

Total Burden Hours: 623.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

August 12, 2008.

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments regarding (a) 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; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; (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 should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), *OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV* or fax (202) 395-5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250-7602. Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-8681.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Forest Service

Title: Foreign Travel Proposal (Non-Federal).

OMB Control Number: 0596-NEW.

Summary of Collection: Forest Service (FS) is seeking approval to collect information from non-federally employed individuals who are traveling outside the United States on behalf or at the request of the FS. The collection of this information is necessary to facilitate timely issuance of foreign travel authorizations. This information is shared with the USDA Foreign Agriculture Service; U.S. State Department; foreign embassies in Washington, DC; and U.S. embassies in all destination countries.

Need and Use of the Information: The FS, USDA, International Programs Travel Section uses FS-6500-1, Foreign Travel Proposal to collect the traveler's destination, purpose of trip, and dates of travel. Also collected are name, address, contact telephone numbers, passport information, security clearance, as well as contacts at each destination and hotel information. Without this information the FS cannot provide support to international programs or other countries who have requested assistance.

Description of Respondents: Individuals or households.

Number of Respondents: 25.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 7.

Forest Service

Title: Federal Excess Personal Property.

OMB Control Number: 0596-NEW.

Summary of Collection: The Federal Property Services and Administrative Assistance Act of 1949 and the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978, as amended, authorize the Forest Service (FS) to loan federally owned property to state cooperators to use in fighting fires and providing emergency services. The Federal Excess Personal Property (FEPP) program administers the loan FS Fire and Aviation Management fire-control stock to states. The FEPP program will provide FS officials with updated information on the condition of property loaned to state and territory cooperators. FS property management technicians will collect the information from the Forest Service Federal Excess Property Management Information System (FEPMIS) database and enter it into a National Finance Center database (PROP), as required by Federal Property Management Regulations.

Need and Use of the Information: State agencies will use the FEPMIS database to submit information regarding property details, including manufacturer, model, year of manufacture, acquisition date when an

item is acquired or no longer needed, acquisition value, Federal property identification number, serial number, condition of property, and the location of property and user of property. The database will also allow FS to manage inventory. Access to the database is limited to those with access authorized by FS Management Officers working in the Fire and Aviation staff.

Description of Respondents: State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 200.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion; Recordkeeping.

Total Burden Hours: 7,065.

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Farm Service Agency

Title: United States Warehouse Act (USWA).

OMB Control Number: 0560-0120.

Summary of Collection: The Secretary of Agriculture authorizes the Farm Service Agency (FSA) as specified in the USWA to license public warehouse operators that are in the business of storing agricultural products. FSA licenses over 50 percent of all commercial grain and cotton warehouse capacities in the United States. FSA administers USWA activities and encompasses examination of warehouses operated under the Standards for Approval of Warehouses under the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) Charter Act. Although there are several types of warehouses covered by USWA and CCC functions, the reporting requirements for a particular type of warehouse are essentially the same. With some exceptions, the same forms are used for both USWA licensing and CCC. The forms are furnished to interested warehouse operators or used by the warehouse examiners employed by FSA to secure and record information about the warehouse operators and the warehouse.

Need and Use of the Information: FSA will collect information as a basis to (1) determine whether or not the warehouse and the warehouse operator making application for licensing and/or approval meets applicable standards; (2) issue such license or approvals; and (3) determine, once licensed or approved, that the licensee or warehouse operator continues to meet such standards and is conforming to regulatory or contractual obligations.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 4,000.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion; Annually; Other (daily record).

Total Burden Hours: 10,211.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Information Collection; Extending the Forest Service Message to Diverse Urban Publics

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 new information collection, Extending the Forest Service Message to Diverse Urban Publics.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing on or before October 14, 2008 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 Patricia L. Winter, Pacific Southwest Research Station, Forest Service, USDA, 4955 Canyon Crest Drive, Riverside, CA 92507.

Comments also may be submitted via facsimile to (951) 680-1501 or by e-mail to: pwinter@fs.fed.us.

The public may inspect comments received at Building One Reception, 4955 Canyon Crest Drive, Riverside, CA 92507, during normal business hours. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead to (951) 680-1500 to facilitate entry to the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Patricia L. Winter, Pacific Southwest Research Station, USDA FS, (951) 680-1557. Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339 twenty-four hours a day, every day of the year, including holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Extending the Forest Service Message to Diverse Urban Publics.

OMB Number: 0596-New.

Type of Request: New.

Abstract: Forest Service and university researchers will contact residents in communities proximate to urban national forests. Through those contacts, they will evaluate outdoor recreation participation, barriers to participation, engagement in other community activities, use of various media types, trust of various media types, and socio-demographics. The results of this information collection will help researchers improve their ability to provide information to natural resource managers on communication and information dissemination to publics.

Residents in metropolitan communities surrounding urban national forests (age 18 or older) will be contacted via telephone and invited to participate in a brief telephone survey. Willing parties will participate in the telephone survey or arrange for future contact based on their availability and convenience.

A Forest Service researcher, Agency analysts/technicians, and a cooperating university researcher will collect and analyze the data. The Forest Service and university researchers are experts in applied social psychology and survey research.

Participants will be asked a series of questions focused on outdoor recreation participation, barriers to participation, engagement in community activities, use of various types of media (television, radio, newspaper, magazines, and Internet), trust in various types of media, and socio-demographics. Responses will be voluntary and anonymous, will not be stored with contact information at any time, and contact information will be purged from researcher files once data collection is complete.

Responses will be used to evaluate selected ethnic/racial groups' use and reliance upon forms of media and other sources of information about outdoor recreation. Findings will help resource managers determine the appropriateness of routes of communication with diverse urban publics regarding natural resource issues and outdoor recreation opportunities. This in turn will help remedy one of the key barriers to use of natural areas for outdoor recreation, a lack of information about such opportunities.

Without the proposed information collection, managers will continue to rely upon the traditional means of information dissemination, which may perpetuate the information gap found among communities of various ethnicities and races regarding outdoor recreation opportunities. The information collected will help the researchers supply information to natural resource managers and other researchers who are focusing their own work on natural resource management values and objectives. Additionally, Forest Service officials will share the data with community-based organizations serving the interests of diverse publics, assisting these organizations in efforts to work with natural resource management agencies and facilitate application of findings.

Estimate of Annual Burden: 10 minutes.

Type of Respondents: Respondents are residents of metropolitan areas