

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The business meeting on May 15, begins at 10 a.m., at the Idaho Counties Risk Management Program Building, 3100 South Vista Avenue, Boise, Idaho. Agenda topics will include review and approval of project proposals, a guest speaker and an open public forum.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Randy Swick, McCall District Ranger and Designated Federal Officer, at (208) 634-0400.

Dated: April 24, 2002.

Randall Swick,
Designated Federal Officer, Payette National Forest.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Housing Service

Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Rural Housing Service (RHS), USDA.

ACTION: Proposed collection; comments requested.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Rural Housing Service's intention to request an extension for a currently approved information collection in support of the program for the Guaranteed Rural Rental Housing Program.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by July 1, 2002 to be assured of consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Joyce Allen, Deputy Director, Multi-Family Housing Processing Guaranteed Loan Division, Rural Housing Service, USDA, Room 1263, Stop 0781, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250, telephone, (202) 690-4499.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Guaranteed Rural Rental Housing Program.

OMB Number: 0575-0174.

Expiration Date of Approval: July 31, 2002.

Type of Request: Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection.

Abstract: On March 28, 1996, President Clinton signed the "Housing Opportunity Program Extension Act of 1996." One of the provisions of the Act was the authorization of the Section 538 Guaranteed Rural Rental Housing Loan Program, adding the program to the Housing Act of 1949. The program has

been designed to increase the supply of affordable multifamily housing through partnerships between RHS and major lending sources, as well as State and local housing finance agencies and bond issuers. Qualified lenders will be authorized to originate, underwrite, and close loans for multifamily housing projects requiring new construction or acquisition with rehabilitation of at least \$15,000 per unit will be considered.

The housing must be available for occupancy only by low or moderate income families or persons, whose incomes at the time of initial occupancy do not exceed 115 percent of the median income of the area. After initial occupancy, a tenant's income may exceed these limits; however, rents, including utilities, are restricted to no more than 30 percent of the 115 percent of area Median Income for the term of the loan.

The Secretary is authorized under Section 510 (k) to prescribe regulations to ensure that these federally funded loans are made to eligible applicants for authorized purposes. The lender must evaluate the eligibility, cost, benefits, feasibility, and financial performance of the proposed project. The information submitted by the lender to the Agency is used by the Agency to manage, plan, evaluate, and account for Government resources. This information is required to ensure the proper and judicious use of public funds.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .53 man hours per response.

Respondents: Nonprofit and for-profit lending corporations and public bodies.

Estimated Number of Respondents:

50.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 60.

Estimated Number of Responses:

3005.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 1,581 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Tracy Gillin, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, at (202) 692-0039.

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, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to Tracy Gillin, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, STOP 0742, 1400 Independence Ave. SW, 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.

Dated: April 19, 2002.

Arthur A. Garcia,
Administrator, Rural Housing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Advanced Technology Program Advisory Committee

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of partially closed meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, notice is hereby given that the Advanced Technology Program Advisory Committee, National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), will meet Tuesday, May 14, 2002, from 8:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. The Advanced Technology Program Advisory Committee is composed of eight members appointed by the Director of NIST; who are eminent in such fields as business, research, new product development, engineering, education, and management consulting. The purpose of this meeting is to review and make recommendations regarding general policy for the Advanced Technology Program (ATP), its organization, its budget, and its programs within the framework of applicable national policies as set forth by the President and the Congress. The agenda will include a discussion on universities and R&D technology issues, a presentation on the In-Q-Tel, a venture capital organization (tentative), an update on the ATP competition, and a presentation on a study on the ATP Computer Based Software Focus

Program. Discussions scheduled to begin at 8:45 a.m. and to end at 9:50 a.m. and to begin at 3 p.m. and to end at 3:45 p.m. on May 14, 2002 on the ATP budget issues and staffing of positions will be closed. All visitors to the National Institute of Standards and Technology site will have to pre-register to be admitted. Please submit your name, time of arrival, email address and phone number to Carolyn Stull no later than Thursday, May 9, 2002, and she will provide you with instructions for admittance. Ms. Stull's e-mail address is carolyn.stull@nist.gov and her phone number is 301/975-5607.

DATES: The meeting will convene May 14, 2002, at 8:45 a.m. and will adjourn at 3:45 p.m. on May 14, 2002.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the National Institute of Standards and Technology, Administration Building, Lecture Room A, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899. Please note admittance instructions under SUMMARY paragraph.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carolyn J. Stull, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899-1004, telephone number (301) 975-5607.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the General Counsel, formally determined on January 3, 2002, that portions of the meeting of the Advanced Technology Program Advisory Committee which involve discussion of proposed funding of the Advanced Technology Program may be closed in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B), because those portions of the meetings will divulge matters the premature disclosure of which would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of proposed agency actions; and that portions of meetings which involve discussion of staffing of positions in ATP may be closed in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6), because divulging information discussed in those portions of the meetings is likely to reveal information of a personal nature where disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Dated: April 25, 2002.

Arden L. Bement, Jr.,
Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 042602G]

Marine Mammals; File No. 984-1587-01

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Issuance of permit amendment.

SUMMARY: SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Dr. Terrie Williams, Department of Biology, University of California at Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz, CA 95064 has been issued a minor amendment to scientific research Permit No. 984-1587-00.

ADDRESSES: The amendment and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office:

Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301)713-2289; fax (301)713-0376.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Amy Sloan or Ruth Johnson, (301)713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The requested amendment has been granted under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 et seq.), and the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216).

This amendment extends the expiration date for holding and conducting research on three California sea lions (*Zalophus californianus*) from April 30, 2002, to September 30, 2002.

Dated: April 26, 2002.

Eugene T. Nitta,
Acting Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

United States Patent and Trademark Office

Proposed Guidelines for Ensuring and Maximizing the Quality, Objectivity, Utility, and Integrity of Information Disseminated by the USPTO

AGENCY: United States Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: This document announces the availability of the agency's draft report providing guidelines to ensure and maximize the quality, objectivity, utility, and integrity of information disseminated by the agency. These guidelines also detail the administrative mechanisms developed by the USPTO to allow affected persons to seek and obtain appropriate correction of information maintained and disseminated by the agency that does not comply with the OMB or the agency guidelines. This notice and guidelines are required by section 515 of the Treasury and General Government Appropriations Act for FY 2001 (Pub. L. 106-554) and the OMB Guidelines published on January 3, 2002, at 67 FR 369-378 (reprinted February 5, 2002, at 67 FR 5365). This notice also provides an opportunity for public comment. To be considered, comments must be received by May 31, 2002, at the address set forth below.

ADDRESSES: USPTO's draft report is available for public inspection and comment at USPTO's Web site, www.uspto.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bruce Cox, Director, Information Products Division, Bruce.Cox@uspto.gov (703) 306-2606; or Christopher Leithiser, Information Products Division, Chris.Leithiser@uspto.gov (703) 306-2622.

Dated: April 26, 2002.

James E. Rogan,
Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal No. 02-16]

36(b)(1) Arms Sales Notification

AGENCY: Department of Defense, Defense Security Cooperation Agency.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Defense is publishing the unclassified text of a section 36(b)(1) arms sales notification. This is published to fulfill the requirements of section 155 of Public Law 104-164 dated 21 July 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. J. Hurd, DSCA/COMPT/RM, (703) 604-6575.

The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of