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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

May 8, 2000.

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments regarding (a) whether the 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 burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; (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 should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Washington, DC 20503 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250-7602. Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-6746.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it

displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Food and Nutrition Service

Title: FNS Nutrition Education and Promotion Campaign.

OMB Control Number: 0584-NEW.

Summary of Collection: The mission of FNS includes improving the eating habits of the nation's children. To that end, FNS plans to launch a five-year national nutrition education and promotion campaign targeting preschool and school-aged children and their caregivers. Section 6(a)(3) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act provides the authority for educating USDA School Lunch Program participants about nutrition. The campaign will employ social marketing techniques to convey motivational and behavior-focused messages about healthy eating and physical activity to FNS program participants. FNS will collect information using focus group discussion sessions and semi-structured interviews.

Need and Use of the Information: The information collected will provide FNS with insights on how best to reach and motivate preschool and school-aged children and their caregivers to make behavioral changes consistent with the new Dietary Guidelines for Americans. The information will be used to determine those messages and materials that best resonate with the target audience. If information is not collected, valuable consumer input from FNS' culturally and ethnically diverse low-income population would not be obtained.

Description of Respondents: Individuals or household; Not-for-profit institutions; Federal Government; State, Local, or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 288.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Other (One-time/Focus Groups).

Total Burden Hours: 293.

Farm Service Agency

Title: Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program.

OMB Control Number: 0560-0175.

Summary of Collection: The collection of crop planting and production data is necessary for the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) to calculate the producer's approved yield on the basis of actual production history. Information collection relative to the occurrence of crop damage or loss

production and application for Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) is necessary for CCC to accept and consider a request for assistance under NAP and to facilitate eligibility determinations. Assistance under the NAP is authorized by Section 196 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 and implemented by regulations at 7 CFR part 1437. NAP provides eligible producers of eligible crops with protection to the catastrophic risk protection plan of crop insurance. It helps reduce production risks faced by producers of crops for which Federal crop insurance is not available. It also reduces financial losses that occur when natural disasters cause a catastrophic loss of production or prevented planting of an eligible crop. The Farm Service Agency (FSA) will collect information using forms CCC-451, CCC-576, CCC-441, CCC-576-1 and CCC-452.

Need and Use of the Information: FSA will collect the producer's name, address, identification number, farm and tract, acreage, ownership, location, crop history, planted acreage, production, yield, share, etc. The information will be used to identify eligible NAP participants, acreage and location, crop and commodities. If information is not collected FSA will not be able to identify and determine eligible participants and crops being planted or produced, or provide assistance to agricultural producers who as a result of natural disaster have suffered catastrophic losses of agricultural crops of commodities.

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

Number of Respondents: 497,000.

Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion; Other (disaster).

Total Burden Hours: 4,605,088.

Foreign Agricultural Service

Title: Declaration of Sale.

OMB Control Number: 0551-0009.

Summary of Collection: Title I of the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, as amended, (Public Law 480 (P.L. 480), 83rd Congress) provides for U.S. government financing of sales of U.S. agricultural commodities to friendly foreign countries. Within the U.S. government, the Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS)

of the Department of Agriculture (USDA) is responsible for administering Title I agreements. After a Pub. L. 480, Title I agreement is signed, the government of the importing country requests FAS to issue a purchase authorization (PA). After receiving USDA price approval (based on the information provided in the telephonic notice of sale) and after a Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) registration number for the sale has been provided to the supplier, the supplier prepares Form FAS-359, "Declaration of Sale" and submits it to FAS. The form should contain the same information that was provided in the telephonic notice of sale.

Need and Use of the Information: FAS will collect the name and address of the supplier, date and time of the sale, contract quantity and tolerance, delivery period and terms, price, commodity description, port or coast of export and supplier's contract number.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 15.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 22.25.

Foreign Agricultural Service

Title: Regulations—Financing Commercial Sales of Agricultural Commodities Under Title I, P.L. 480—Recordkeeping and Reporting Requirements

OMB Control Number: 0551-0005.

