

dosimetry recordings, requests for dosimetry device approval, recordkeeping, requests for facility approval, trust fund agreement, and annual work plan. Without the collection of this information, APHIS would have no practical way of determining that any given commodity had actually been irradiated.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for profit; individuals or households; farms.

Number of Respondents: 125.

Frequency of Responses:

Recordkeeping; reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 10,305.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Commodity Credit Corporation

Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection—National Nonprofit Humanitarian Program

AGENCY: Commodity Credit Corporation.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intention of the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) to request extension of a currently approved information collection. The collection is used to conduct a National Nonprofit Humanitarian Program 501(c)(3) for purposes of expanding current disposition options for surplus nonfat dry milk (NDM) to help feed the hungry in the United States. This action will expedite the sale of NDM to nonprofit organizations and relieve regulatory burdens imposed upon current domestic feeding programs.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received on or before September 30, 2003, to be assured consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beatrice Dove, Agricultural Marketing Specialist, Procurement and Donations Division, Commodity Operations Branch, Farm Service Agency, USDA, Stop 0551, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250; telephone (202) 401-4652; e-mail Beatrice.Dove@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: National Nonprofit Humanitarian Program.

OMB Control Number: 0560-0227.

Date of Expiration: September 30, 2003.

Abstract: The Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) has acquired approximately 1.2 billion pounds of nonfat dry milk (NDM) through its Milk Price Support Program. Limited shelf life for this commodity has prompted USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) to propose implementation of a 501(c)(3) program further utilizing CCC-owned NDM by selling the product to religious and non-religious nonprofit organizations in the United States. Under this proposal, CCC will deliver a minimum of four truckload quantities U.S. Extra Grade NDM or U.S. Extra Grade instantized fortified nonfat dry milk (INDM) to authorized recipients for the nominal fee of \$20 per truckload. A minimum of two truckloads must be received per delivery period with each truckload consisting of one package size and product type (NDM or INDM). Recipients must demonstrate capability to store and handle the product in full compliance with applicable State and local health and food safety requirements to assure product wholesomeness. Recipients shall distribute the NDM or INDM in a timely manner for human consumption in the United States and shall not export, resell, exchange, or barter the product. Nonprofit organizations currently receiving NDM as a donated product from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), under the Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) may also receive NDM under this program.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this information collection is estimated to average 30 minutes per response.

Respondents: Nonprofit organizations.
Estimated Number of Respondents:

220.

Estimated Number of Annual Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 321 hours.

Proposed topics for comments include: (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 collected; or (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of the 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 should be sent to the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503 and to Beatrice Dove, Agricultural Marketing Specialist, Procurement and Donations Division, Commodity Operations Branch, Farm Service Agency, USDA, Stop 0551, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250; telephone (202) 401-4652.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Signed at Washington, DC, on July 24, 2003.

Verle E. Lanier,

Acting Executive Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Intergovernmental Advisory Committee Meeting, Northwest Forest Plan

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Intergovernmental Advisory Committee (IAC), Northwest Forest Plan (NWFP), will meet on August 5, 2003, at the Sheraton Portland Airport, located at 8235 NE Airport Way in Portland, Oregon. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. and adjourn at approximately 4:45 p.m. In general, the purpose of the meeting is to continue committee discussions related to NWFP implementation. Particular meeting agenda items include, but are not limited to, a report on the recent Forest Service Region 5 (California) meeting reviewing local NWFP implementation, a report on the recent "Innovations in Species Conservation Symposium," a presentation on Aquatic Monitoring issues and potential Federal/State collaboration opportunities, Stewardship Contracting, progress reports on several implementation initiatives (including supplemental environmental impact statements for Survey and Manage, Aquatic Conservation Strategy), and Fish and Wildlife Service's Five-Year Review of Northern Spotted Owl and Marbled Murrelet. The meeting is open to the public and will be fully accessible for people with disabilities. A 15-minute time slot is reserved following

lunch for public comments. Interpreters are available upon request at least 10 days prior to the meeting. Written comments may be submitted for the meeting record. Interested persons are encouraged to attend.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions regarding this meeting may be directed to Kath Collier, Management Analyst, Regional Ecosystem Office, 333 SW First Avenue, P.O. Box 3623, Portland, OR 97208 (Phone: 503-808-2165).

Dated: July 9, 2003.

Anne Badgley,

Designated Federal Official.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

2003 Forest Legacy Program Implementation Guidelines

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability of program guidelines.

