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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

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

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Forest Service's intention to collect information necessary to implement the Forest Resources Conservation and Shortage Relief Act of 1990 (Pub. L. 101-382). New information collection is necessary to administer timber export restrictions. Extension and revision of currently approved existing information collection, included with this notice, is also necessary to administer timber export restrictions.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before February 12, 1996.

ADDRESSES: All comments should be addressed to: Dave Hessel, Director, Timber Management Staff, U.S. Forest Service, P.O. Box 96090, Washington, D.C. 20090-6090.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rex Baumbach, Timber Sale Contract Administration Specialist, Timber Management Staff, U.S. Forest Service, at (202) 205-0855.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Forest Service needs this collection to assist in the administration of the Forest Resources Conservation and Shortage Relief Act of 1990 (Act). All new and revised collections mentioned in this notice are proposed to be consolidated under OMB Number 0596-0114:

New Information Collection Requirements

Title: USDA, Forest Service Request for Timber Export and Substitution Information Collection.

OMB Number: New.

Expiration Date of Approval: New.

Type of Request: The following collection requirements are new and have not received approval by the Office of Management and Budget. These collections are proposed to be consolidated with other collections under OMB Number 0596-0114.

36 CFR 223.187(a)(1)(i)

Abstract: To validate that lumber and construction timbers (except western red cedar) have been manufactured to required grades (16 U.S.C. 620e(7)(B)(i)), the shipper must retain a legible, certified copy of the lumber inspection certificate. This information collection requirement was identified in the proposed comprehensive rule published January 29, 1991 (56 FR 3354).

Estimate of Burden: The public reporting burden to retain lumber inspection certificates to validate that products have been manufactured to required grades is estimated to average 0.05 hours per response.

Respondents: Businesses or other for-profit entities, including small businesses.

Estimated Number of Respondents: Respondents for maintaining lumber inspection certificates (except western red cedar) are estimated to be 40.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 40.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 80.

36 CFR 223.187(b)(2)

Abstract: To ensure that lumber products (except western red cedar) are processed for their intended use (16 U.S.C. 620e(7)(B)(i)), manufacturers are required to certify that the products are not intended for remanufacture. This information collection requirement was identified in the proposed comprehensive rule published January 29, 1991 (56 FR 3354).

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for certification that lumber products (except western red cedar) are not intended for remanufacture is estimated to average 0.20 hours per response.

Respondents: Businesses or other for-profit entities, including small businesses.

Estimated Number of Respondents: Respondents for certification that lumber products (except western red

cedar) are not intended for remanufacture are estimated to be 40.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 40.

Estimated total Annual Burden on Respondents: 320.

36 CFR 223.187(b)(3)

Abstract: To ensure that pulpwood bolts are not intended for remanufacture, manufacturers are required to certify that the bolts are intended to be manufactured into pulp (16 U.S.C. 620e(7)(B)(viii)). This information requirement was added in the final comprehensive rule, published September 8, 1995 (60 FR 46890), in response to comments received on the proposed comprehensive rule.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for certification that pulpwood bolts are not intended for remanufacture is estimated to average 0.25 hours per response.

Respondents: Businesses or other for-profit entities, including small businesses.

Estimated Number of Respondents: Respondents for certification that pulpwood bolts are not intended for remanufacture are estimated to be 3.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 33.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 25.

36 CFR 223.187(b)(5)

Abstract: To assist enforcement of the Act, the certifications in 36 CFR 223.187(b) (2) and (3) must be signed by someone with authority. Thus, a delegation of authority is required. This information requirement was added in the final comprehensive rule, published September 8, 1995 (60 FR 46890), in response to comments received on the proposed comprehensive rule.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for the delegation of authority is estimated to average 1.0 hour per response.

Respondents: Businesses or other for-profit entities, including small businesses.

Estimated Number of Respondents: Respondents for the delegation of authority are estimated to be 43.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 43.

36 CFR 223.187(c)(1)

Abstract: To validate that western red cedar lumber has been manufactured to required grades (16 U.S.C. 620b and 620e), the shipper must retain a legible, certified copy of the lumber inspection certificate. This information collection requirement was identified in the proposed comprehensive rule published January 29, 1991 (56 FR 3354).

Estimate of Burden: The public reporting burden to retain lumber inspection certificates to validate that western red cedar products have been manufactured to required grades is estimated to average 0.05 hours per response.

