of information. The information collected will be similar to that which any prudent lender would require to determine whether debt settlement is required and the amount of relief that is needed.

Need and Use of the Information: RUS will collect information to determine the need for debt settlement; the amount of debt the borrower can repay; the future scheduling of debt repayment; and, the range of opportunities for enhancing the amount of debt that can be recovered.

Description of Respondents: Not-for-profit institutions; Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 1.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 3,000.

Rural Utilities Service

Title: Inventory of Work Orders.

OMB Control Number: 0572–0019.

Summary of Collection: The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) is a credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). It makes mortgage loans and loan guarantees to finance electric, telecommunications, and water and waste facilities in rural areas. RUS manages loan programs in accordance with the Rural Electrification Act (RE Act) of 1936, 7 U.S.C. 901 *et seq.*, as amended and as prescribed by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A–129, Policies for Federal Credit Programs and Non-Tax Receivables, which states that agencies must, based on a review of a loan application, determine that an applicant complies with statutory, regulatory, and administrative eligibility requirements for loan assistance. RUS Form 219, Inventory of Work Orders, is one of the documents the borrower submits to RUS to support actual expenditures and an advance of loan funds.

Need and Use of the Information: RUS will collect information to monitor the activities of the borrower to ensure that funds are being used for RUS purposes. If the information were not collected, RUS would be unable to determine whether borrowers were appropriating loan funds for the purposes specified at the inception of he loan contract.

Description of Respondents: Not-for-profit institutions; Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 750.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 10,125.

Rural Housing Service

Title: 7 CFR 1942–A, Community Facility Loans.

OMB Control Number: 0575–0015.

Summary of Collection: The Rural Housing Service (RUS) is a credit agency within the Rural Development mission area of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). The Community Programs Division of the RHS administers the Community Facilities program under 7 CFR part 1942, subpart A. Rural Development provides loan and grant funds through the Community Facilities program to finance many types of projects varying in size and complexity, from large general hospitals to small fire trucks. The facilities financed are designed to promote the development of rural communities by providing the infrastructure necessary to attract residents and rural jobs. RUS will collect information using several forms.

Need and Use of the Information: RUS will collect information to determine applicant/borrower eligibility, project feasibility, and to ensure borrowers operate on a sound basis and use loan and grant funds for authorized purposes. Failure to collect proper information could result in improper determinations of eligibility, improper use of funds, and/or unsound loans.

Description of Respondents: Not-for-profit institutions; Business or other for-profit; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 3,020.

Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion; Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 61,076.

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Unified Federal Policy for Ensuring a Watershed Approach to Federal Land and Resource Management

AGENCIES: Office of the Secretary, USDA; Office of the Secretary, Interior.

ACTION: Proposed policy; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: On February 22, 2000, the Department of Agriculture and the Department of the Interior published a proposed unified Federal policy for ensuring a watershed approach to Federal land and resource management (65 FR 8834). In response to comments from the public requesting additional time to fully analyze the issues and prepare comprehensive comments, the Departments of Agriculture and the Interior are extending the comment period to May 24, 2000.

DATES: Comments must be received by May 24, 2000.

ADDRESSES: You may send or hand deliver written comments to: USDA-Forest Service, Content Analysis Enterprise Team, Attn: UFP, Building 2, Suite 295, 5500 Amelia Earhart Drive, Salt Lake City, UT 84116. You may also fax comments to (801) 517–1021 or submit comments electronically to cleanwater/wo__caet-slc@fs.fed.us. Comments are available for public inspection and copying at the address above during regular business hours (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays). You are encouraged to call (801) 517–1037 to arrange a time to inspect the comments received. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service at 1–800–877–8339. All comments will also be available electronically for public inspection at the close of the comment period via the Internet at http://www.cleanwater.gov/ufp.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Eric Janes, Rangelands, Soil and Water Group, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior or Karen Solari, Watershed and Air Management Staff, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, at (801) 517–1037. A copy of the proposed unified Federal policy is available via the Internet at http://www.cleanwater.gov/ufp or a copy may be obtained by calling the USDA-Forest Service Content Analysis Enterprise Team at (801) 517–1037. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service at 1–800–877–8339.

For the Department of Agriculture.

Dated: April 19, 2000.

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For the Department of the Interior.

Dated: April 14, 2000.

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