

County, New Mexico. Wilderness District: "Silver City Daily Press", published Monday-Saturday in Silver City, Grant County, New Mexico.

#### *Lincoln National Forest*

Notice by Forest Supervisor of Availability for Comment and Decisions: "Alamogordo Daily News", published daily in Alamogordo, Otero County, New Mexico.

Notice by District Ranger of Availability for Comment and Decisions: Sacramento District: "Alamogordo Daily News", published daily in Alamogordo, Otero County, New Mexico. Guadalupe District: "Carlsbad Current Argus", published daily except Saturday, in Carlsbad, Eddy County, New Mexico. Smokey Bear District: "Ruidoso News", published Monday and Thursday in Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico.

#### *Santa Fe National Forest*

Notice by Forest Supervisor of Availability for Comment and Decisions: "Albuquerque Journal", published daily in Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, New Mexico.

Notice by District Ranger of Availability for Comment and Decisions: Coyote District: "Albuquerque Journal", published daily in Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, New Mexico. Cuba District: "Albuquerque Journal", published daily in Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, New Mexico. Espanola District: "Albuquerque Journal", published daily in Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, New Mexico. Jemez District: "Albuquerque Journal", published daily in Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, New Mexico. Pecos-Las Vegas District: "Albuquerque Journal", published daily in Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, New Mexico.

Dated: March 5, 2001.

**James T. Gladen,**

*Deputy Regional Forester, Resources.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

### **Rural Utilities Service**

#### **Information Collection Activity; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended), the

Rural Utilities Service (RUS) invites comments on this information collection for which RUS intends to request approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by June 11, 2001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** F. Lamont Heppe, Jr., Director, Program Development & Regulatory Analysis, Rural Utilities Service, USDA, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., STOP 1522, Room 4034 South Building, Washington, DC 20250-1522. Telephone: (202) 720-0736. Fax: (202) 720-4120.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) regulation (5 CFR 1320) implementing provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13) requires that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (see 5 CFR 1320.8(d)). This notice identifies information collection that RUS is submitting to OMB for an extension.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether this 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 burden of the proposed collection of information; (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 respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to: F. Lamont Heppe, Jr., Director, Program Development & Regulatory Analysis, Rural Utilities Service, USDA, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., STOP 1522, Washington, DC 20250-1522. Telephone: (202) 720-0736. FAX: (202) 720-4120.

**Title:** Report of Compliance and Participation.

**OMB Control Number:** 0572-0047.

**Type of Request:** Extension of a previously approved information collection with change.

**Abstract:** The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) manages 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 OMB Circular A-129, Policies for Federal Credit Programs and Non-Tax Receivables.

RUS Form 268 is designed for use by RUS electric and telephone borrowers in

complying with the reporting requirements outlined in RUS Bulletin 1790-1, "Nondiscrimination Among Beneficiaries of RUS Programs." RUS is required to implement regulations of the Department of Justice and USDA and to provide for the collection of civil rights data and information from applicants for and recipients of Federal assistance sufficient to permit effective enforcement of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (ACTs). RUS Form 268 serves as a compliance report and facilitates RUS' responsibilities in enforcing compliance by electric and telephone borrowers with the requirements of the ACTs.

**Respondents:** Small businesses and not-for-profit institutions.

**Estimated Number of Respondents and Recordkeepers:** 1480.

**Estimated Hours Per Respondent and Recordkeepers:** 0.67 hours.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:** 992 hours.

Requests for copies of this information collection can be obtained from Bob Turner, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, Rural Utilities Service, at (202) 720-0696. Fax: (202) 720-4120.

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: April 5, 2001.

**Blaine D. Stockton,**

*Acting Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.*

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## **COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS**

### **Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Connecticut Advisory**

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, that a meeting of the Connecticut Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 9:00 a.m. and adjourn 12:00 p.m. on April 18, 2001, at the Omni Hotel, 155 Temple Street, New Haven, Connecticut 06510. The purpose of the meeting is to plan for a follow up forum on civil rights issues in Bridgeport and be briefed by community leaders and Federal officials regarding civil rights developments in Bridgeport since May 2000.

Persons desiring additional information, or planning a presentation to the Committee, should contact Committee Chairperson Dr. Neil Macy,

860-242-7287, or Ki-Taek Chun, Director of the Eastern Regional Office, 202-376-7533 (TDD 202-376-8116). Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Regional Office at least ten (10) working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission.

