

Federalism

The Agency has considered these proposed directives under the requirements of E.O. 13132, Federalism. The Agency has made a preliminary assessment that they conform with the federalism principles set out in this Executive Order; would not impose any significant compliance costs on the States; and would not have substantial direct effects on the States, on the relationship between the national government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government. Moreover, these proposed directives address the land management planning process on National Forests, Grasslands or other units of the NFS, which do not directly affect the States. Based on comments received on these proposed directives, the Agency will consider if any additional consultation will be needed with State and local governments prior to adopting final directives.

Consultation and Coordination With Indian Tribal Governments

The Forest Service will conduct government-to-government consultation on the planning directives. The Forest Service considers tribal consultation as an ongoing, iterative process that encompasses development of the proposed directives through the issuance of final directives. During development of the 2012 Planning Rule, between September 23, 2010, and publication of the final rule on April 9, 2012, the Agency held 16 consultation meetings across the Country. In addition, Forest Service leaders held one-on-one meetings, as requested, with tribal leaders throughout the time period of development of the rule.

The Agency will contact all federally recognized Tribes and Alaska Native Corporations by mail to formally initiate consultation on the proposed directives and seek comments within 120 days.

Controlling Paperwork Burdens on the Public

These proposed directives do not contain any record keeping or reporting requirements or other information collection requirements as defined in 5 CFR part 1320 and, therefore, impose no paperwork burden on the public. Accordingly, the review provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.) and implementing regulations at 5 CFR part 1320 do not apply.

Chapter 50 of these proposed directives contains information collection requirements as defined in 5

CFR part 1320. The information collection requirements have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget and assigned control number 0596-0158.

Conclusion

The Forest Service has developed these planning directives to set forth the legal authorities, objectives, policy, responsibilities, direction, and overall guidance for Forest Service Line Officers, agency employees, and others to use the 2012 Planning Rule. The proposed directives provide consistent interpretation of the 2012 Planning Rule for Line and Staff Officers, and interdisciplinary teams.

The 2012 Planning Rule and the proposed FSM and FSH sections together provide requirements and guidance for the Agency to adaptively manage the NFS to maintain and restore NFS land and water ecosystems and protect species while providing for ecosystem services and multiple uses. The proposed directives are intended to guide the development, revision, and amendment of land management plans to provide for the sustainability of ecosystems and resources; meet the need for forest restoration and conservation, watershed protection, and species diversity and conservation; and assist the Agency in providing a sustainable flow of benefits, services, and uses of NFS lands that provide jobs and contribute to the economic and social sustainability of communities.

By seeking public notice and comment on these proposed directives, the Agency is continuing its commitment to improve public involvement and transparency in decisionmaking associated with developing, amending, or revising a land management plan.

When the Agency offers the opportunity for public notice and comment on a proposed revision of a Forest Service Manual or Handbook revision, the Agency publishes a notice of a proposed revision with a minimum 60-day comment period. The Agency then considers the comments, makes any changes, drafts, and publishes a final **Federal Register** notice explaining the final directive and the rationale for any changes made from the propose. At a minimum, this process takes 6 months but normally takes 9–12 months.

The Forest Service is committed to providing adequate opportunities for the public to comment on administrative directives that are of substantial public interest or controversy, as provided in the regulations at 36 CFR part 216. All comments on these proposed directives will be considered in the development

of the final directives. The full text of these proposed directives are available on the World Wide Web/Internet at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/planningrule/directives>. Single paper copies are available upon request from the address and phone numbers listed earlier in this notice as well as from the nearest Regional Office, the locations of which are also available on the Washington Office headquarters homepage on the World Wide Web/Internet: www.fs.fed.us/.

Dated: February 21, 2013.

Thomas L. Tidwell,
Chief.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

National Institute of Food and Agriculture

Notice of Intent To Request an Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: National Institute of Food and Agriculture, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations (5 CFR part 1320) which implement the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), this notice announces the intention of the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) to request an extension for a currently approved information collection (OMB No. 0524-0026) for Form NIFA-666, "Organizational Information."

DATES: Submit comments on or before April 29, 2013.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by NIFA-2013-0008, by any of the following methods:

Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

Email: rmartin@NIFA.usda.gov. Include NIFA-2013-0008 in the subject line of the message.

Fax: 202-720-0857.

