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District Ranger.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council will meet in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, June 4-6, 1998. The purpose of the meeting is to review the status of the Council's annual report, continue discussion on emerging issues in Urban and Community Forestry, and determine the grant categories for the 1999 Challenge Cost-Share grant program.

DATES: The meeting will be held June 4-6, 1998.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Shilo Inn, 702 W. Appleway, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. A tour of local projects will be available June 4, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Individuals who wish to speak at the meeting or to propose agenda items must send their names and proposals to Suzanne M. del Villar, Executive Assistant, National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council, 1042 Park West Court, Glenwood Springs, CO 81601.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Suzanne M. del Villar, Cooperative Forestry Staff, (970) 928-9264.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Challenge Cost-Share grant categories, identified by the Council, are advertised annually to solicit proposals for projects to advance the knowledge of, and promote interest in, urban and community forestry. Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B), the meeting will be closed from approximately 8:30 to 10:00 a.m. on June 6 in order for the Council to determine the categories for the 1999 Challenge Cost-Share grant program. Otherwise, the meeting is open to the public.

Person who wish to bring urban and community forestry matters to the attention of the Council may file written statements with the Council staff before or after the meeting. Public input sessions will be provided and individuals, who have made written requests by May 22, will have the opportunity to address the Council at those sessions. Council discussion is

limited to Forest Service staff and Council members.

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Dan Glickman,

Secretary, Department of Agriculture.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Maricopa-Stanfield Watershed, Pinal County, Arizona

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability of finding of no significant impact.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969; the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR part 1500); and the Natural Resources Conservation Service Regulations (7 CFR part 650); the Natural Resources Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, gives notice that an environmental impact statement is not being prepared for the Maricopa-Stanfield Watershed, Pinal County, Arizona.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Michael Somerville, State Conservation, Natural Resources Conservation Service, 3003 North Central Avenue, Suite 800, Phoenix, Arizona, 85012. Telephone: (602) 280-8808.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The environmental assessment of this federally assisted action indicated that the project will not cause significant local, regional, or national impacts on the environmental. As a result of these findings, Michael Somerville, State Conservation, has determined that the preparation and review of an environmental impact statement are not needed for this project.

The project purposes are agricultural water management and includes a mixture of land treatment and management practices to conserve irrigation water. The planned works of improvement include irrigation land leveling, suitable irrigation water conveyance, structures for turnouts and water measurement for irrigation water management, and plant, and fertility management practices (not cost-shared) including irrigation water management, crop residue use, conservation cropping sequence, appropriate erosion control practices as needed, nutrient management and pest management.

The Notice of a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) has been forwarded to the Environmental Protection Agency and to various Federal, State, and local agencies and interested parties. A limited number of copies of the FONSI are available to fill single copy requests at the above address. Basic data developed during the environmental assessment are on the file and may be reviewed by contacting Don Paulus, at (602) 280-8780.

No administrative action on implementation of the proposal will be taken until 30 days after the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**.

(This activity is listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance under NO. 10.904, Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention, and is subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372, which requires intergovernmental consultation with State and local officials.)

Dated: May 8, 1998.

Michael Somerville,

State Conservation.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural-Business Cooperative Service

Notice of Request for 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 intention to request a reinstatement of an information collection in support of the program for "Rural Development Loan Servicing."

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by July 20, 1998, to be assured of consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David W. Lewis, Loan Specialist, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA, Stop 3224, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20250-3224, Telephone: (202) 690-0797.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Rural Development Loan Servicing.

OMB Number: 0570-0015.

Expiration Date of Approval: April 30, 1998.

Type of Request: Reinstatement of Information Collection.

Abstract: This regulation is for servicing and liquidating loans made by

the Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS), under the Intermediary Relending Program (IRP) to eligible IRP intermediaries and applies to ultimate recipients and other involved parties. This regulation is also for servicing the existing Rural Development Loan Fund (RDLF) loans previously approved and administered by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) under 45 CFR part 1076. The objective of the IRP is to improve community facilities and employment opportunities and increase economic activity in rural areas by financing business facilities and community development. This purpose is achieved through loans made by RBS to intermediaries that establish programs for the purpose of providing loans to ultimate recipients for business facilities and community development. The regulations contain various requirements for information from the intermediaries and some requirements may cause the intermediary to require information from ultimate recipients. The information requested is vital to RBS for prudent loan servicing, credit decisions and reasonable program monitoring. The provisions of this subpart supersede conflicting provisions of any other subpart.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 3.02 hours per response.

Respondents: Non-profit corporations, public agencies, and cooperatives.

Estimated number of Respondents: 420.

Estimated number of responses per respondent: 9.96.

Estimated total annual burden on respondents: 12,675 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Cheryl Thompson, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, 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 RBS, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of RBS 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, 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 14, 1998.

Wilbur T. Peer,

Acting Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

National Sheep Industry Improvement Center; Strategic Plan

AGENCY: Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS) announces the availability of the 1998 Strategic Plan for the National Sheep Industry Improvement Center. Section 759 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996, known as the 1996 Farm Bill, requires the National Sheep Industry Improvement Center to submit a yearly strategic plan to the Secretary of Agriculture. That plan is now available to the public.

ADDRESSES: Requests for copies of the Plan should be directed to Jay B. Wilson, Executive Director, National Sheep Industry Improvement Center, Denver Federal Center, Building 20, Room A1311, P.O. Box 281028, Lakewood, CO 80228-1028. Phone (303)-236-2858. FAX: (303)-236-7683. **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jay B. Wilson at Phone (303)-236-2858 or Dr. Thomas H. Stafford, Director, Cooperative Marketing Division, Cooperative Services, RBS, USDA, 1400 Independence Ave, SW, Stop 3252, Washington, DC 20250-3252, telephone (202) 690-0368, (This is not a toll free number.) FAX 202-690-2723, or e-mail thomas.stafford@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996, known as the 1996 Farm Bill, established a National Sheep Industry Improvement Center. The Center is to (1) promote strategic development activities and collaborative efforts by private and State entities to maximize the impact of Federal assistance to strengthen and enhance

production and marketing of sheep or goat products in the United States; (2) optimize the use of available human capital and resources within the sheep or goat industries; (3) provide assistance to meet the needs of the sheep or goat industry for infrastructure development, business development, production, resource development, and market and environmental research; (4) advance activities that empower and build the capacity of the United States sheep or goat industry to design unique responses to special needs of the sheep or goat industries on both a regional and national basis; and (5) adopt flexible and innovative approaches to solving the long-term needs of the United States sheep or goat industry. The Center has a Revolving Fund established in the Treasury to carry out the purposes of the Center. The Act requires the Center to submit to the Secretary an annual strategic plan for the delivery of financial assistance provided by the Center.

The strategic plan is required to identify (1) goals, methods, and a benchmark for measuring the success of carrying out the plan and how the plan relates to the national and regional goals of the Center; (2) the amount and sources of Federal and non-Federal funds that are available for carrying out the plan; (3) funding priorities; (4) selection criteria for funding; and (5) a method of distributing funding. In addition, the Plan summarizes the sheep and goat industries' needs and problems as determined from a series of public hearings.

The Board of Directors has submitted this plan to the Secretary of Agriculture and wishes to make it available to the public.

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Dayton J. Watkins,

Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of the Census

Census Advisory Committees on the African American Population, on the American Indian and Alaska Native Populations, on the Asian and Pacific Islander Populations, and on the Hispanic Population

AGENCY: Bureau of the Census, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.