puerto Rico, owned by or in the possession of dealers, manufacturers, growers' cooperative associations, and others

with the exception of the original growers of the tobacco.

The statistics shall show the quantity of tobacco in such detail as to types, as USDA shall deem to be practical and necessary and shall be summarized as of January 1, April 1, July 1, and October 1 of each year and are due within 15 days of the summarized dates.

The information furnished under the provisions of this Act shall be used only for statistical purposes for which it is supplied. No publication shall be made by USDA whereby the data furnished by any particular establishment can be identified, nor shall anyone other than the sworn employees of USDA be allowed to examine the individual reports.

The regulations governing the Tobacco Stocks and Standards Act (7 CFR part 30) issued under the Tobacco Statistics Act specifically address the reporting requirements. Tobacco in leaf form or stems is reported by types of tobacco and whether stemmed or unstemmed. Tobacco in sheet form shall be segregated as to whether for cigar wrapper, cigar binder, for cigarettes, or for other products.

Tobacco stocks reporting is mandatory. The basic purpose of the information collection is to ascertain the total supply of unmanufactured tobacco available to domestic manufacturers and to calculate the amount consumed in manufactured tobacco products. This data is also used for the calculation of production quotas for individual types of tobacco and for price support calculations.

The Quarterly Report of Manufacture and Sales of Snuff, Smoking and Chewing Tobacco is voluntary. Prior to 1965, information on the manufacture and sale of snuff, smoking and chewing tobacco products was available from Treasury Department publications on the collection of taxes. With repeal of the Federal tax in 1965, the industry requested that the collection of basic data be continued to maintain the statistical series and all the major manufacturers agreed to furnish information. Federal taxes were reimposed in 1985 for snuff and chewing tobacco and the Treasury Department began reporting data on these products, but not in the detail desired by the industry. Data from this report is also used in the calculations to

determine the production quotas of types of tobacco used in these products.

The Agriculture Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1621-1627) directs and authorizes USDA to collect, tabulate, and disseminate statistics on marketing agricultural products including market supplies, storage stocks, quantity, quality and condition of such products in various positions in the marketing channel, utilization of sub-products, shipments, and unloads.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.92 hours per response.

Respondents: Primarily tobacco dealers, manufacturers, and growers' cooperative associations including small businesses or organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 76.

Estimated Number of Responses: 304.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 4.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 278.

Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) 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; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) 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 collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to Henry R. Martin, Chief, Market Information and Program Analysis Branch, Tobacco Programs, AMS, USDA Stop 0280, 1400 Independence Ave. SW., Washington, DC 20250-0280. All comments received will be available for public inspection during regular business hours at the same address.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Dated: September 1, 2004.

A.J. Yates,

Administrator, Agricultural Marketing
Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency

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 a currently approved information collection for a form used in support of the FSA Farm Loan Programs (FLP). This renewal does not involve any revisions to the program rules.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received on or before November 8, 2004 to be assured consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Constance Rime, USDA, Farm Service Agency, Loan Servicing and Property Management Division, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., STOP 0523, Washington, DC 20250-0523; Telephone (202) 690-4012; electronic mail: constance_rime@wdc.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Agreement for the Use of Proceeds/Release of Chattel Security.
OMB Control Number: 0560-0171.

Expiration Date of Approval: March 31, 2005.

Type of Request: Extension of Currently Approved Information Collection.

Abstract: This information collection is needed to implement section 335(f) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C 1985(f)), which requires release of normal income security to pay essential household and farm operating expenses of the borrower, until the Agency accelerates the loan.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 20 minutes per response.

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

Estimated Number of Respondents: 55,000.

Estimated Number or Responses Per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 18,150.

Comments are invited on: (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 the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503 and to Constance Rime, Senior Loan Officer, USDA, FSA, Farm Loan Programs, Loan Servicing Division, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., STOP 0523, Washington, DC 20250-0523.

Comments 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, DC, on September 1, 2004.

James R. Little,

Administrator, Farm Service Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Supplement to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Drew Creek, Diamond Rock and Divide Cattle Allotments, Tiller Ranger District, Umpqua National Forest, Douglas County, OR

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare a supplement to a draft environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: The USDA Forest Service will prepare a Supplement to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Drew Creek, Diamond Rock and Divide Cattle Allotments. The draft EIS for the Drew Creek, Diamond Rock and Divide Cattle Allotments was released by former Forest Supervisor Don Ostby in May 2001 (Notice of Availability, May 25, 2001, 66 FR 28904). Based on

comments received on the draft EIS, as well as monitoring data that indicate additional grazing opportunities can be successfully implemented through adaptive management practices, Forest Supervisor James A. Caplan decided to prepare a supplement pursuant to 40 CFR 1502.9(c)(1)(ii). This supplement will provide a new proposed action to the existing analysis. Previous notices were published in the **Federal Register** on April 2, 1999, (64 FR 15953); and May 25, 2001, (66 FR 28904).

ADDRESSES: Send written comments and suggestions concerning the scope of this supplement to Sharon R. Sprouse, District Ranger, Tiller Ranger District, 27812 Tiller-Trail Highway, Tiller, Oregon 97484.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: West Yamamoto, ID Team Leader, Tiller Ranger District, 27812 Tiller-Trail Highway, Tiller, Oregon 97484, or (541) 825-3201.

Responsible Official: Forest Supervisor James A. Caplan is the responsible official for this EIS. Mr. Caplan may be contacted at Umpqua National Forest, 2900 NW. Stewart Parkway, Roseburg, OR 97470.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the supplement is to provide a new proposed action. The proposed action would permit 1,903 head months (HM) to graze three full allotments, and portion of two other allotments, totaling 51,950 acres. Under this proposed action, 90 HM would be permitted on the Drew Creek Allotment, 680 HM on the Diamond Rock Allotment, 418 HM in the Divide Allotment, 440 HM on a portion of the Summit Allotment and 275 HM in a portion of the Acker Divide Allotment. It also will provide additional information on the biological, social and economic environments that would be affected by the proposal.

In addition to the new proposed action, the supplement will contain three other alternatives, including: (1) The no change alternative, which describes the current grazing program; (b) an alternative proposed by the South Umpqua Grazing Association, which represents local ranchers and livestock grazing permittees; and (c) the no grazing alternative, which would eliminate the range program on the Tiller Ranger District.

The supplement will be prepared and circulated in the same manner as the draft EIS (40 CFR 1502.9). Comments received on the supplement will be considered in the preparation of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS). The supplement to the draft EIS is expected to be available for public review and comment in October 2004.