Mail: Written comments concerning this notice and requests for copies of the information collection may be submitted to Robert Martin, Records Officer, Information Policy, Planning and Training; Mail: NIFA/USDA; Mail Stop 2216; 1400 Independence Avenue SW.; Washington, DC 20250-2299; Hand Delivery/Courier: 800 9th Street

SW., Waterfront Centre, Room 4206, Washington, DC 20024.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and NIFA–2013–0008. All comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Robert Martin, Records Officer, Information Policy, Planning and Training; Office of Information Technology; NIFA; USDA; Email: rmartin@nifa.NIFA.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Organizational Information.

OMB Number: 0524–0026.

Expiration Date of Current Approval: April 30, 2013.

Type of Request: Intent to extend a currently approved information collection for three years.

Abstract: NIFA has primary responsibility for providing linkages between the Federal and State components of a broad-based, national agricultural research, extension, and education system. Focused on national issues, its purpose is to represent the Secretary of Agriculture and carry out the intent of Congress by administering formula and grant funds appropriated for agricultural research, extension, and education. Before awards can be made, certain information is required from applicants to effectively assess the potential recipient's capacity to manage Federal funds.

Need for the Information: Form NIFA–666 “Organizational Information”: Enables NIFA to determine that applicants recommended for awards will be responsible recipients of Federal funds. The information pertains to organizational management and financial matters of the potential grantee. This form and the documents which the applicant attaches to it provide NIFA with information such as the legal name of grantee, certification that the organization has the legal authority to accept Federal funding, identification and signatures of the key officials of the organization, the organization's practices in regard to compensation rates and benefits of employees, insurance for equipment, subcontracting with other organizations, etc., as well as the financial condition of the organization and certification that the organization is not delinquent on Federal taxes. All of this information is considered by NIFA prior to award to determine whether the grantee is both managerially and fiscally responsible. This information is submitted to NIFA on a one-time basis and updated accordingly. If sufficient changes occur

within the organization, the grantee submits revised information.

Estimate of the Burden: NIFA estimates the number of responses for the Form NIFA–666 will be 150 with an estimated response time of 6.3 hours per form, representing a total annual burden of 945 hours for this form. These estimates are based on a survey of grantees that were approved for grant awards.

They were asked to give an estimate of the time it took them to complete each form. This estimate was to include such things as: (1) Reviewing the instructions; (2) searching existing data sources; (3) gathering and maintaining the data needed; and (4) actual completion of the forms. The average time it took each respondent was calculated from their responses.

Comments: Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have a practical 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 information collection 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.

Done at Washington, DC, this 22nd day of February 2013.

Catherine E. Woteki,

Under Secretary, REE, Chief Scientist, USDA.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Nevada Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) that a planning meeting the Nevada Advisory Committee (Committee) to the Commission will be held on March 21, 2013, at the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation, 2800 East St. Louis Ave., Las Vegas, Nevada 89104. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 3:00 p.m. and adjourn at approximately 4:30

p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the Committee's report on peer-to-peer bullying in public schools and discuss other Committee projects.

Members of the public are entitled to submit written comments. The comments must be received in the Western Regional Office of the Commission by April 21, 2013. The address is Western Regional Office, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 300 N. Los Angeles Street, Suite 2010, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Persons wishing to email their comments, or to present their comments verbally at the meeting, or who desire additional information should contact Angelica Trevino, Office Manager, Western Regional Office, at (213) 894–3437, (or for hearing impaired TDD 913–551–1414), or by email to atrevino@usccr.gov. Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Regional Office at least ten (10) working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

Records generated from this meeting may be inspected and reproduced at the Western Regional Office, as they become available, both before and after the meeting. Persons interested in the work of this advisory committee are advised to go to the Commission's Web site, www.usccr.gov, or to contact the Western Regional Office at the above email or street address. The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission and FACA.

Dated in Washington, DC, February 21, 2013.

David Mussatt,

Acting Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

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Foreign-Trade Zone 124—Gramercy, LA; Application for Reorganization (Expansion of Service Area) Under Alternative Site Framework

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board (the Board) by the Port of South Louisiana, grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone 124, requesting authority to reorganize the zone to expand its service area under the alternative site framework (ASF) adopted by the Board (15 CFR 400.2(c)). The ASF is an option