

Notices

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

September 23, 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 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 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), *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) 720-8958.

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

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

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Title: National Animal Identification System.

OMB Control Number: 0579-0259.

Summary of Collection: The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) regulates the importation and interstate movement of animals and animal products and conducts various other activities to protect the health of our Nation's livestock and poultry. The advent of increased animal disease outbreaks around the globe over the past decade, especially the recent BSE-positive cow found in Washington State, has intensified the public interest in developing a national animal identification program for the purpose of protecting animal health. Fundamental to controlling any disease threat, foreign or domestic, to the Nation's animal resources is to have a system that can identify individual animals or groups, the premises where they are located, and the date of entry to each premises. A national animal identification system is being implemented by APHIS at present on a voluntary basis. It is intended to identify all livestock, as well as record their movements over the course of their lifespan.

Need and Use of the Information: APHIS goal is to create an effective, uniform, consistent, and efficient system that when fully implemented, will allow traces to be completed within 48 hours of detection of a disease, ensuring rapid containment of the disease. Successful implementation of the animal identification and tracking systems will depend on the effective use of three primary information collection activities: premises and nonproducer participants identification records, individual animal identification transaction records, and group/lot transaction records that will be created and maintained through various industry and Government collaborative efforts.

Failing to collect the needed information would make it impossible to conduct a timely traceback of animals potentially exposed to a disease of concern.

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Description of Respondents: State, local or tribal government; Farms; Business or other for-profit

Number of Respondents: 250,000.

Frequency of Responses:

Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 255,000.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 05-022-1]

Notice of Request for Approval of an Information Collection; Voluntary "Do Not Sell" List of Invasive Plant Species

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: New information collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's intention to request approval of a new information collection activity associated with a voluntary "do not sell" list of invasive plant species for Florida nurseries.

DATES: We will consider all comments that we receive on or before November 28, 2005.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by either of the following methods:

- **EDOCKET:** Go to <http://www.epa.gov/fedocket> to submit or view public comments, access the index listing of the contents of the official public docket, and to access those documents in the public docket that are available electronically. Once you have entered EDOCKET, click on the "View Open APHIS Dockets" link to locate this document.

- **Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery:** Please send four copies of your comment (an original and three copies) to Docket No. 05-022-1, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3C71, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238. Please state that your comment refers to Docket No. 05-022-1.

Reading Room: You may read any comments that we receive on this docket in our reading room. The reading room is located in room 1141 of the USDA South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC. Normal reading room hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 690-2817 before coming.

Other Information: You may view APHIS documents published in the **Federal Register** and related information on the Internet at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppd/rad/webrepor.html>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information on the voluntary "do not sell" list of invasive plant species for Florida nurseries, contact Dr. Barney Caton, Ecologist and Pest Risk Analyst, Center for Plant Health Science and Technology, PPQ, 1730 Varsity Drive, Suite 300, Raleigh, NC 27607; (919) 855-7504. For copies of more detailed information on the information collection, contact Mrs. Celeste Sickles, APHIS's Information Collection Coordinator, at (301) 734-7477.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Voluntary "Do Not Sell" List of Invasive Plant Species.

OMB Number: 0579-XXXX.

Type of Request: Approval of a new information collection.

Abstract: In 2001, the Florida Nursery, Growers, & Landscape Association (FNGLA), in cooperation with the Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council (FLEPPC), created and promoted a list of known invasive plant species that should not be grown or sold in Florida nurseries. Forty-three plant species were chosen for the list. A voluntary effort by nurseries to limit trade in these species is a potentially worthwhile approach to safeguarding U.S. ecosystems from invasive plants. The effectiveness of the voluntary program on trade in these species since 2001 has not been fully studied, however.

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture is responsible for safeguarding the United States against plant pests and noxious weeds. A recent assessment by the Center for Plant Health Science and Technology, Plant Protection and Quarantine, APHIS, indicated that availability in Florida nurseries of the 43 species on the FNGLA list has not changed since 1999. APHIS proposes to conduct a single survey of owners and managers of Florida nurseries and plant

dealers to determine how many were aware of the program, whether they were complying if they were aware of it, and whether they would have complied if they had known about it. The results of the survey will help APHIS learn how well such voluntary "do not sell" programs may be accepted by owners and managers of nurseries and plant dealers and how effective such programs may be.

We are asking the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve the information collection activity associated with the voluntary "do not sell" list of invasive species for Florida nurseries.

The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments from the public (as well as affected agencies) concerning our information collection. These comments will help us:

(1) Evaluate 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;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through use, as appropriate, of automated, electronic, mechanical, and other collection technologies; e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Estimate of burden: The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.5 hour per response.

Respondents: Owners and managers of nurseries, and nursery stock dealers in Florida.

Estimated annual number of respondents: 200.

Estimated annual number of responses per respondent: 1.

Estimated annual number of responses: 200.

Estimated total annual burden on respondents: 100 hours. (Due to averaging, the total annual burden hours may not equal the product of the annual number of responses multiplied by the reporting burden per response.)

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.

Done in Washington, DC, this 23rd day of September 2005.

Elizabeth E. Gaston,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Information Collection; Day Use on the National Forests of Southern California

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Forest Service is seeking comments from all interested individuals and organizations on the extension information collection, Day Use on the National Forests of Southern California.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing on or before November 28, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Comments concerning this notice should be addressed to Dr. Deborah J. Chavez, Pacific Southwest Research Station, 4955 Canyon Crest Drive, Riverside, CA 92507. Comments also may be submitted via facsimile to (909) 680-1501, or send an e-mail to dchavez@fs.fed.us.

The public may inspect comments received at the address above during normal business hours. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead to (909) 680-1500 to facilitate entry to the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Deborah J. Chavez, Pacific Southwest Research Station, (909) 680-1558, e-mail to dchavez@fs.fed.us. Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf may call the Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 twenty-four hours a day, every day of the year, including holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: **Title:** Day Use on the National Forests of Southern California.

OMB Number: 0596-0129.

Expiration Date of Approval:

3/31/2006.

Type of Request: Extension.

Abstract: Users of urban proximate National Forests in Southern California come from a variety of ethnic/racial, income, age, educational, and other socio-demographic backgrounds. The activities pursued, information sources utilized, and site attributes preferred are just some of the items affected by these differences. Past studies completed through previously approved collections