Respondents: Businesses or other for-profit entities, including small businesses.

Estimated Number of Respondents: Respondents for lumber inspections certificates for western red cedar are estimated to be 7.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondents: 43.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 15.

36 CFR 223.187(d)(1)

Abstract: To ensure that western red cedar lumber products are processed for their intended use (16 U.S.C. 620b and 620e), manufacturers are required to certify that the products are not intended for remanufacture. This information requirement was added in the final comprehensive rule, published September 8, 1995 (60 FR 46890), in response to comments received on the proposed comprehensive rule.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for certification that western red cedar lumber products are not intended for remanufacture is estimated to average 0.20 hours per response.

Respondents: Businesses or other for-profit entities, including small businesses.

Estimated Number of Respondents: Respondents for certification that western red cedar lumber products are not intended for remanufacture are estimated to be 7.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 43.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 60.

36 CFR 223.187(d)(3)

Abstract: To assist in enforcement of the Act, the certification in 36 CFR 223.187(d)(1) must be signed by someone with authority. Thus, a delegation of authority is required. This information requirement was added in the final comprehensive rule, published September 8, 1995 (60 FR 46890), in

response to comments received on the proposed comprehensive rule.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for the delegation of authority is estimated to average 1.0 hour per response.

Respondents: Businesses or other for-profit entities, including small businesses.

Estimated Number of Respondents: Respondents for delegation of authority are estimated to be 7.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 7.

36 CFR 223.190(a)

Abstract: An exporter of unprocessed timber that intends to affiliate with a purchaser of Federal timber may apply for a sourcing area if they certify their intent to affiliate (16 U.S.C. 620b(c)(3)). This certification is necessary to ensure that sourcing area applications are processed only when there is demonstrated intent to affiliate. This information requirement was added in the final comprehensive rule, published September 8, 1995 (60 FR 46890), in response to comments received on the proposed comprehensive rule.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for certification of intent to affiliate is estimated to average 1.0 hour per response.

Respondents: Businesses or other for-profit entities, including small businesses.

Estimated Number of Respondents: Respondents for certification of intent to affiliate are estimated to be 1.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 1.

36 CFR 223.190(j)

Abstract: Applicants for sourcing areas are required to certify that their applications are accurate and true. Respondents to the proposed regulations suggested that people who comment on sourcing area applications should submit accurate and true information, as well. This certification meets that need (16 U.S.C. 620b(c)(3)). This information requirement was added in the final comprehensive rule, published September 8, 1995 (60 FR 46890), in response to comments received on the proposed comprehensive rule.

Estimate of Burden: The public reporting burden to certify comments on sourcing area applications is estimated to average 0.10 hours per response.

Respondents: Businesses or other for-profit entities, including small businesses.

Estimated Number of Respondents: Respondents to certify comments on sourcing area applications are estimated to be 100.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 10.

36 CFR 223.190(l)

Abstract: A person with an approved sourcing area may choose to relinquish it (16 U.S.C. 620b(c)). It is important that this be a carefully considered decision; therefore, persons relinquishing a sourcing area are asked to sign a certification stating that they understand the consequences of relinquishing a sourcing area. This information requirement was added in the final comprehensive rule, published September 8, 1995 (60 FR 46890), in response to comments received on the proposed comprehensive rule.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for relinquishing a sourcing area is estimated to average 1.0 hour per response.

Respondents: Businesses or other for-profit entities, including small businesses.

Estimated Number of Respondents: Respondents wishing to relinquish a sourcing area are estimated to be 2.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 2.

36 CFR 223.193(b)

Abstract: The Act requires each person who transfers unprocessed timber originating from Federal lands to provide such other person with a notice, acknowledgement, and agreement that the Federal timber will receive domestic processing (16 U.S.C. 620d(a)). This certification is necessary in order to prevent substitution of Federal timber for private timber that is exported. This information collection requirement was identified in the proposed comprehensive rule published January 29, 1991 (56 FR 3354).

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for the certification concerning transfers of unprocessed timber originating from Federal lands is estimated to average 1.0 hour per response.

Respondents: Businesses or other for-profit entities, including small businesses.

Estimated Number of Respondents: Respondents for the certification concerning transfers of unprocessed timber originating from Federal lands are estimated to be 500.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 25.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 12,500.

