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DATES: Transition is effective immediately upon publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

Responsible Official: Alice B. Carlton, Forest Supervisor, Manti-La Sal National Forest, 599 W. Price River Dr., Price, UT 84501.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 3, 2002, the Manti-La Sal National Forest published a Notice of Intent to revise the Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan) (FR Vol. 67, No. 86, p. 22397, May 3, 2002). This notice initiated revision under the 1982 planning regulations, but advised the public that the Forest would seriously consider switching to the new planning regulations once they were finalized. This notice also outlined the initial steps of the revision process including gathering information, organizing the revision team, developing resource inventories, and establishing a mailing list.

During 2002 and 2003, cooperating agency status was established through Memorandums of Understanding with six of the ten counties within which the Forest lies. Ten meetings were held throughout central and southeastern Utah (February to March 2003) to explain the planning process and to discuss existing uses of the Forest and current management issues. Nine public meetings were held in May 2004 to discuss preliminary needs for change in the current Forest Plan, Wild and Scenic Rivers eligibility and suitability, and the inventory of undeveloped and unroaded areas.

On October 25, 2004, the Forest formally initiated the land management plan revision process with release of a Preliminary Analysis of the Management Situation and publication of a Notice of Intent to prepare an environmental impact statement for plan revision (FR Vol. 69, No. 205, p. 62244). Six open houses were held during November 2004 to discuss the Preliminary Analysis of the Management Situation and the Notice of Intent. These documents focused the revision process on those areas of the Forest where clearer management direction is most needed at this time.

During September 2005, two workshops and an open house were held to discuss desired conditions for the Forest. Six workshops were held during November 2005 to review current Forest inventories and discuss suitable uses on the Forest.

To meet the requirements of the 2005 Planning Rule, the 2004 Analysis of the Management Situation, combined with

the Forest's Rapid Assessment (March 2005), Fire Regime Condition Class Assessment (February 2005), and various resource specialist white papers will serve as the Forest's Comprehensive Evaluation Report.

Additional opportunities will be provided for the public to review intermediate products, provide comment, or participate in collaborative stakeholder activities. The focal points of future collaborative work will be: (1) Review of revised desired conditions, (2) identification and development of objectives to aid in attaining or maintaining desired conditions, (3) review of suitable land uses, (4) development and review of design criteria, and (5) development and review of the plan monitoring framework. This phase of collaboration should be completed by the spring of 2006. The remaining forest plan revision schedule will be approximately as follows:

Draft Environmental Management System.	Spring 2006.
Release of Proposed Forest Plan and start of 90-day public comment period.	Summer 2006.
Release of Final Plan and start of 30-day objection period.	Fall 2006.
Final decision and start of plan implementation.	Winter 2006.

Dated: January 30, 2006.

Rod Player,

Acting Forest Supervisor, Manti-La Sal National Forest.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35, as amended), the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) invites comments on the following information collections for which RUS intends to request approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by April 4, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard C. Annan, Director, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, Rural Utilities Service, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., STOP 1522,

Room 5818, South Building, Washington, DC 20250-1522. Telephone: (202) 720-0784. Fax: (202) 720-8435.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) regulation (5 CFR 1320) implementing provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13) requires that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities [see 5 CFR 1320.8(d)]. This notice identifies information collections that RUS is submitting to OMB for extension.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether this 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 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 respondents, 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 Richard C. Annan, Director, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, Rural Utilities Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, STOP 1522, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250-1522. Fax: (202) 720-0784.

Title: Review Rating Summary, RUS Form 300.

OMB Control Number: 0572-0025.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The RUS manages loan programs in accordance with the RE Act of 1936, as amended (7 U.S.C. 901 *et seq.*). An important part of safeguarding loan security is to see that RUS financed facilities are being responsibly used, adequately operated, and adequately maintained. Future needs have to be anticipated to ensure that facilities will continue to produce revenue and that loans will be repaid as required by the RUS mortgage. A periodic operations and maintenance (O&M) review, using the RUS Form 300, in accordance with 7 CFR part 1730, is an effective means for RUS to determine whether the borrowers systems are being properly operated and maintained, thereby protecting the loan collateral. An O&M review is also used to rate facilities and

can be used for appraisals of collateral as prescribed by OMB Circular A-129, Policies for Federal Credit Programs and Non-Tax Receivables.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 4 hours per response.