Summary of Collection: Title I of the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, as amended, (Public Law 480 (P.L. 480), 83rd Congress) authorizes the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) to finance the sale and exportation of agricultural commodities on concessional credit terms. Prospect commodity suppliers must provide information to the Department to determine eligibility. Commodity supplier must report details of sales for price approval and to submit to USDA, Foreign Agricultural Services (FAS), for approval, information on any amendments to the sales. Shipping agents nominated by importing countries must submit information to allow identification of possible conflicts of interest.

Need and Use of the Information: FAS will collect information to insure that (1) suppliers keep accurate records on Title 1 transactions; (2) suppliers permit access to authorized USDA representatives (such as auditors and investigators); and, (3) suppliers retain records for three years after final payment. FAS will review the sales prices to ensure that it is within the

prevailing range of export market prices use the information. If the information were not collected FAS would not be able to monitor the sales made under P.L. 480, Title I to ensure that they comply with the regulations and that available funds have not been exceeded.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 65.

Frequency of Responses:

Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 423.

Agricultural Marketing Service

Title: Winter Pears Grown in Oregon, Washington, and California, marketing Order No. 927.

OMB Control Number: 0581-0089.

Summary of Collection: Marketing Order No 927 (7 CFR Part 927), covering winter pears grown in Oregon, Washington, and California emanates from enabling legislation (the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937, Secs. 1-19 Stat. 31 as amended; 7 U.S.C. 601-674). Growers approved the marketing order in referendum, as specified by the Act. The order authorizes the issuance of grade, size, quantity, inspection, and reporting requirements for any variety of winter pears. The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) will collect information using form FV-22, FB-119, FV-119A, and FV-120.

Needs and use of the Information: AMS will collect information to allow growers to vote on amendments or continuance of the marketing order.

Description Of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; Farms.

Number of Respondents: 1,890.

Frequency of Responses:

Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion; Biennially.

Total Burden Hours: 3,567.

Rural Utilities Service

Title: Certification of Authority.

OMB Control Number: 0572-0074.

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. Rural Electrification Act of 1936, 7 U.S.C. 901 *et seq.*, as amended, (RE ACT) and as prescribed by 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. A

major factor in managing loan programs is controlling the advancement of funds. RUS Form 675 allows this control to be achieved by providing a list of authorized signatures against which signatures requesting funds are compared.

Need and Use of the Information:

RUS will collect information to ensure that only authorized representatives of the borrowers signs the lending requisition form. Without the information RUS would not know if the request for a loan advance was legitimate or not and so the potential for waste, loss, unauthorized use, and misappropriation would be increased.

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

Number of Respondents: 450.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 45.

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Title: Long Term Contracting.

OMB Control Number: 0578-0013.

Summary of Collection: The Long Term Contracting regulations at 7 CFR Part 630, and the Conservation program regulations at 7 CFR Parts 622, 624, 631, 632, 634, 636, 701, 702, 752, 1410, and 1467 set forth the basic policies, program provisions, and eligibility requirements for owners and operators to enter into and carry out long-term conservation program contracts with technical assistance under the various program. These programs authorize federal technical and financial long-term cost sharing assistance for conservation treatment with eligible land users. The financial assistance is based on a conservation plan, which is made a part of an agreement or contract for a period of not less than five years to not more than 15 years. Under the terms of the agreement, the participant agrees to apply, or arrange to apply, the conservation treatment specified in the conservation plan. In return for this agreement, federal cost-share payments are made to the land user, or third party, upon successful application of the conservation treatment. The Natural Resource and Conservation Service (NRCS) will collect information using several NRCS forms.

Need and Use of the Information:

NRCS will collect information on cost sharing and technical assistance, making land use changes and install measure to conserve, develop and utilize soil, water, and related natural resources on participant's land. NRCS uses the information to ensure the proper utilization of program funds.

Description of Respondents: Farms; Individuals or households; Not-for-profit institutions; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 198,517.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 162,388.8.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Newspapers Used for Publication of Legal Notice of Appealable Decisions for the Northern Region; Idaho, Montana, North Dakota, and Portions of South Dakota and Eastern Washington.

