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## AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

### Delegation of Authority and Line of Succession

**AGENCY:** Agency for International Development, Office of Inspector General.

**ACTION:** Delegation of authority and line of succession.

**SUMMARY:** This document amends Delegation of Authority No. 14-01, FR Doc. 95-16531, dated June 29, 1995, by removing the Assistant Inspector General for Security from the line of succession to serve as Acting Inspector General. The Security Office was recently realigned out of the Office of Inspector General.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** February 3, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mary C. Pleffner, (202) 712-0135.

This rule is hereby issued to effect a delegation of authority and provide a line of succession from the Inspector General as follows:

I. Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended, in the event of death, disability, absence, resignation, or removal of the Inspector General, U.S. Agency of International Development, the officials designated below, in the order indicated, and in the absence of the specific designation of another official in writing by the Inspector General or the Acting Inspector General, are hereby authorized to and shall serve as Acting Inspector General and shall perform the duties and are delegated the full authority and power ascribed to the Inspector General by law and regulation as well as those authorities delegated to the Inspector General by the Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development.

1. Deputy Inspector General.
2. Assistant Inspector General for Audit.
3. Assistant Inspector General for Investigations.

II. Anyone designated by the Inspector General as acting in one of the positions listed above remains in the line of succession; otherwise, the authority moves to the next position.

III. This delegation is not in derogation of any authority residing in the above officials relating to the operations of their respective programs, nor does it affect the validity of any delegations currently in force and effect and not specifically cited as revoked or revised herein.

IV. The authorities delegated herein may not be redelegated.

Dated: May 28, 1999.

**Jeffrey Rush Jr.,**  
*Inspector General.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Information Collection; Request for Comments; National Woodland Ownership Study

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Forest Service announces its intent to reinstate, with change, a previously approved information collection. This information will help the agency evaluate the availability and sustainability of timber resources on private forest lands. Forest Service personnel will collect information from owners of private forest lands.

**DATES:** Comments must be received in writing on or before August 16, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** All comments should be addressed to Thomas Birch, Northeastern Research Station, 5 Radnor Corp. Cntr., Suite 200, Radnor, PA 19087 or email [tbirch/ne\\_fia@fs.fed.us](mailto:tbirch/ne_fia@fs.fed.us) or FAX: 610-975-4200.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Thomas Birch, 610-975-4045.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

The Forest and Range Renewable Resources Planning Act of 1974, the Forest and Range Land Renewable Resources Act of 1978, and the Agricultural Research, Extension, and

Education Reform Act of 1998, section 253(c), require the Forest Service to collect information on the availability and sustainability of timber resources on private forest lands. Data gathered in this information collection will help the Forest Service evaluate the availability and sustainability of these lands and how well the agency disseminates information about its private forest land assistance programs. The agency will share this data with other government and university scientists, who will use the information to better understand private forest ownerships and the economics of timber production on private forest lands.

Where, in previous years, this information collection had focused on private Forest land parcels, land tenure, forest land owner demographics, and ownership objectives, the new focus will be to identify issues that owners of private forest lands believe to be of importance and to gain knowledge of how owners of private forest lands manage or plan to manage their forested lands. The revised questionnaire also will provide the agency with improved information at the State and local level of government.

Data gathered in this information collection is not available from other sources.

#### Description of Information Collection

The following describes the information collection to be reinstated with change:

*Title:* National Woodland Ownership Study.

*OMB Number:* 0596-0078.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* October 31, 1997.

*Type of Request:* Reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved information collection for which Office of Management and Budget approval has expired.

*Abstract:* The collected information will help the Forest Service evaluate the agency's private forest land programs. These programs focus on opportunities for sustainable management of private forests. Sustainable private forest lands are essential for public recreational use and timber production. There are almost 10 million private forest land ownerships in the United States.

To gain knowledge of issues of importance to owners of private forest lands and of demographic data about owners of private forest lands, as well