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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Foreign Agricultural Service

Notice of Request for Extension and Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Foreign Agricultural Service's (FAS) intention to request an extension and revision for a currently approved information collection process based on re-estimates in support of various Export Services.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by June 7, 2002 to be assured of consideration.

Requests for Comments: Send comments regarding (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, including through the use of automated electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments should be sent to, and copies of Export Service registration forms, surveys and qualification criteria may be obtained from: Dan Berman, Director, Ag Export Services Division, Commodity and Marketing Programs, Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence

Avenue, SW, Stop 1052, Washington, DC 20250-1052. All written comments received will be available for public inspection at the above address during business hours from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Phone (202) 720-6343, Fax: (202) 690-0193.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Export Services.

OMB Number 0551-0031 (List of Commodities by Firm Available for Exporting—U.S. Supplier List) and Number 0551-0024 (Buyer Alert Program). These will be combined into OMB number 0551-0031 if this request is approved.

Expiration Date of Approval: May 31, 2002.

Type of Request: Extension and revision of a currently approved information collection, with change to combine 0551-0031 and 0551-0024.

Abstract: The major objective of Exporter Services is to expand U.S. agricultural exports by helping U.S. companies to sell their products outside the United States. These services are offered to both new and experienced exporters. Companies wanting to export can participate in the following programs: "The Buyer Alert" service is a proven way for U.S. companies to inform foreign buyers about their products; "Trade Leads" provide U.S. exporters with sales opportunities generated by overseas offices of FAS and contains information about the buyer, products they are seeking, and general terms of the purchase; the "U.S. Suppliers' List" service is an on-line searchable database of over 5,000 U.S. exporters and their products, used by FAS to help facilitate connecting potential buyers with U.S. suppliers; and the "Foreign Buyer List" service is available to U.S. companies to learn about 20,000 buyers in more than 25 countries who specialize in the import and distribution of U.S. products in their country. Each year a certain number of Trade Shows are selected in the best prospective markets to host a U.S.A. pavilion where U.S. companies can promote their products to buyers. The latest technology makes it possible to integrate an on-line virtual trade show with these export services. The Exporter Assistance section of the FAS web site <http://www.fas.usda.gov/>, a one-stop-shop for either the experienced or novice exporter offers information about exporting and easy access to

register for these services. Customer service surveys and evaluations are anticipated in order to improve the effectiveness of these services. The information is necessary to manage, plan, and evaluate the effectiveness of these services, which are intended to help U.S. companies to market and sell their products in overseas markets.

Authority for these activities falls under 7 U.S.C. 1761 and is voluntary for U.S. companies to participate. A small fee is charged for some of the services.

Estimate of Burden: The burden to U.S. exporters is estimated to average 0.25 hours per response.

Respondents: U.S. agricultural exporters of food, farm, and forest products.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 7500 per annum.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 4 per annum.

Estimated Total Annual Burden of Respondents: 7,500 hours per annum.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Kimberly A. Chisley, the Agency Information Collection Coordinator, at (202) 720-2568.

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, D.C. on April 2, 2002.

A. Ellen Terpstra,

Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Wolf Creek Ditch Special Use Permit, Okanogan and Wenatchee National Forests, Okanogan County, WA

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Cancellation notice.

SUMMARY: On August 20, 1999, a Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an environmental impact statement for the Wolf Creek Ditch Special Use Permit, was published in the **Federal Register** (64 FR 45502). This project was originally planned as an EIS because of potential significant impacts to the Lake-Chelan Sawtooth Wilderness, an

inventoried Roadless area and fish listed under the Endangered Species Act. The proponent has changed the design of the proposed project such that an environmental impact statement is not anticipated. The 1999 NOI is hereby rescinded.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jennifer Molesworth, Project Team Leader, Methow Valley Ranger District, 24 West Chewuch Road, Winthrop, Washington 98862, telephone 509-996-4010.

Dated: March 25, 2002.

Sonny J. O'Neal,

Forest Supervisor.

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Dated: April 1, 2002.

Jeffrey Stone,

Acting Forest Supervisor.

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disposition of those comments and a final determination of change will be made.

Dated: March 29, 2002.

Patricia S. Leavenworth,

State Conservationist, Madison, Wisconsin.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Notice of Proposed Changes to Section IV of the Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG) of the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Wisconsin

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Wisconsin, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice of availability of a proposed change in section IV of the FOTG of the NRCS in Wisconsin for review and comment.

SUMMARY: It is the intention of NRCS in Wisconsin to issue a revised conservation practice standard in Section IV of the FOTG. The revised standard is Nutrient Management (Code 590). This practice may be used in conservation systems that treat highly erodible land, land where nutrients are applied for agricultural purposes, and to develop land application strategies for manure generated by animal feeding operations.

DATES: Comments will be received for a 30-day period commencing with this date of publication.

ADDRESSES: Inquire in writing to Patrick Murphy, State Resource Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), 6515 Watts Road, Suite 200 Madison, WI 53719-2726. Copies of this standard will be made available upon written request. You may submit electronic requests and comments to pat.murphy@wi.usda.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patrick Murphy, 608-276-8732.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 343 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 states that revisions made after enactment of the law, to NRCS state technical guides used to carry out highly erodible land and wetland provisions of the law, shall be made available for public review and comment. For the next 30 days, the NRCS in Wisconsin will receive comments relative to the proposed change. Following that period, a determination will be made by the NRCS in Wisconsin regarding

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Rural Utilities Service

Municipal Interest Rates for the Second Quarter of 2002

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of municipal interest rates on advances from insured electric loans for the second quarter of 2002.

SUMMARY: The Rural Utilities Service hereby announces the interest rates for advances on municipal rate loans with interest rate terms beginning during the second calendar quarter of 2002.

DATES: These interest rates are effective for interest rate terms that commence during the period beginning April 1, 2002, and ending June 30, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gail P. Salgado, Management Analyst, Office of the Assistant Administrator, Electric Program, Rural Utilities Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 4023-S, Stop 1560, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-1560. Telephone: 202-205-3660. FAX: 202-690-0717. E-mail: GSalgado@rus.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) hereby announces the interest rates on advances made during the second calendar quarter of 2002 for municipal rate electric loans. RUS regulations at § 1714.4 state that each advance of funds on a municipal rate loan shall bear interest at a single rate for each interest rate term. Pursuant to § 1714.5, the interest rates on these advances are based on indexes published in the "Bond Buyer" for the four weeks prior to the fourth Friday of the last month before the beginning of the quarter. The rate for interest rate terms of 20 years or longer is the average of the 20 year rates published in the Bond Buyer in the four weeks specified in § 1714.5(d). The rate for terms of less than 20 years is the average of the rates published in the Bond Buyer for the same four weeks in the table of "Municipal Market Data—General Obligation Yields" or the successor to this table. No interest rate may exceed the interest rate for Water and Waste Disposal loans.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Siskiyou County Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Siskiyou County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will meet on April 15, 2002, in Yreka, California. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the following topics: Klamath overhead rate amount, Government disbursal and administration of funds process, Schedule workshop with successful applicants to discuss administrative processes, Approve proposals, Conflict of interest that develops after proposal is awarded, How to contract private lands projects with a view to liability, Develop feedback tool to applicants, and How to handle proxy votes.

DATES: The meetings will be held April 15, 2002 from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Yreka High School Library, Preece Way, Yreka, California.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Heidi Perry, Meeting Coordinator, USDA, Klamath National Forest, 1312 Fairlane Road, Yreka, California, 96097, (530) 841-4468; EMAIL hperry@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public. Public comment opportunity will be provided and individuals will have the opportunity to address the Committee at that time.