36 CFR 223.194(b)

Abstract: Except for private timber that is exempt from the export restrictions, the rule requires a certification that domestic processing is required for each transaction involving unprocessed private timber, pursuant to the Act's prohibition against substitution (16 U.S.C. 620b). This certification is necessary in order to prevent substitution of private timber that requires domestic processing for private timber that is exported. This information collection requirement was identified in the proposed comprehensive rule published January 29, 1991 (56 FR 3354).

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for the certification required for transfers of private timber requiring domestic processing is estimated to average 0.50 hours per response.

Respondents: Businesses or other for-profit entities, including small businesses.

Estimated Number of Respondents: Respondents for the certification required for transfers of private timber requiring domestic manufacturing are estimated to be 500.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 20.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 5,000.

36 CFR 223.195(b)

Abstract: The rule requires that all identifying marks placed on Federal logs and/or private logs that require domestic processing be retained or, if lost, replaced. This requirement is needed to maintain log identity until the log is processed, in order to enforce the Act's prohibition against substitution (16 U.S.C. 620b). This information collection requirement was identified in the proposed comprehensive rule published January 29, 1991 (56 FR 3354).

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for the retention of identifying marks is estimated to average 1.0 hour per response.

Respondents: Businesses or other for-profit entities, including small businesses.

Estimated Number of Respondents: Respondents for retention of identifying marks are estimated to be 100.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 10.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 1,000.

36 CFR 223.195(c)

Abstract: The rule requires that National Forest System logs be branded

and, if they require domestic processing, painted with highway yellow paint.

This is necessary to show National Forest System timber sale origin and the domestic processing requirement, in order to enforce the Act's prohibition against exporting unprocessed Federal timber (16 U.S.C. 620a). This information collection requirement was identified in the proposed comprehensive rule published January 29, 1991 (56 FR 3354).

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for branding and painting National Forest System logs is estimated to average 3.33 hours per (sale) response.

Respondents: Businesses or other for-profit entities, including small businesses.

Estimated Number of Respondents: Respondents for branding and painting National Forest System logs are estimated to be 1,000.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 3.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 10,000.

36 CFR 223.195(d)

Abstract: The rule requires that private logs that require domestic processing be painted with highway yellow paint. This is necessary to show the domestic processing requirement. This information collection requirement was identified in the proposed comprehensive rule published January 29, 1991 (56 FR 3354).

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for painting private timber with highway yellow paint is estimated to average 2.25 hours per (sale) response.

Respondents: Businesses or other for-profit entities, including small businesses.

Estimated Number of Respondents: Respondents for painting private timber with highway yellow paint are estimated to be 2,000.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 3.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 13,500.

36 CFR 223.195(f)

Abstract: The rule provides that branding requirements on National Forest System logs may be waived in certain situations in order to lessen the burden on timber purchasers without hindering the agency's ability to enforce the Act. Purchasers may request a waiver by completing a certification statement. This information requirement was added in the final comprehensive rule, published September 8, 1995 (60 FR 46890), in response to comments

received on the proposed comprehensive rule.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for waiver of the branding requirement on National Forest System logs is estimated to average 0.50 hours per response.

Respondents: Businesses or other for-profit entities, including small businesses.

Estimated Number of Respondents: Respondents for waiver of the branding requirement on National Forest System logs are estimated to be 1,000.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 3.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 1,500.

Extension and Revision of Currently Approved Information Collection Under 0596-0021

Title: USDA, Forest Service Request for Disposal of National Forest Timber, Reports on Export or Substitution of Unprocessed Timber.

OMB Number: 0596-0021.

Expiration Date of Approval: March 31, 1997.

Type of Request: The following collection requirements are extensions and revisions of currently approved OMB Number 0596-0021 and are proposed to be consolidated under OMB Number 0596-0114.

36 CFR 223.48(a)

Abstract: The existing regulations require an annual report, for all sales purchased prior to August 20, 1990, on the disposition of any unprocessed timber from the sale and the disposition of private timber within the tributary area which is exported or sold for export. This collection needs to be maintained, since timber purchased prior to August 20, 1990, may still be in commerce.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for the annual report, for timber sales purchased prior to August 20, 1990, is estimated to average 2.0 hours per response.

Respondents: Businesses or other for-profit entities, including small businesses.