Respondents: Not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 229.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 10.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 916 hours.

Title: Telecommunications Standards and Specifications, 7 CFR part 1755.

OMB Control Number: 0572-0132.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: To protect the security of loans it makes and to ensure that the telecommunications services provided to rural Americans are comparable to those offered in urban and suburban areas, RUS establishes the minimum acceptable performance criteria for materials and equipment to be employed on telecommunications systems financed by RUS. These specifications cover a variety of materials and equipment, ranging from multipair cables for direct burial to highly sophisticated computerized central office switches. Manufacturers, wishing to sell their products to RUS borrowers, request RUS consideration for acceptance of their products and submit data demonstrating their products' compliance with RUS specification.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 20 hours per response.

Respondents: Not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 60.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.68.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 2020 hours.

Title: Borrower Investments—Telecommunications Loan Program, 7 CFR Part 1744, subpart E.

OMB Control Number: 0572-0098.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The Rural Economic Development Act of 1990, Title XXIII of the Farm Bill, Public Law 101-624, authorized qualified RUS borrowers to make investments in rural development projects without the prior approval of the RUS Administrator provided, however, that such investments do not cause the borrower to exceed its

allowable qualified investment level as determined in accordance with the procedures set forth in 7 CFR part 1744, subpart E. When a borrower exceeds these limits, the security for the Government's loans could be in jeopardy. However, in the interest of encouraging rural development, RUS will consider approving such investments that exceed a borrower's qualified investment level. This information collection covers those items that a borrower would need to submit to RUS for consideration of the borrower's request to make such an investment.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 9.5 hours per response.

Respondents: Not for profit institutions; business or other for-profit entities.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 25.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 238 hours.

Title: Use of Consultants Funded by Borrowers, 7 CFR part 1789.

OMB Control Number: 0572-0115.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Section 18(c) of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 (RE Act), as amended (7 U.S.C. 901 *et seq.*) authorizes RUS to use consultants voluntarily funded by borrowers for financial, legal, engineering and other technical services. Consultants may be used to facilitate timely action on loan applications by borrowers for financial assistance and for approvals required by RUS, pursuant to the terms of outstanding loans, or other wise. RUS may not require borrowers to fund consultants. The provision of section 18(c) may be utilized only at the borrower's request. This collection of information implements RUS policies and procedures for use of consultants funded by RUS Borrowers to facilitate timely action on a borrower's loan application for financial assistance and for RUS approvals.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 2 hours per response.

Respondents: Not for profit institutions; business or other for-profit entities.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 6.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 12 hours.

Dated: January 27, 2006.

James M. Andrew,

Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List; Addition

AGENCY: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

ACTION: Addition to Procurement List.

SUMMARY: This action adds to the Procurement List a service to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

DATES: *Effective Date:* March 5, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Jefferson Plaza 2, Suite 10800, 1421 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia, 22202-3259.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sheryl D. Kennerly, Telephone: (703) 603-7740, Fax: (703) 603-0655, or e-mail SKennerly@jwod.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On November 18, 2005, the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notice (70 FR 69934) of proposed additions to the Procurement List.

After consideration of the material presented to it concerning capability of qualified nonprofit agency to provide the service and impact of the additions on the current or most recent contractors, the Committee has determined that the service listed below is suitable for procurement by the Federal Government under 41 U.S.C. 46-48c and 41 CFR 51-2.4.

Regulatory Flexibility Act Certification

I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were:

1. The action will not result in any additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities other than the small organizations that will furnish the service to the Government.

2. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the service to the Government.

3. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-