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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

March 3, 2005.

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 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), *Pamela_Beverly_* *OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov* or fax (202) 395-5806 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) 720-8681.

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

collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Food and Nutrition Service

Title: Food Coupon Deposit Document.

OMB Control Number: 0584-0314.
Summary of Collection: Section 10 of the Food Stamp Act of 1977, as amended, (7 U.S.C. 2011 *et seq.*) requires the U.S. Department of Agriculture to issue regulations that provide for the redemption, through financial institutions, of food coupons accepted by retail food stores from program participants. Form FNS-521—Food Coupon Deposit Document (FCDD), is currently used in the Food Stamp Program by banks and financial institutions to redeem food stamp benefits from authorized retailers and to monitor the authorization of firms for compliance and continued eligibility in the Food Stamp Program.

Need and Use of the Information: The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) will collect information to track deposits of food coupons. All financial institutions use the FCDD when they deposit food coupons at Federal Reserve Banks (FRBs). The information to be collected is the name, address, and unique check routing code of each financial institution that deposits food coupons on the face of every FCDD. Without the FCDD, no vehicle would exist for financial institutions, the FRB's and the FNS to track deposits of food coupons.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 10,000.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting on occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 176.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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Animal Plant and Health Inspection Service

Title: 7 CFR Part 319—Importation of Fruits and Vegetables.

OMB Control Number: 0579-0136.

Summary of Collection: The Department of Agriculture is responsible for preventing plant diseases or insect pests from entering the United States. The Plant Protect Quarantine Act and the Federal Pest Act authorizes the Department and the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) to carry out this mission. Implementing the laws is necessary to prevent injurious insect pest and plant diseases from entering the United States, a situation that could produce serious consequences for U.S.

agriculture. Providing for the safe importation of these fruits and vegetables will necessitate the use of several information collection activities and forms, including an application for permit, phytosanitary certificate, certain marking requirements, trapping and survey procedures.

Need and Use of the Information: APHIS will collect information from permit applications to determine if the fruits meet the requirements for importation and also enables APHIS to evaluate potential risks associated with the proposed movement of these fruits and vegetables into the United States. The information is used to determine whether a permit can be issued, and also to develop risk-mitigating conditions for the movement.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for profit; individuals or households; not-for-profit institutions; farms; State, local or tribal government.

Number of Respondents: 822.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 1,343.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Forest Inventory and Analysis Data Management

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of issuance of agency interim directive.

SUMMARY: The Forest Service is re-issuing an interim directive (ID) to Forest Service Handbook (FSH) 4809.11, chapter 10, to guide Forest Inventory and Analysis employees in managing information in the Forest Inventory and Analysis Database (FIADB) in a manner consistent with the data privacy provisions of Section 1770 of the Food Security Act of 1985 (7 U.S.C. 2276). The FIADB contains detailed plot and tree level data with approximate plot coordinates that allow flexible spatial data analysis. The direction adopted in the ID allows for increased location accuracy of the data from within 1.0 mile to 0.5 for each Forest Inventory plot, while requiring data masking procedures to ensure data privacy as required by Section 1770 of the Food Security Act. This interim directive is issued as ID 4809.11-2005-1 to FSH 4809.11, chapter 10.

DATES: This interim directive is effective March 9, 2005.

ADDRESSES: This interim directive (ID 4809.11-2005-1) is available electronically from the Forest Service via the World Wide Web/Internet at <http://www.fs.fed.us/im/directives>. Additional information regarding data access guidelines may be directed to Richard Guldin, Science Policy, Planning, Information, and Inventory Staff—Forest Service, Mail Stop 1119, Washington, DC 20090-6090; by electronic mail to SPPII@fs.fed.us; or by fax to (703) 605-5131. Documents are also available for inspection in the office of Science Policy, Planning, Inventory and Information Staff at 1601 North Kent Street, Arlington, VA, Suite 4110, between regular business hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. To facilitate entrance into the building, visitors are encouraged to call ahead (703-605-4177).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: W. Brad Smith, Science Policy, Planning, Information and Inventory Staff by phone at (703) 605-4177 or by email to bsmith12@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Through its research organization, the Forest Service conducts continuous State-wide inventories of the Nation's forest resources to ascertain trends in the extent, condition, ownership, quantity, and quality of the forest resources as required by the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Research Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 1600, 1641-1648). This information is collected in the Forest Inventory and Analysis Database. Forest statistics and subsequent analyses are released as State, Regional, and National reports and are based on data collected at sample locations on all land ownerships across the United States. Access to Forest Inventory and Analysis (FIA) data is generally available to the public through direct electronic links within 6 months for standard plots and within 12 months for forest health plots after completion of the annual field data collection season for each State.

The direction adopted in the interim directive (ID) provides for increased accuracy of publicly available plot locations from plus or minus 1 mile, to plus or minus one-half mile. Due to the increased spatial precision of data locations, additional masking measures are now necessary to ensure data privacy required by the Food Security Act. In addition, the ID provides further guidance concerning agency objectives and policy for the FIA program; direction for the use of authorized agents; and procedures to follow when releasing FIA data and information.

This ID issues without change in direction previously contained in ID-4809.11-2003-1 with a notice of issuance published in the **Federal Register** on September 5, 2003 (68 FR 52739).

Dated: March 2, 2005.

Dale N. Bosworth,
Chief.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Telephone Bank

Special Board of Directors Meeting; Sunshine Act

TIME AND DATE: 9 a.m., Friday, March 11, 2005.

PLACE: Conference Room 107-A, Jamie L. Whitten Federal Building, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 12th & Jefferson Drive, SW., Washington, DC.

STATUS: Open.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: The following matters have been placed on the agenda for the Board of Directors meeting:

1. Call to order.
2. Resolution for calling a special meeting of the board.
3. Discussion regarding the impact of the President's FY 2006 Budget proposal on the Rural Telephone Bank.
4. Adjournment.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Jonathan Claffey, Acting Assistant Governor, Rural Telephone Bank, (202) 720-9554.

Dated: March 4, 2005.

Thomas C. Dorr,

Chairperson, Rural Telephone Bank.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

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: American Community Survey.

Form Number(s): ACS-1(2005); ACS-1(2005)SP; ACS-1(2005)PR(SP); ACS-1(2005)PR; ACS-290; ACS-1(GQ); ACS-4(GQ).