Estimated Number of Respondents: Respondents for the annual report, for timber sales purchased prior to August 20, 1990, are estimated to be 25.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 50.

36 CFR 223.87

Abstract: In order to be eligible to bid, bidders must certify that their timber purchase and export activities are in

compliance with the Act and existing regulations.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for certification that timber purchase and export activities are in compliance with the Act and existing regulations is estimated to average 30 seconds per response.

Respondents: Businesses or other for-profit entities, including small businesses.

Estimated Number of Respondents: Respondents for certification that timber purchase and export activities are in compliance with the Act and existing regulations are estimated to be 500.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 20.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 83.

36 CFR 223.193(a)

Abstract: The Act requires an annual report on the acquisition and disposition of Federal timber. The Act contains this reporting requirement (16 U.S.C. 620d(a)(1)). This is a revision of currently approved form FS 2400-46 that was approved in OMB Number 0596-0021 as part of the 36 CFR 223.87 information collection requirements.

Estimate of Burden: Public Reporting burden for the annual report is estimated to average: 4.0 hours per response.

Respondents: Businesses or other for-profit entities, including small businesses.

Estimated Number of Respondents: Respondents for the annual report are estimated to be 500.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 2,000.

Extension and Revision of Currently Approved Information Collection Under 0596-0114

Title: USDA, Forest Service Request for Disposal of National Forest Timber, Timber Export or Substitution Restrictions.

OMB Number: 0596-0114.

Expiration Date of Approval: May 31, 1997.

Type of Request: The following collection requirement is an extension and revision of currently approved OMB Number 0596-0114 and is proposed to be consolidated with other information collections in this notice under OMB Number 0596-0114.

36 CFR 223.190(c)

Abstract: Sourcing area applications require certain minimum information to be evaluated, pursuant to the Act's requirements (16 U.S.C. 620b(c)(3)).

This information includes: a map; a list of manufacturing facilities within same vicinity as applicant's facilities; any other relevant information; and certification that the information is true, complete, and accurate.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden is estimated to average 8.0 hours per response.

Respondents: Businesses or other for-profit entities, including small businesses.

Estimated Number of Respondents: Respondents for sourcing area applications are estimated to be 2.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 16.

Extension and Revision of Currently Approved Information Collection Under 0596-0115

Title: USDA, Forest Service Request for Sale and Disposal of National Forest Timber, Log Export and Substitution Exemption Restrictions.

OMB Number: 0596-0115.

Expiration Date of Approval: August 31, 1995.

Type of Request: The following collection requirements are extensions and revisions of currently approved OMB Number 0596-0115 and are proposed to be consolidated under OMB Number 0596-0114.

36 CFR 223.191(e)

Abstract: Purchasers have the option of providing information for sourcing area reviews. This information may increase the likelihood that the results of the review will meet the purchaser's needs and will provide comprehensive information for the Department's review of the application (16 U.S.C. 620b(c)(3)).

Estimate of Burden: If purchasers elect to provide information for sourcing area reviews, the public reporting burden is estimated to average 2.0 hours per responses.

Respondents: Businesses or other for-profit entities, including small businesses.

Estimated Number of Respondents: Respondents to the review of sourcing areas are estimated to be 10.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 20.

36 CFR 223.203(c)

Abstract: The Act provides an exception to indirect substitution restrictions for National Forest System timber from within Washington State (16 U.S.C. 620b(b)(2)). Purchasers with approved shares may sell or trade those

shares if the purchaser advises the Regional Forester of the amounts being traded and the name of the person acquiring such rights, so the agency has accurate information by which to monitor the exemption.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden is estimated to average 1.0 hour per response.

Respondents: Businesses or other for-profit entities, including small businesses.

Estimated Number of Respondents: Respondents to the trading of shares in Washington State are estimated to be 2.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 2.

Comments Are Invited On

(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 this 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 respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Use of Comments

All comments received in response 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: December 4, 1995.

Valdis E. Mezainis,

Acting Chief.

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Rural Housing and Community Development Service

Notice of Availability of Housing Funds

AGENCIES: Rural Housing and Community Development Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Rural Housing and Development Service (RHCD) announces the availability of housing funds for fiscal year 1996 (FY 1996). This action is taken to comply with 42 U.S.C. 1490p which requires that RHCD publish in the Federal Register