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Barbara J. Masters,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

New Information Collection for Special Use Administration

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent; request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Forest Service is seeking comments from all interested individuals and organizations on the new information collection established pursuant to the Cabin User Fee Fairness Act (CUFFA) of 2000.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing on or before February 14, 2006 to be assured of consideration.

Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: Comments concerning this notice should be addressed to: USDA, Forest Service, Attention: Rita Staton, Lands Staff (2720), 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Stop 1124, Washington, DC 20250-1124 or by facsimile to Rita Staton at 202-205-1604 or by e-mail to: reply_lands_staff@fs.fed.us. Comments may also be submitted by the following instructions at the federal eRulemaking portal at: <http://www.regulation.gov>. If comments are sent by e-mail or facsimile, the public is requested not to send duplicate comments via mail. Please confine comments to issues pertinent to the proposed information collection, explain the reasons for any recommended changes, and where possible, reference the specific wording being addressed.

All comments, including names and addresses when provided, will be placed in the record and will be available for public inspection and copying. The public may inspect comments received in the Office of the Director, Lands Staff, 4th Floor South, Sidney R. Yates Federal Building, 14th and Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC on business days between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Those wishing to inspect comments are encouraged to call ahead at (202) 205-1248 to facilitate entry to the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rita Staton, Lands Staff, at (202) 205-1390. Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339, 24 hours a day, every day of the year, including holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Request for New Appraisal and Peer Review Pursuant to the Cabin User Fee Fairness Act of 2000.

OMB Number: 0596-New.

Expiration Date of Approval: N/A.

Type of Request: New.

Abstract: The Cabin User Fee Fairness Act (CUFFA) of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 6201-13) directs the Forest Service to promulgate regulations and adopt policies for assessing a base cabin user fee for recreation residences on National Forest System lands. Section 614 of CUFFA establishes a "transition period", defines how long the transition period will last, and provides guidelines on how the annual cabin user fees should be assessed and adjusted during the transition period. The transition period is that period of time between

the date of the enactment of CUFFA (Oct. 11, 2000) and the date upon which the base cabin user fee for a recreation residence is established as a result of implementing the final regulations and agency directives.

Upon adoption of the final regulations and agency directives, recreation residence permit holders will have 2 years to request that the Forest Service take one of the following actions to establish a new base cabin user fee:

(1) Conduct a new appraisal pursuant to the final regulations and policies (permit holder's request for new appraisal);

(2) Commission a peer review of an existing appraisal report for the typical lot completed after September 30, 1995 (permit holder's request for peer review); or

(3) Establish a new fee based on the market value of the typical lot identified in an existing appraisal report that was completed and approved after September 30, 1995 (permit holder's request to use the value established in the existing appraisal).

A request to act on one of the three options in the 2-year transition period must be submitted in writing to the authorized officer and must be signed by a majority of the recreation residence holders within the group of the recreation residence lots represented by the typical lot to be appraised. There is no specific form or format required for permit holders to use when requesting a new appraisal, a peer review, or that the Forest Service use an existing appraisal. However, the Forest Service is proposing to use standard forms ("Statement from Holders Requesting a New Appraisal" and "Statement from Holders Requesting a Peer Review") when a new appraisal or peer review is requested, and the base fee of the previous appraisal increases more than \$3,000.00 from the annual fee assessed on October 1, 1996, and the new base cabin user fee established by either the new appraisal or the peer review is 90% or more of the fee determined by the previous appraisal (October 1996). Permit holders are required to document that they agree to pay the United States the additional fees, pursuant to the phase-in provisions of CUFFA. The forms would facilitate documenting the request and agreement by the permit holder.

The information request is necessary for the Forest Service to collect the permit holder's request, agreement, and accompanying signatures. Such information is necessary to assist the Forest Service in establishing an accurate base cabin user fee during the

transition period prescribed by CUFFA. Failure to collect this information could prevent the Forest Service from complying with the provisions of CUFFA and deny holders the opportunity to exercise one of the three options provided under CUFFA—seek a new appraisal; commission a peer review of the existing appraisal; or accept the existing appraisal during the 2-year transition period.

Estimate of Annual Burden: 30 minutes.

Type of Respondents: Recreation Residence Permit Holders.

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 20.

Estimated Annual Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 10 hours.

Comment is invited on: (1) Whether this collection of information is necessary for the stated purposes and the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Dated: December 9, 2005.

Gloria Manning,

Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest System.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Forestry Research Advisory Council

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Forestry Research Advisory Council will meet in Arlington, Virginia, January 12-13, 2006. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss emerging issues in forestry research.

DATES: The meeting will be held January 12-13, 2006. On January 12 the meeting will be from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on January 13 from 8:30-noon.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Crystal City Marriott near Reagan

National Airport, 1999 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia.

Individuals who wish to speak at the meeting or to propose agenda items must send their names and proposals to Daina Apple, Designated Federal Officer, Forestry Research Advisory Council, USDA Forest Service Research and Development, 1400 Independence Ave. SW., Washington DC 20250-1120. Individuals also may fax their names and proposed agenda items to (202) 205-1530.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Daina Apple, Forest Service Office of the Deputy Chief for Research and Development, (202) 205-1665.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public. Council discussion is limited to Forest Service, Cooperative State Research Education, and Extension Service staff and Council members. However, persons who wish to bring forestry research matters to the attention of the Council may file written statements with the Council staff before or after the meeting.

Dated: December 8, 2005.

Ann M. Bartuska,

Deputy Chief for Research and Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Lake Tahoe Basin Federal Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Lake Tahoe Basin Federal Advisory Committee will hold a meeting on January 18, 2006 at the North Tahoe Conference Center, 8318 N. Lake Blvd., Kings Beach, CA 96143. This Committee, established by the Secretary of Agriculture on December 15, 1998 (64 FR 2876), is chartered to provide advice to the Secretary on implementing the terms of the Federal Interagency Partnership on the Lake Tahoe Region and other matters raised by the Secretary.

DATES: This meeting will be held January 18, 2006, beginning at 3:30 p.m. and ending at 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the North Tahoe Conference Center, 8318 N. Lake Blvd., Kings Beach, CA 96143.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Arla Hains, Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, Forest Service, 35 College Drive,

South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150, (530) 543-2643.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Items to be covered on the agenda include: (1) The Environmental Improvement Program at Lake Tahoe; (2) the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act—Round 7; and, (3) Public Comment. All Lake Tahoe Basin Federal Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend at the above address. Issues may be brought to the attention of the Committee during the open public comment period at the meeting or by filing written statements with the secretary for the Committee before or after the meeting. Please refer any written comments to the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit at the contact address stated above.

Dated: December 9, 2005.

Terri Marceron,

Forest Supervisor.

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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 Indiana

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

ACTION: Notice of availability of proposed changes in Section IV of the FOTG of the NRCS in Indiana for review and comment.

SUMMARY: It is the intention of NRCS in Indiana to issue three revised conservation practice standards in Section IV of the FOTG. The revised standards are: Residue and Tillage Management—No-Till (329), Residue and Tillage Management—Mulch-Till (345) and Sediment Basin (350). These practices may be used in conservation systems that treat highly erodible land and/or wetlands.

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

ADDRESSES: Address all requests and comments to J. Xavier Montoya, Acting State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), 6013 Lakeside Blvd., Indianapolis, Indiana 46278. Copies of these standards will be made available upon written request. You may submit your electronic requests and comments to shannon.zezula@in.usda.gov.