

The teleconference is open to the public. However, the public is strongly encouraged to RSVP prior to the teleconference to ensure all related documents are shared with public meeting participants. The agenda will include time for people to make oral statements of three minutes or less. Individuals wishing to make an oral statement should submit a request in writing 10 days before the planned meeting to be scheduled on the agenda. Anyone who would like to bring related matters to the attention of the Committee may file written statements with the Committee staff before or after the meeting. Written comments and time requests for oral comments must be sent to Lori McKean, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Mailstop 1123, Washington, DC 20250; or by email to lmckean@fs.fed.us. A summary of the meeting will be posted on the Web site listed above within 21 days after the meeting.

Meeting Accommodations: If you are a person requiring reasonable accommodation, please make requests in advance for sign language interpreting, assistive listening devices, or other reasonable accommodation. For access to the facility or proceedings, please contact the person listed in the section titled **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. All reasonable accommodation requests are managed on a case by case basis.

Dated: April 15, 2016.

Patricia Hiram,

Associate Deputy Chief, State and Private Forestry.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Information Collection; Secure Rural Schools Act

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Forest Service is seeking comments from all interested individuals and organizations on the extension of the information collection, Secure Rural Schools Act.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing on or before June 27, 2016 to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: Comments concerning this notice should be addressed to David

Bergendorf, National Secure Rural Schools Program Coordinator, USDA Forest Service, Washington Office—Yates Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, Mailstop #1158, Washington, DC 20250; all comments should identify OMB 0596-0220.

The public may inspect comments received at Web site: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/main/pts/countyfunds/certification>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

David Bergendorf, National Secure Rural Schools Program Coordinator, by phone at 505-563-7117 or via email at dwbergendorf@fs.fed.us.

Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Secure Rural Schools Act.

OMB Number: 0596-0220.

Expiration Date of Approval: June 30, 2016.

Type of Request: Extension.

Abstract: The Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (the Act) (16 U.S.C. 7101 *et seq.*), as reauthorized in Public Law 110-343 and Public Law 112-141, requires the appropriate official of a county that receives funds under Title III of the Act to submit to the appropriate Secretary an annual certification that the funds expended have been used as authorized under section 302(a) of the Act.

The appropriate official of each participating county will be requested to report the amount of Title III funds expended in the applicable year in these categories as specified in the Act:

(1) To carry out authorized activities under the Firewise Communities Program;

(2) To reimburse the participating county for emergency services performed on Federal land and paid for by the participating county; and

(3) To develop community wildfire protection plans in coordination with the appropriate Secretary.

The information collection will identify the participating county, the year in which the expenditures were made, the name, title, and signature of the certifying official; and the date of the certification. The certification will include a statement that all expenditures were for uses authorized under section 302(a) of the Act and that the proposed uses were published and had a 45-day comment period and were submitted to the appropriate Secure

Rural Schools Act resource advisory committee(s), if any, as described in Section 302(b) of the Act.

Beginning with the certification due on February 1, 2013, the information collection also will request the county to certify the amount of Title III funds received since October of 2008 that has not been obligated as of September 30th of the previous year. This collection is necessary in the certification due on February 1, 2014, to determine the amount of Title III funds that must be returned to the United States Treasury under section 304(b) of the Act. Collection of this information in 2013 is consistent with a recent audit of county uses of Title III funds by the Government Accountability Office (<http://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-12-775>). A county's procedure for and documentation of its obligation of title III funds should be consistent with its procedures to obligate funds from other Federal sources.

In summary, the February 1, 2013, information collection will certify Title III funds expended in calendar year 2012, and the amount of Title III funds not obligated as of September 30, 2012. The February 1, 2014, information collection will certify Title III funds expended in calendar year 2013 and the amount of Title III funds not obligated as of September 30, 2013.

The determination of who is the appropriate certifying official is at the discretion of the county and borough and will vary depending on county or borough organization. For unorganized boroughs in Alaska and for participating counties in Vermont, a state official may provide the information.

