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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of Outreach

Notice of Intent To Seek Approval To Conduct an Information Collection

AGENCY: Office of Outreach, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13) and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations at 5 CFR Part 1320 (60 FR 44978, August 29, 1995), this notice announces the Office of Outreach's intention to request approval for a new information collection, the USDA Minority Farm Register.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by December 27, 1999 to be assured of consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact Charles Whitaker, Office of Outreach, 542-A Jamie Whitten Federal Building, Washington, DC 20250, (202) 720-6350.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: USDA Minority Farm Register.
Type of Request: Intent to seek approval to conduct an information collection.

Abstract: The purpose of this information collection is to create a Minority Farm Register which is a voluntary register of minority land owners that documents the amount of farmland owned by minorities. The Minority Farm Register will establish a baseline for the amount of farmland owned by minority land owners in order to help the USDA set goals to halt the reduction in minority-owned farm land, monitor the loss of minority-owned farms, and locate minority farmers for the purpose of informing them of USDA and other programs that may benefit them. The concept was generated by Recommendation #28 of the Report of the Civil Rights Action Team to the

Secretary of Agriculture entitled Civil Rights at the United States Department of Agriculture, dated February 1997.

The Minority Farm Register will be administered by the Office of Outreach. A specific register sign-up form will be issued in Spanish and English.

Informational registration material will be distributed to Community Based Organizations, educational institutions, and government agencies assisting minorities with land retention and acquisition and will be distributed on the Internet to ensure the program is widely publicized and accessible to all. The Office of Outreach is requesting a 3 year approval.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 5 minutes per response.

Respondents: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 54,000.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 4,500 hours.

Copies of this information collection and related instructions can be obtained without charge from Charles Whitaker at (202) 720-6350.

Comments

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 the 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 those who are to respond, such as through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to: Charles Whitaker, Office of Outreach, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 542-A Jamie Whitten Federal Building, 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.

Signed at Washington, DC, September 15, 1999.

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Acting Director, Office of Outreach.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Oregon Coast Provincial Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Oregon Coast Provincial Advisory Committee (PAC) will meet on November 4, 1999, at the Bureau of Land Management, 1717 Fabry Road (SE), Salem, Oregon. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. and continue until 3:30 p.m. Agenda items to be covered include: (1) Information sharing among PAC Members, and (2) National Forest System Land and Resource Management Planning; Proposed Rule. Committee meetings are open to the public. One 30-minute open public forum is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend. The committee welcomes the public's written comments on committee business at any time.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joni Quarnstrom, Public Affairs Specialist, Siuslaw National Forest (541-750-7075), or write to the Acting Forest Supervisor, Siuslaw National Forest, P.O. Box 1148, Corvallis, Oregon 97339.

Dated: October 15, 1999.

Jose L. Linares,

Acting Forest Supervisor.

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List; Proposed Deletion and Suspension of Effective Date of Addition

AGENCY: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.