

information collection. These comments will help us:

(1) Evaluate 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;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the information collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the information collection on those who are to respond, through use, as appropriate, of automated, electronic, mechanical, and other collection technologies, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Estimate of burden: The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.79476502 hours per response.

Respondents: Corporate and independent producers, private veterinary practitioners, and State veterinary medical officers.

Estimated annual number of respondents: 8,405.

Estimated annual number of responses per respondent: 1.

Estimated annual number of responses: 8,405.

Estimated total annual burden on respondents: 6,680 hours. (Due to averaging, the total annual burden hours may not equal the product of the annual number of responses multiplied by the reporting burden per response.)

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.

Done in Washington, DC, this 10th day of May, 2002.

Peter Fernandez,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 01-096-2]

Availability of an Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: We are advising the public that an environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact have been prepared by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service relative to the control of *Melaleuca quinquenervia* in Florida. The environmental assessment considers the effects of, and alternatives to, the release of two nonindigenous organisms, *Boreioglycaspis melaleucae* and *Lophyrotoma zonalis*, into the environment for use as biological control agents to reduce the severity of melaleuca infestations. The environmental assessment provides a basis for our conclusion that the issuance of a permit for the field release of *Boreioglycaspis melaleucae* into the environment will not have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment. A decision has been made not to issue a permit for the field release of *Lophyrotoma zonalis* at this time until more data is obtained on the potential for adverse effects to humans or domestic animals. Based on its finding of no significant impact, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service has determined that an environmental impact statement need not be prepared.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact are available for public inspection in our reading room. The reading room is located in room 1141 of the USDA South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC. Normal reading room hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 690-2817 before coming.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Tracy Horner, Entomologist, Permits and Risk Assessment, PPQ, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 133, Riverdale, MD 20737-1228; (301) 734-5213.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As part of an integrated control project to reduce the severity of *Melaleuca quinquenervia* (Cav.) S.T. Blake (Myrtales: Myrtaceae) infestations in Florida, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) has evaluated the release of two nonindigenous organisms, *Boreioglycaspis melaleucae* Moore (Hemiptera: Psyllidae) and *Lophyrotoma zonalis* Rohwer (Hymenoptera: Pergidae), in areas affected by melaleuca.

Melaleuca, a broad-leaf paper bark tree native to Australia, was originally introduced in Florida during the early 1900's as an ornamental and was later planted along dikes and levees for erosion control and to convert wetlands into productive forest lands. Over the

last four decades, it has spread throughout southern Florida, displacing native plant and animal species, and threatening the stability of the Florida Everglades ecosystem. The purpose of the control project is to reduce the severity of the infestations of melaleuca throughout the affected areas.

APHIS' current melaleuca control project encompasses the areas known to be infested in central and south Florida and involves an integrated control approach sensitive to site-specific conditions, which may include a combination of physical, biological, and/or chemical controls.

In response to permit applications the Agency received for the release of *B. melaleucae*, a psyllid native to Australia, and *L. zonalis*, a sawfly also native to Australia, APHIS investigated the use of these biological control agents to control melaleuca in the affected areas. Presently, there is only one biological control agent, a nonindigenous weevil (*Oxyops vitiosa*), used to suppress melaleuca.

On December 14, 2001, we published in the **Federal Register** (66 FR 64797-64798, Docket No. 01-096-1) a notice in which we announced the availability, for public review and comment, of an environmental assessment entitled "Field Release of Two Biological Control Agents *Boreioglycaspis melaleucae* Moore (Hemiptera: Psyllidae) and *Lophyrotoma zonalis* Rohwer (Hymenoptera: Pergidae) for the Control of *Melaleuca quinquenervia* (Cav.) S.T. Blake (Myrtales: Myrtaceae) in south Florida" (September 2001). This environmental assessment considers the effects of, and alternatives to, releasing *B. melaleucae* and *L. zonalis* into the environment as biological control agents to reduce the severity of melaleuca infestations in Florida. We solicited comments on the environmental assessment for 30 days ending on January 14, 2002. We received no comments by that date.

