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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Commodity Credit Corporation

Notice of Request for Extension and Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Commodity Credit Corporation, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Commodity Credit Corporation's (CCC) intention to request an extension for and revision to a currently approved information collection in support of the CCC/Export Credit Guarantee Program (GSM-102) and the CCC/Intermediate Export Credit Guarantee Program (GSM-103) based on re-estimates.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by July 16, 1996 to be assured of consideration.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS: Contact L.T. McElvain, Director, Commodity Credit Corporation Operations Division, Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, AgBox 1035, Washington, DC 20250-1035, telephone (202) 720-6211.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: CCC/Export Credit Guarantee Program (GSM-102) and CCC/Intermediate Export Credit Guarantee Program (GSM-103).

OMB Number: 0551-0004

Expiration Date of Approval: October 31, 1996.

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

Abstract: The primary objective of the GSM-102 and GSM-103 programs is to expand U.S. agricultural exports by making available export credit guarantees to encourage U.S. private sector financing of foreign purchases of

U.S. agricultural commodities on credit terms. The CCC currently has programs operating in more than 25 countries and 6 country regions with more than 950 exporters currently eligible to participate. Under 7 CFR Part 1493, exporters are required to submit the following: (1) information required for program participation as outlined in section 1493.30, (2) export sales information in connection with applying for a payment guarantee under section 1493.40, (3) evidence of export in section 1493.80, (4) notice of default and claims for loss under section 1493.110, and (5) miscellaneous provisions, including assignment of the proceeds and review of the regulations found in section 1493.140. In addition, each exporter and exporter's assignee (U.S. financial institution) must maintain records on all information submitted to CCC and in connection with sales made under the GSM-102 and GSM-103 program as outlined in section 1493.140. The information collected is used by CCC to manage, plan, evaluate and account for Government resources. The reports and records are required to ensure the proper and judicious use of public funds.

Estimate of Burden: The public reporting burden for these collections is estimated to average 3.97 hours per response.

Respondents: U.S. Exporters of U.S. agricultural commodities, U.S. banks or other financial institutions, producer associations, U.S. export trade associations, and U.S. Government agencies.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 227 per annum.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 117 per annum.

Estimated Total Annual Burden of Respondents: 6,473.67 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Valerie Countiss, the Agency Information Collection Coordinator, at (202) 720-6713.

Requests for comments: Send comments regarding (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 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 collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to L.T. McElvain, Director, Commodity Credit Corporation Operations Division, Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, AgBox 1035, Washington, DC 20250-1035.

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

Signed at Washington, DC, May 9, 1996.

Timothy J. Galvin,

Acting Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service and Acting Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation.

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Feed Grain Donations; Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation of North Dakota

AGENCY: Commodity Credit Corporation, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Executive Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) is announcing that the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation of North Dakota is an acute distress area and that CCC-owned feed grain will be donated to needy livestock owners on the reservation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Sharon Diel, Agricultural Program Specialist, Farm Service Agency, AG Box Code 0527, P.O. Box 2415, Washington, DC 20013-2415, 202-720-6605.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the authority set forth in section 407 of the Agricultural Act of 1949, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1427), and Executive Order 11336, notice is being given that it is determined that:

1. The chronic economic distress of the needy members of the Three Affiliated Tribes using the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation of North Dakota has been materially increased and become

acute because of hail storms, wind, and excess rain thereby severely affecting livestock feed production and causing increased economic distress. This reservation is utilized by members of the Three Affiliated Tribes for grazing purposes.

2. The use of feed grain or products thereof made available by CCC for livestock feed for such needy members of the Three Affiliated Tribes using the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation will not displace or interfere with normal marketing of agricultural commodities.

3. Based on the above determinations, the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation of North Dakota is declared an acute distress area and the donation of feed grain owned by the CCC is authorized to livestock owners who are determined by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, United States Department of the Interior, to be needy members of the Three Affiliated Tribes utilizing such lands. These donations by the CCC may commence upon May 8, 1996, and shall be made available through June 15, 1996, or such other date as may be stated in a notice issued by the Executive Vice President, CCC.

