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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Foreign Agricultural Service

Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Foreign Agricultural Service's (FAS) intention to request an extension for a currently approved information collection. This information collection is required in petitions filed with the Foreign Agricultural Service for emergency relief from duty-free imports of perishable products under section 204(d) of the Andean Trade Promotion and Drug Eradication Act.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received on or before October 24, 2005, to be assured consideration.

ADDRESSES: Mail or deliver comments to Omar Karawa, Import Policies and Programs Division, Foreign Agricultural Service, Stop 1021, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250-1021, or e-mail to Omar.Karawa@fas.usda.gov, or fax to (202) 720-0876.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Omar Karawa, Stop 1021, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-1021, (202) 720-1336.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Title:* Emergency Relief from Duty-Free Imports of Perishable Products from Andean Countries.

OMB Number: 0551-0033.

Expiration Date of Approval: December 31, 2005.

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

Abstract: The Andean Trade Preference Act (the "Act") (19 U.S.C. 3201 *et seq.*) was retitled the "Andean Trade Promotion and Drug Eradication Act" under section 3101 of H.R. 3009, the "Trade Act of 2002". The Act authorized the President to proclaim duty-free treatment for imports from Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru, except for specifically excluded products. Section 3104 of H.R. 3009 amended the Act to extend the expiration date from December 4, 2001 to December 31, 2006, and made the Act retroactive to December 4, 2001. Section 3103(a) of H.R. 3009 renumbered section 204(e) of the Act as section 204(d). Section 204(d) provides for emergency relief from duty-free imports of certain perishable agricultural products from the beneficiary Andean countries. Section 204(d) provides, in part, that a petition for emergency import relief may be filed with the Secretary of Agriculture at the same time a petition for import relief is filed with the United States International Trade Commission (ITC) pursuant to the provisions of section 201 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (19 U.S.C. 2251). Emergency import relief is limited to restoration of MFN tariffs during the period of the ITC's investigation. Under 7 CFR 1540 Subpart C, a procedure is provided for an entity to submit a petition for emergency relief to the Administrator of the Foreign Agricultural Service. Section 150.43 requests that the following information, to the extent possible, be included in a petition: A description of the imported perishable product concerned; country of origin of imports; data indicating increased imports are a substantial cause of serious injury (or threat of injury) to the domestic industry producing a like or directly competitive product; evidence of serious injury, and a statement indicating why emergency action would be warranted. The information collected provides essential data for the Secretary regarding specific market conditions with respect to the industry requesting emergency relief. Within 14 days of the filing of a petition, the Secretary shall advise the President if there is reason to believe that emergency action is warranted, or to publish a notice of a

determination not to recommend emergency action and advise the petitioner.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated at \$553.00.

Respondents: Non-profit institutions, businesses, or farms.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 23 hours. Copies of the information collection can be obtained from Liliana Silva-Castellanos, the Agency Collection Coordinator, at (202) 690-4055.

Requests for Comments: The public is invited to submit comments and suggestions to the above address regarding the accuracy of the burden estimate, ways to minimize the burden, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, or any other aspect of this collection of information. Comments on issues covered by the Paperwork Reduction Act are most useful to OMB if received within 30 days or the publication of the Notice and Request for Comments, but must be submitted no later than 60 days from the date of publication to be assured consideration. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also be a matter of public record.

Signed at Washington, DC, on August 5, 2005.

A. Ellen Terpstra,

Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Opal Creek Scenic Recreation Area (SRA) Advisory Council

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Willamette National Forest is seeking nominees for five positions on the Opal Creek Advisory Council. The Council was originally established in June 2000 with 13 members. About half of the current

members will remain on the Council to provide continuity for new members.

The Advisory Council makes recommendations to the Detroit District Ranger on matters relating to the management of the Opal Creek Scenic Recreation Area (SRA). The Advisory Council is composed of a diverse group of citizens, which allows for sharing of technical knowledge and personal experience. Members represent interests including, but not limited to: timber industry; environmental organizations; mining industry; land inholders within the Opal Creek Wilderness and SRA; economic development interests; and Indian tribes. Other members serving on the Council as required by the Act represent Marion County, communities within a 25 mile radius of the SRA, State of Oregon, and City of Salem.