In this document, we are advising the public of APHIS' record of decision and finding of no significant impact regarding the issuance of a permit for the field release of *B. Melaleucaeq*, without conditions, for use as a biological control agent to reduce the severity of melaleuca infestations. A decision has been made not to issue a permit for the field release of *L. zonalis* at this time until more data is obtained on the potential for adverse effects to humans or domestic animals. When more data clarifying the potential of *L. zonalis* becomes available, we will reevaluate our decision regarding *L. zonalis* with the appropriate environmental documentation.

The environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact may be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppq/> by accessing "Document/Forms Retrieval System," then "Permits-Pests," and then document number 0030. Copies of the documents may also be obtained by calling the Plant Protection and Quarantine Automated Fax System at (301) 734-4327 or (301) 734-3560; please enter document number 0030 when prompted. You may also obtain copies of the environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact by calling or writing to the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Please refer to the title of the environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact when requesting copies. The environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact are also available for review in our reading room (information on the location and hours of the reading room is listed under the heading **ADDRESSES** at the beginning of this notice).

The environmental assessment has been prepared in accordance with: (1) The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality for implementing the procedural provisions of NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500-1508), (3) USDA regulations implementing NEPA (7 CFR part 1), and (4) APHIS' NEPA Implementing Procedures (7 CFR part 372).

Done in Washington, DC, this 10th day of May, 2002.

Peter Fernandez,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Revalli County Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Ravalli County Resource Advisory Committee will be meeting to Discuss projects to fund this fiscal year. Agenda topics will include Project evaluation And selection, and a public forum (question and answer session). The meeting is being Held pursuant to the authorities in the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463) And under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act

of 2000 (Public Law 106-393). The meeting is open to the public.

DATES: The meeting will be held on May 28, 2002, 6:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Ravalli County Administration Building, 215 S. 4th Street, Hamilton, Montana. Send written comments to Jeanne Higgins, District Ranger, Stevensville Ranger District, 88 Main Street, Stevensville, MT 59870, by Facsimile (406) 777-7423, or electronically to jnhiggins@fs.fed.us.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeanne Higgins, Stevensville District Ranger and Designated Federal Officer, Phone: (406) 777-5461.

Dated: May 9, 2002.

Lesley W. Thompson,
Acting Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Housing Service

Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Rural Housing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Proposed collection; comments requested.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Rural Housing Service's intention to request an extension for a currently approved information collection in support of the program for 7 CFR part 3575-A.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by July 15, 2002 to be assured of consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mel Padgett, Loan Specialist, Rural Housing Service, STOP 0788, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-0788 (202) 720-1495, or by email: mpadgett@rdmail.rural.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: 7 CFR 3575, subpart A, Community Programs Guaranteed Loans.

OMB Number: 0575-0137.

Expiration Date of Approval: September 30, 2002.

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

Abstract: Private lenders make the loans to public bodies and nonprofit corporations for the purposes of improving rural living standards and for other purposes that create employment

opportunities in rural areas. Eligibility for this program includes community facilities located in cities, towns, or unincorporated areas of up to 20,000 population.

The information collected is used by the agency to manage, plan, evaluate, an account for government resources. The reports are required to ensure the proper and judicious use of public funds.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1 hour per response.

Respondents: Nonprofit corporations and public bodies.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 58,811.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Number of Responses: 58,819.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 65,033 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Cheryl Thompson, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, Support Services Division at (202) 692-0043.

Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of RHS, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of RHS'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 appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to Cheryl Thompson, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, Support Services Division, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, STOP 0742, 1400 Independence Ave. SW., Washington, DC 20250-0742. 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.

Dated: May 8, 2002.

Arthur A. Garcia,
Administrator, Rural Housing Service.

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