Signed at Washington, DC, on May 9, 1996.
Grant Buntrock,

Executive Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation.

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Forest Service

Extension of Currently Approved Information Collection for Customer and Use Survey Techniques for Operations, Management, Evaluation, and Research

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent; request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Forest Service announces its intent to request an extension of a currently approved information collection related to visitor use of recreational sites on National Forest System lands.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing on or before July 16, 1996.

ADDRESSES: All comments should be addressed to: H. Ken Cordell, Principal Investigator, Forest Service, USDA, Southern Research Station, 320 Green St., Athens, GA 30602.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: H. Ken Cordell, Outdoor Recreation and Wilderness Assessment, at (706) 546-2451.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Description of Information Collection

The following describes the information collection to be extended:

Title: Customer and Use Survey Techniques for Operations, Management, Evaluation, and Research.
OMB Number: 0596-0110.

Expiration Date of Approval: June 30, 1996.

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

Abstract: The data collected is evaluated to ensure that the agency meets its Continuous Improvement Program and public service goals and management objectives. National Forest System land visitors are asked to respond to questions that include whether National Forest System land recreational sites are accessible to persons with disabilities, whether access roads are well maintained and adequate parking is available, if grounds and rest rooms are clean and drinking water is safe, and whether agency personnel are available to answer questions and offer assistance. Also, information is collected that reflects the economic impact National Forest System land recreational sites have on local and regional communities. There are seven general categories of information requests: a CUSTOMER on-site survey, four site-specific postage paid mail-in surveys, one expense related postage paid mail-in survey, and a CUSTOMER Report Card. Data gathered in this information collection is not available from other sources.

Customer On-Site Survey

Abstract: The CUSTOMER On-Site Survey is a verbal survey administered by Forest Service personnel or Forest Service volunteers to visitors of recreational sites on National Forest System lands. Answers are filled in by the survey administrator. Data collected in the CUSTOMER On-Site survey include the location of the interview (e.g., roadside, picnic area, boat ramp, etc.), distance traveled to the site, duration of stay at the site, purpose of the visit, number of people included in the group, helpfulness of agency employees, availability of information about the area, and the opportunity to see and hear wildlife.

Estimate of Burden: 15 minutes per response.

Type of Respondents: Visitors utilizing National Forest System lands recreational sites.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 10,000.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 2,500 hours.

Customer Postage Paid Mail-In Surveys

Abstract: After the CUSTOMER On-Site Survey has been administered by Forest Service personnel or volunteers, visitors using recreational sites on National Forest System lands are asked to fill out a postage paid mail-in survey. Visitors are given only 1 of 4 different site-specific mail-in surveys used in conjunction with the CUSTOMER On-Site Survey. Each survey focuses on a different aspect of the recreational site. For example, one survey includes questions about convenience of cooking grills, picnic tables, cleanliness of facilities, and adequacy of camp sites. Another survey includes questions about the helpfulness of agency employees, availability of maps for the area, and whether areas are clearly marked. A third survey includes questions about walking trails, condition of access roads and availability of parking, information about historic sites, or absence of human modifications to the visible landscape. The fourth site-specific survey asks questions relating to availability and condition of boat ramps and beaches, fishing, swimming or water-skiing opportunities, and whether the recreational sites are crowded.

Estimate of Burden: 15 minutes per response.

Type of Respondents: Visitors utilizing National Forest System lands recreational sites.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 10,000.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 2,500 hours.

Customer Postage Paid Mail-In Expense Survey

Abstract: Visitors at recreational sites on National Forest System lands are also given a postage paid mail-in survey related to their recreational expenses. They are asked to estimate the dollars they spent on recreational equipment and activities and whether the dollars were spent at or near the recreational site. The visitors are asked to return the survey by mail after completing it.

Estimate of Burden: 15 minutes per response.

Type of Respondents: Visitors utilizing National Forest System lands recreational sites.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 10,000.