The information will be collected in the form of conventional correspondence such as a letter and, at the respondent's option, attached tables or similar graphic display. The Forest Service provides an optional form for the convenience of respondents. At the respondent's discretion, the information may be submitted by hard copy and/or electronically scanned and included as an attachment to electronic mail.

Under the Act, the first response was required by February 1, 2010 for funds expended in 2009. Responses are required by February 1st of the following year each year Title III funds are expended. The Act requires Title III funds to be obligated by September 30, 2018, or be returned to the U.S. Treasury; therefore, the funds are likely to be expended or returned in 2014 and the final certification of expenditures could be made by February 1, 2019.

The Department of the Interior and the Bureau of Land Management are also authorized to participate in this

information collection because the Bureau of Land Management administers Federal lands in western Oregon covered by the Act. The information will be reviewed by the appropriate Secretary, or designee, to verify that participating counties have certified that funds were expended as authorized in the Act and to identify amounts not obligated by September 30th of the previous year. The information also may be used by the Department of the Interior because it is relevant to its Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) program.

Estimate of Annual Burden per Respondent: The estimated time required for each respondent to collect, prepare and submit the information is 24 hours each year, including an estimated 20 hours for collection and four hours for preparation and submission.

Type of Respondents: Respondents are county officials.

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 344 county officials are expected to respond each year.

Estimated Annual Number of Responses per Respondent: The Act requires only one response for each participating county for each year expenditures are made, except that sixteen counties in western Oregon will respond separately to the Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: The estimated time required for all respondents (344 counties) to collect, prepare, and submit the information is 8,256 hours each year.

Comment Is Invited

Comment is invited on: (1) Whether this 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; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the 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 respondents, including the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

All comments received in response to this notice, including names and addresses when provided, will be a matter of public record. Comments will

be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval.

Dated: April 14, 2016.

Mary Wagner,

Associate Chief of the Forest Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Housing Service

Section 538 Guaranteed Rural Rental Housing Program 2016 Industry Forums—Open Teleconference and/or Web Conference Meetings

AGENCY: Rural Housing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This Notice announces a series of teleconference and/or web conference meetings regarding the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Section 538 Guaranteed Rural Rental Housing (GRRH) program, which are scheduled to occur during 2016 and 2017. This Notice also outlines suggested discussion topics for the meetings and is intended to notify the general public of their opportunity to participate in the teleconference and/or web conference meetings.

DATES: See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for dates.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Monica Cole, Financial and Loan Analyst, at (202) 720-1251, fax: (844) 875-8075, or email: monica.cole@wdc.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The objectives of this series of teleconferences are as follows:

- Enhance the effectiveness of the Section 538 the GRRH program.
- Update industry participants and Rural Housing Service (RHS) staff on developments involving the Section 538 GRRH program.

- Enhance RHS' awareness of the market and other forces that impact the Section 538 GRRH program.

Topics to be discussed could include, but will not be limited to, the following:

- Updates on USDA's Section 538 GRRH program activities.
- Perspectives on the current state of debt financing and its impact on the Section 538 GRRH program.
- Enhancing the use of Section 538 GRRH program financing with the transfer and/or preservation of Section 515 developments.
- The impact of the Low Income Housing Tax Credits program changes on Section 538 GRRH program financing.

The dates and times for the teleconference and/or web conference meetings will be announced via email to parties registered as described below.

Registration: Any member of the public wishing to register for the calls and obtain the call-in number, access code, web link and other information for any of the public teleconference and/or web conference meetings may contact Monica Cole, Financial and Loan Analyst, at (202) 720-1251, fax: (844) 875-8075, or email: monica.cole@wdc.usda.gov. Those who request registration less than 15 calendar days prior to the date of a teleconference and/or web conference meetings may not receive notice of that teleconference and/or web conference meeting, but will receive notice of future teleconference and/or web conference meetings.

The Agency expects to accommodate each participant's preferred form of participation by telephone or via web link. However, if it appears that existing capabilities may prevent the Agency from accommodating all requests for one form of participation, each participant will be notified and encouraged to consider an alternative form of participation. Individuals who plan to participate and need reasonable accommodations or language translation assistance should inform Monica Cole within 10 business days in advance of the meeting date.

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