

address above. All comments received will be available for public inspection during regular business hours at the same address.

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

Dated: October 27, 2009.

Rayne Pegg,

Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.

ACTION: Proposed collection; Comments requested.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Rural Business-Cooperative Service's (RBS) intention to request an extension for a currently approved information collection in support of the program for 7 CFR part 4279.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by January 12, 2010 to be assured of consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Brenda Griffin, Loan Specialist, Business and Industry Division, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, STOP 3224, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250-3224. Telephone: (202) 720-6802. The TDD number is (800) 877-8339 or (202) 708-9300.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Guaranteed Loanmaking—Business and Industry Loans.

OMB Number: 0570-0017.

Expiration Date of Approval: February 28, 2010.

Type of Request: Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection.

Abstract: The Business and Industry (B&I) Guaranteed Loan Program was legislated in 1972 under Section 310B of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, as amended. The purpose of the program is to improve, develop, or finance businesses, industries, and employment and improve the economic and environmental climate in rural

communities. This purpose is achieved through bolstering the existing private credit structure through the guaranteeing of quality loans made by lending institutions, thereby providing lasting community benefits.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting for this collection of information is estimated to average 2 hours per response.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit; State, Local or Tribal; Lenders, accountants, attorneys.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 870.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Number of Responses: 8,686.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 19,907 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Linda Watts Thomas, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, Support Services Division at (202) 692-0226.

Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of RBS, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of RBS'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 Linda Watts Thomas, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, Support Services Division, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, STOP 0742, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250. 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: November 5, 2009.

Judith A. Canales,

Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Alpine County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC)

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Alpine County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will hold its fourth meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on December 2, 2009, and will begin at 6 p.m. The meeting will be held in Alpine County at the Alpine Early Learning Center, 100 Foothill Road, Markleeville, CA 96120.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Marnie Bonesteel, RAC Coordinator, USDA, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, Carson Ranger District, 1536 S. Carson Street, Carson City, NV 89701 (775) 884-8140; e-mail mbonesteel@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Agenda items to be covered include: (1) Vote on committee bylaws and elect a chairperson (2) Vote on Title II projects (3) Public Comment. The meeting is open to the public. Public input opportunity will be provided and individuals will have the opportunity to address the Committee at that time.

Dated: November 4, 2009.

Genny E. Wilson,

Designated Federal Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Deschutes Provincial Advisory Committee (DPAC)

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Deschutes Provincial Advisory Committee will meet on November 18-19, 2009, to review accomplishments and to plan for focused and effective actions in the next three years. Members will meet at the Deschutes National Forest Supervisor's office (1001 SW. Emkay Drive, Bend, Oregon) at 3 p.m. on November 18 and carpool to the Lake Creek Lodge in Camp Sherman for an overnight stay, returning 3 p.m. the next day. An Open Public Forum is scheduled for 9:40-10 a.m. on November 19.

All Deschutes Province Advisory Committee Meetings are open to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Chris Mickle. Province Liaison, Crescent

Ranger District, Highway 97, Crescent, Oregon, 97733, Phone (541) 433-3216.

John Allen,

Deschutes National Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

Electronic Response to Office Action and Preliminary Amendment Forms

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the revision of a continuing information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before January 12, 2010.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

* *E-mail:* Susan.Fawcett@uspto.gov.

Include "0651-0050 Electronic Response to Office Action and Preliminary Amendment Forms collection comment" in the subject line of the message.

* *Fax:* 571-273-0112, marked to the attention of Susan K. Fawcett.

* *Mail:* Susan K. Fawcett, Records Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

* *Federal Rulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information should be directed to the attention of Janis Long, Attorney Advisor, Office of the Commissioner for Trademarks, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, by telephone at 571-272-9573, or by e-mail to Janis.Long@uspto.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), pursuant to the Trademark Act, 15 U.S.C. 1051 *et seq.* and Chapter 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations, issues Office Actions in which it requests that applicants for trademark registration furnish information that is required for the issuance of a registration but that was not provided with the initial submission of the application for registration. The Response to Office Action form may be used to reply to an Office Action that was issued in connection with an application for registration or after the submission of a Statement of Use.

Additionally, applicants may supplement their applications by providing additional information voluntarily. When such information is provided before the USPTO has reviewed the application, the submission is in the nature of a Preliminary Amendment.

The Request for Reconsideration after Final Action is filed after issuance of a final Office Action but before the deadline for filing an appeal. Filing the Request for Reconsideration early in the six-month response period can eliminate the need for some appeals or petitions and reduce the need for remands and transfers of applications on appeal.

Applicants may also file a Post Publication Amendment in order to

submit a proposed amendment to an application that has already been approved for publication by the examining attorney. If an applicant receives a Suspension Inquiry or Letter of Suspension from the USPTO, the applicant may use the response form to file a reply.

II. Method of Collection

The forms in this collection are available in electronic format through the Trademark Electronic Application System (TEAS), which may be accessed on the USPTO Web site. Applicants may also submit the information in paper form by mail, fax or hand delivery.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0651-0050.

Form Number(s): PTO Forms 1771, 1822, 1957, 1960 and 1966.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Primarily business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 208,360 per year.

Estimated Time Per Response: The USPTO estimates that it will take approximately 10 minutes (0.17 hours) to 23 minutes (0.38 hours) to gather the necessary information, create the document, and submit the completed request, depending on whether the information is submitted electronically or on paper.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden Hours: 57,416 hours per year.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Cost Burden: \$17,798,960. The USPTO believes that attorneys will complete the information in this collection. The professional hourly rate for attorneys in private firms is \$310. This is a fully-loaded hourly rate. Therefore, the USPTO estimates that the respondent cost burden for this collection will be approximately \$17,798,960 per year.

Item	Estimated time for response	Estimated annual responses	Estimated annual burden hours
Response to Office Action (TEAS)	17 minutes	165,000	46,200
Preliminary Amendment (TEAS)	17 minutes	11,000	3,080
Request for Reconsideration after Final Action (TEAS)	17 minutes	16,500	4,620
Post Publication Amendment (TEAS)	20 minutes	3,600	1,188
Post Publication Amendment (paper)	23 minutes	720	274
Response to Suspension Inquiry or Letter of Suspension (TEAS)	10 minutes	9,700	1,649
Response to Suspension Inquiry or Letter of Suspension (paper)	13 minutes	1,840	405
TOTAL	208,360	57,416

Estimated Total Annual (Non-hour) Respondent Cost Burden: \$1,126. There are no capital start-up, operation, maintenance or record keeping costs,

nor are there filing fees associated with this information collection.

Customers incur postage costs when submitting non-electronic information

to the USPTO by mail through the United States Postal Service. The USPTO estimates that the majority of submissions for these paper forms are