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice lists the newspapers that will be used by all Ranger Districts, Forests, and the Regional Office of the Northern Region to publish legal notice of all decisions subject to appeal under 36 CFR 215 and 217 and to publish notices for public comment and notice of decision subject to the provisions of 36 CFR 215 and 217 and to publish notices for public comment and notice of decision subject to the provisions of 36 CFR 215. The intended effect of this action is to inform interested members of the public which newspapers will be used to publish legal notices for public comment or decisions; thereby allowing them to receive constructive notice of a decision, to provide clear evidence of timely notice, and to achieve consistency in administering the appeals process.

DATES: Publication of legal notices in the listed newspapers will begin with decisions subject to appeal that are made on or after May 15, 2000. The list of newspapers will remain in effect until another notice is published in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Interregional NEPA, Appeals and Litigation Leader; Northern Region; P.O. Box 7669; Missoula, Montana 59807. Phone: (406) 329-3647.

The newspapers to be used are as follows:

Northern Regional Office

Regional Forester decisions in Montana: The Missoulian, Great Falls Tribune, and The Billings Gazette.

Regional Forester decisions in Northern Idaho and Eastern Washington: The Spokesman Review.

Regional Forester decisions in North Dakota: Bismarck Tribune.

Regional Forester decisions in South Dakota: Rapid City Journal.

Beaverhead/Deerlodge—Montana Standard.

Bitterroot—Ravalli Republic.

Clearwater—Lewiston Morning Tribune.

Custer—Billings Gazette (Montana)

Rapid City Journal (South Dakota).

Dakota Prairie National Grasslands—Bismarck Tribune (North Dakota) Rapid City Journal (South Dakota).

Flathead—Daily Interlake.

Gallatin—Bozeman Chronicle.

Helena—Independent Record.

Idaho Panhandle—Spokesman Review.

Kootenai—Daily Interlake.

Lewis & Clark—Great Falls Tribune.

Lolo—Missoulian.

Nez Perce—Lewiston Morning Tribune.

Supplemental notices may be placed in any newspaper, but time frames/ deadlines will be calculated based upon notices in newspapers of record listed above.

Dated: May 7, 2000.

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List; Proposed Additions

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

ACTION: Proposed additions to Procurement List.

SUMMARY: The Committee has received proposals to add to the Procurement List commodities and services to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE: June 12, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Crystal Gateway 3, Suite 310, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202-4302.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Louis R. Bartalot, (703) 603-7740.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published pursuant to 41

U.S.C. 47(a)(2) and 41 CFR 51-2.3. Its purpose is to provide interested persons an opportunity to submit comments on the possible impact of the proposed actions.

If the Committee approves the proposed additions, all entities of the Federal Government (except as otherwise indicated) will be required to procure the commodities and services listed below from nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were:

1. The action will not result in any additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities other than the small organizations that will furnish the commodities and services to the Government.

2. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the commodities and services to the Government.

3. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 46-48c) in connection with the commodities and services proposed for addition to the Procurement List. Comments on this certification are invited. Commenters should identify the statement(s) underlying the certification on which they are providing additional information.

The following commodities and services have been proposed for addition to Procurement List for production by the nonprofit agencies listed:

Commodities

American Flag

M.R. 1011

NPA: Chester County Branch of the PAB, Coatesville, Pennsylvania

Mailers, Audio Cassette

8105-01-386-2181

8105-01-386-2189

NPA: York County Blind Center, York, Pennsylvania

Marine Security Guard Accessories

8465-00-NIB-0047

8465-00-NIB-0048

8465-00-NIB-0049

8465-00-NIB-0050

8465-00-NIB-0051

8465-00-NIB-0052

8465-00-NIB-0053

8465-00-NIB-0054

NPA: Industries of the Blind, Inc.,

Greensboro, North Carolina

Skin Protectant Plus, Effective Prevention

9999-00-NSH-0001

9999-00-NSH-0002