Dated at Washington, DC, April 6, 2001.

**Edward A. Hailes, Jr.,**  
General Counsel.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

DOC has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

*Bureau:* International Trade Administration.

*Title:* Request for Duty-Free Entry of Scientific Instruments or Apparatus.

*Agency Form Number:* ITA-338P.

*OMB Number:* 0625-0037.

*Type of Request:* Extension-Regular Submission.

*Burden:* 100 hours.

*Number of Respondents:* 50.

*Avg. Hours Per Response:* 2 hours.

*Needs and Uses:* The Departments of Commerce and Treasury are required to determine whether nonprofit institutions established for scientific or educational purposes are entitled to duty-free entry under the Florence Agreement of certain scientific instruments they import. Form ITA-338P enables (1) Treasury to determine whether the statutory eligibility requirements for the institution and the instrument are fulfilled, and (2) Commerce to make a comparison and finding as to the scientific equivalency of comparable instruments being manufactured in the United States. Without the collection of the information, Treasury and Commerce would not have the necessary information to carry out the responsibilities of determining eligibility for duty-free entry assigned by law.

*Affected Public:* State or local governments; Federal agencies; nonprofit institutions.

*Frequency:* On Occasion.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Required to obtain or retain a benefit, voluntary.

*OMB Desk Officer:* David Rostker, (202) 395-7340.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Madeleine Clayton, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3129, Department of Commerce, Room 6086, 14th and Constitution, NW., Washington, DC 20230; or via the Internet at [Mclayton@doc.gov](mailto:Mclayton@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503 within 30 days of the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: April 6, 2001.

**Madeleine Clayton,**

*Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer,  
Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

DOC has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

*Agency:* U.S. Census Bureau.

*Title:* Feasibility Study for Conducting the American Community Survey in Puerto Rico.

*Form Number(s):* ACS-1(PR).

*Agency Approval Number:* None.

*Type of Request:* New collection.

*Burden:* 6,333 hours.

*Number of Respondents:* 10,000.

*Avg Hours Per Response:* 38 minutes.

*Needs and Uses:* The Census Bureau is developing a methodology to collect and update every year demographic, social, economic, and housing data that is essentially the same as the "long-form" data that the Census Bureau traditionally has collected once a decade as part of the decennial census. Since the Census Bureau collects the long-form data only once every 10 years, the data become out of date over the course of the decade. To provide more timely data, the Census Bureau has been developing an alternative called Continuous Measurement (CM). CM is a re-engineering effort that blends the strength of small area estimation with the high quality of current surveys. CM

will provide current data throughout the decade for small areas and small subpopulations. CM would also provide a mechanism for identifying and sampling these types of groups for future surveys providing a great advantage to the federal statistical system. The American Community Survey is the survey the Census Bureau uses for the CM program. The current plans for CM call for putting the American Community Survey in place with a new sample of households every month in every county in the United States and in Puerto Rico starting in 2003. Collecting these data from a new sample of households every month will not only provide more timely data, but will lessen respondent burden in the decennial census.

In preparation for the American Community Survey in Puerto Rico in 2003, the Census Bureau will conduct a feasibility study to assess the operational implications of using the American Community Survey data collection methods in Puerto Rico. The current design of the American Community Survey relies on three methods of data collection: mailout/mailback, computer-assisted telephone interviewing (CATI), and computer-assisted personal interviewing (CAPI). We will mail the survey to selected sample households in Puerto Rico. We will use CATI to conduct telephone interviews for all households that do not respond by mail and for which we are able to obtain telephone numbers. We will not use CAPI in Puerto Rico during this feasibility study. We will take advantage of personal visit methods used in Puerto Rico during Census 2000. The primary need for the feasibility study is to determine whether the current data collection procedures used stateside are appropriate for use in Puerto Rico.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Frequency:* One time.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Mandatory.

*Legal Authority:* Title 13 U.S.C., Section 182.

*OMB Desk Officer:* Susan Schechter, (202) 395-5103.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Madeleine Clayton, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3129, Department of Commerce, room 6086, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at [mclayton@doc.gov](mailto:mclayton@doc.gov)).

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