Positions to be filled are from timber industry, in-holders, environmental organizations, mining industry and one at-large member. Examples of "at-large" members who may be interested in serving on this Council include recreation interests, adjacent landowner, educators and researchers.

Nominees must be United States citizens, at least 18 years old. Willamette officials will recommend nominees' appointments to the Secretary of Agriculture based on criteria which includes long-time familiarity with the Opal Creek SRA, knowledge and understanding of other cultures, ability to actively participate in diverse team settings, and respect and credibility in local communities.

Nominations are due September 19, 2005. People interested in more information or a nomination packet should contact the Detroit Ranger District at 503-854-3366. The nomination packet can also be downloaded from the Opal Creek Advisory Council section of the Willamette National Forest Web site: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/willamette/manage/opalcreek/index.html>.

Dated: August 18, 2005.

Y. Robert Iwamoto,

Deputy Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Measures for Allocating Uses for Outfitting and Guiding Activities on National Forest System Lands

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of issuance of interim directive.

SUMMARY: The Forest Service is issuing an interim directive (ID) to Forest Service Handbook 2709.11, Chapter 40, to enumerate measures, other than service days, that may be used to allocate use for outfitting and guiding activities on National Forest System lands. This ID is issued as number FSH 2709.11-2005-1.

DATES: This ID is effective August 24, 2005.

ADDRESSES: ID 2709.11-2005-1 is available electronically from the Forest Service via the World Wide Web at <http://www.fs.fed.us/im/directives>. A paper copy may be obtained by contacting Carolyn Holbrook, Recreation and Heritage Resources Staff, by mail at Mail Stop 1124, Forest Service, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-1124; or by telephone at (202) 205-1399.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carolyn Holbrook, Recreation and Heritage Resources Staff (202) 205-1399.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Forest Service is issuing ID 2709.11-2005-1 to incorporate minor changes to the current direction in FSH 2709.11, section 41.53, regarding methods of measuring authorized use in a permit for outfitting and guiding on National Forest System lands. The ID adds definitions for: "allocation of use," "quota," and "service day" (sec. 41.53c); provides that quotas and other units of measure may be used in lieu of service days to allocate and authorize use (sec. 41.53h, para. 2b(1) and sec. 41.53j, para. 4); and adds transportation livestock as an item to be included and accounted for in the permit, operating plan, or annual itinerary (sec. 41.53j, para.4).

Dated: August 12, 2005.

Jack G. Troyer,

Acting Chief.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

DOC has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

Agency: U.S. Census Bureau.

Title: Annual Retail Trade Report.
Form Number(s): SA-44, SA-44A, SA-44C, SA-44E, SA-44N, SA-44S, SA-45, SA-45C, SA-721A and SA-721E.

Agency Approval Number: 0607-0013.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 11,095 hours.

Number of Respondents: 21,570.

Avg Hours Per Response: 31 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The U.S. Census

Bureau requests continued OMB approval of the Annual Retail Trade Survey (ARTS). The ARTS provides the only continuing official measure of annual total retail sales, e-commerce sales, end-of-year inventories, sales/inventory ratios, purchases, inventory valuation methods, gross margin, and end-of-year accounts receivables for retailers and annual sales and e-commerce sales for accommodation and food services firms in the United States.

The data collected in the ARTS provide a current statistical picture of the retail and food services and accommodations portions of consumer activity. Also, the estimates compiled from this survey provide valuable information for economic policy decisions and actions by government and are widely used by private businesses, trade organizations, professional associations, and others for market research and analysis. The sales and receipts are used by the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) in determining the consumption portion of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

The BEA is the primary Federal user of the data collected in the ARTS and the information collected is critical to the quality of several of BEA's key programs. The data on retail sales are used to prepare detailed annual personal consumption expenditures estimates; merchandise inventories, valuation methods and merchandise purchases are used to prepare annual estimates of change in the business inventory component of GDP. Sales, merchandise purchases, inventories, inventory valuation and sales tax data are used to prepare estimates of GDP by industry and to derive industry output for the input-output accounts.

In addition, the results of the ARTS are used to benchmark estimates of monthly retail sales, e-commerce sales, and inventories from the Current Retail Sales and Inventory Survey (OMB Approval #0607-0717), which are key economic indicators that provide timely input for computation of the national accounts. Accounts receivable balances are used by the Federal Reserve Board in measuring consumer credit.