SUMMARY: The Forest Service is issuing a notice of the availability for the 2003 Forest Legacy Program Implementation Guidelines. These guidelines were last updated in 1996. The Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978 (CFAA) authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture, through the Forest Service to develop, in cooperation with interested States, a Forest Legacy Program to identify and protect environmentally important private forest lands that are threatened by conversion to non-forest uses. The Federal Agricultural Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 amended the CFAA to provide for optional grants for States to carry out the program.

DATES: The 2003 Forest Legacy Program Implementation Guidelines were effective June 30, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the 2003 Forest Legacy Program Implementation Guidelines are available by contacting Rick Cooksey, Cooperative Forestry Staff, USDA Forest Service, Mail Stop Code 1123, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-1123; via telephone at (202) 205-1469; via facsimile at (202) 205-1271; or via the world-wide web Internet: http://www.fs.fed.us/spf/coop/library/fpl_guidelines.pdf.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rick Cooksey, USDA Forest Service, Cooperative Forestry Staff, (202) 205-1469; or rcooksey@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act (CFAA) of 1978, as amended, (16 U.S.C. 2101 *et seq.*) provides authority for the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (Secretary) to provide financial, technical, educational, and related assistance to States, communities, and private forest landowners. Section 1217 of Title XII of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation and Trade Act of 1990 (Pub. L. 101-624:104 Stat. 3359; 16 U.S.C. 2103c), also referred to as the 1990 Farm Bill, amends the CFAA and directs the Secretary to establish the Forest Legacy Program (FLP) to protect environmentally important forest areas that are threatened by conversion to nonforest uses. Through the 1996 Farm Bill (Federal Agricultural Improvement and Reform Act of 1996; Pub. L. 104-127; Title III—Conservation; Subtitle G—Forestry; Section 374, Optional State Grants for Forest Legacy Program), the Secretary is authorized, at the request of a participating State, to make a grant to the State to carry out FLP in that State, including the acquisition by the State of lands and interests in lands. Under section 6 of the Act of March 1, 1911, (16 U.S.C. 515), and section 11(a) of the Department of Agriculture Organic Act of 1956 (7 U.S.C. 428(a)), the Secretary of Agriculture continues to have authority to acquire environmentally important forest lands and interests therein for Federal acquisition, including conservation easements and rights of public access, with title vested in the U.S. Government. Both the State grant and the Federal acquisition programs operate on a willing seller and a willing buyer basis.

In 1996, the Forest Service issued the Forest Legacy Program Implementation guidelines, which were an update of the 1992 guidelines. In 2000, the Forest Service embarked on an effort to update the 1996 Guidelines, to provide clear and current direction to meet the needs of a rapidly growing national program. As part of the process, several drafts were circulated with open public comment periods resulting in hundreds of comments received and integrated into a draft document. However, in November 2001, when the revision was almost complete, the Surveys and Investigations Staff of the House of Representatives Appropriations Committee launched a 6-month investigation of the program. After a thorough review of FLP, the Congressional investigation findings required the Forest Service to develop additional direction related to key areas of the program, including: (1) The

appraisal and appraisal review process, (2) the project selection process, (3) the process for redirecting and reprogramming project funds, and (4) the monitoring requirements for conservation easements.

General Information

The final 2003 Forest Legacy Program Implementation Guidelines reflect the work of a team of representatives from State lead agencies and Forest Service Washington Office and Regional offices. This team considered and integrated, to the extent practicable, all comments received throughout the process as well as the findings from the Congressional investigation. The guidelines will improve program operation, provide clarity on definitions, policy, and process, and respond to the findings of the Congressional report and direction.

The Forest Legacy Program Implementation Guidelines have four components:

Part 1—General Program Guidelines: Program direction applicable to all aspects of FLP, including Assessment of Need development, eligibility criteria, project selection process, process for redirection and reprogramming of funds, cost share requirements, landowner participation, appraisal and appraisal review, and conservation easement information.

Part 2—State Grant Program Guidelines: Program direction applicable to States and Forest Service Regions, Areas, and the International Institute of Tropical Forestry where a State has elected the State grant option and where ownership of lands or interests in lands is vested in a State or a subdivision of a State.

Part 3—Federal Acquisition Program Guidelines: Program direction applicable to States and Forest Service Regions, Areas, and the International Institute of Tropical Forestry selecting the Federal acquisition and ownership process, where ownership of lands or interests in lands is vested in the United States.

Appendices: Numerous appendices that provide supplemental information such as references to Office of Management and Budget circulars, qualifications required of an appraiser or review appraiser, an example cost share calculations, and a sample of FLP graphics.

The revised 2003 Forest Legacy Program Implementation Guidelines were mailed to State lead agencies, State Foresters (when different from the State lead agency), national partners, and Forest Service Regions, Areas, and the International Institute of Tropical Forestry.