

contained in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) for tags used for the identification of animals. For example, eartags imprinted with AINs will have to meet the criteria for recognition as official eartags in 9 CFR 71.1, including requirements that the eartags be tamper resistant and have a high retention rate in the animal. The document that we are now making available contains additional standards for AIN tag security (the tags must be tamper evident, i.e., impossible to remove and reapply without visual evidence of tampering), durability, readability, and printing characteristics.

The document also describes the process by which APHIS will authorize AIN tags for use in the NAIS. During the initial, voluntary phase of the NAIS, AIN tags that meet USDA standards for AIN tags will qualify for "USDA Approval Pending" status. When the NAIS becomes fully operational, more complete testing and evaluation procedures and an approval process for official identification devices will be available. At such time, a designation of "USDA Approved" will be established. APHIS will reserve the right to evaluate identification devices independently, using resources within the Agency or through contractual services with universities or private research firms, to verify compliance with tag specifications, either before or following issuance of USDA Approval Pending or USDA Approved status. Official identification devices may lose their USDA Approval Pending or USDA Approved status at any time if APHIS determines that the devices are substandard.

In addition to the visual AIN tags described above, which will be the official identifiers in the NAIS for certain species, producers may elect to incorporate supplemental identification methods or technologies. These supplemental technologies or methods may vary among species.

Cattle are a priority in the initial rollout of the NAIS. RFID devices appear, at this point, to be the preferred technology among cattle producers for use as a supplemental identification method. The document that we are now making available to the public contains standards for RFID AIN tags. These standards cover ISO compliance, electronic read rates and ranges, expected tag life, transponder security, and transponder failure rates.

As noted in the NAIS Draft Program Standards document, a key component of the NAIS is the AIN Management System. The AIN Management System is a Web-based system for distributing and administering AINs in the NAIS. Under

the AIN Management System, AINs are allocated to companies that manufacture official identification devices or technologies. Other individuals and organizations may perform such roles as distributing these devices and technologies to producers, educating producers on their use, and maintaining records of AIN allocations.

The current document offers a more comprehensive description of the AIN Management System than did the Draft Program Standards, focusing, in particular, on the roles and responsibilities of key participants in the system. These key participants will include AIN tag manufacturers, AIN tag managers, and AIN tag resellers.

AIN tag manufacturers are companies that will be authorized by APHIS to manufacture approved identification devices. In order to be recognized as an AIN tag manufacturer, a company will have to enter into an AIN tag manufacturer agreement with APHIS and a marketing agreement with one or more tag managers and complete a training program provided by APHIS. AIN tag manufacturers will be responsible for the overall production and quality of AIN tags. They may only produce AIN tags with the AINs that have been allocated to them by APHIS and will have to maintain records of the tags that they distribute. AIN tag manufacturers may also be AIN tag managers.

AIN tag managers are individuals, organizations, or companies that will provide AIN tags to other AIN tag managers or resellers or directly to premises. In addition to distributing AIN tags, other responsibilities of the AIN tag manager will include validating the PINs of premises that are to receive the tags; maintaining records of tags received from manufacturers and distributed to premises, other managers, or resellers; submitting these records to the AIN Management System; and educating customers on the proper use of official identification devices. In order to be recognized as an AIN tag manager, the individual or entity will be required to agree to certain terms and conditions set forth by APHIS, which include the completion of a training program provided by APHIS, and to enter into a marketing agreement with an AIN tag manufacturer.

AIN tag resellers will perform the same functions as AIN tag managers, but will receive their AIN tags from AIN tag managers rather than directly from manufacturers. In order to be recognized by APHIS as an AIN tag reseller, the individual or entity will have to enter into a marketing agreement with an AIN tag manager and agree to APHIS' terms

and conditions, which include the successful completion of a training program provided by APHIS.

The document regarding the administration of official identification devices employing the AIN may be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.usda.gov/nais> or on the Regulations.gov Web page.¹ You may request paper copies of the document by calling or writing to the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Please refer to the title of the document ("Administration of Official Identification Devices with the Animal Identification Number") when requesting copies.

Done in Washington, DC, this 27th day of February 2006.

Kevin Shea,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Information Collection; Request for Comment; Recreation Fee Administration

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

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 with revision of information collection for the administration of recreation fees on National Forest System lands. The information provides for consistent collection of fees for use of government facilities and services. Respondents will include individuals.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing on or before May 2, 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 Jennifer Eberlien, Recreation Staff, Mailstop 1125, USDA, Forest Service 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-1125.

Comments also may be submitted via facsimile to Jennifer Eberlien (202) 205-1145 or by e-mail to:

¹ Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>, click on the "Advanced Search" tab and select "Docket Search." In the Docket ID field, enter APHIS-2005-0117 then click on "Submit." The document described in this notice will appear in the resulting list of documents.

recreation2300@fs.fed.us. 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 extension with revisions of the currently approved information collection, explain the reasons for any recommended changes, and where possible, reference the specific item being addressed.

The public may inspect comments received in the Office of the Director, Recreation and Heritage Staff, 4th Floor South, Sidney R. Yates Federal Building, 14th and Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20024 on business days between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead to (202) 205-1169 to facilitate entry to the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennifer Eberlien, Recreation and Heritage Staff, at (202) 205-1169. 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: Recreation Fee Administration.
OMB Number: 0596-0106.
Expiration Date of Approval: July 1, 2006.

Type of Request: Extension with Revision.

Abstract: The Federal Lands Recreation and Enhancement Act (16 U.S.C. 6801-6814) authorizes the Forest Service to collect recreation fees for use of government facilities and services.

Two categories of information are collected through two forms. The first, FS-2300-26, Recreation Fee Envelope, is a form used to document when visitors pay a required recreation fee. The second, FS-2300-43, The Rules of Occupancy for Short-term, Non-Commercial Use of Government Facilities, is used to schedule requests for use and occupancy of government owned facilities. Previously designated as FS-2700-3e under 0596-0082, the Forest Service proposes to redesignate this form under 0596-0106 as FS-2300-43.

Currently, the information collected for FS-2300-26 includes a visitor's vehicle license number and registered state, Golden Passport Number (if applicable), number of days paid, and dollar amount enclosed. The Forest Service is not proposing to change this information. This information is used to ensure that visitors have paid a required recreation fee.

Currently, the information collected for FS-2300-43 includes a renter's

contact information such as name, address, and phone number. The information will be collected when the visitor is paying the recreation fee or when a person is applying for rental of a government owned facility. The Forest Service is proposing to change only the number of the form.

The information will be collected by Federal employees and agents who are authorized to collect the recreation fees or rent government facilities. A national forest may use zip codes to help determine where the national forest's visitor base originates. Personal information such as names, addresses, and vehicle registration will not be maintained. Collecting this information is important to ensure that the national forests are able to evaluate whether a visitor has paid a required recreation fee and to rent a government owned facility.

If unable to collect this information, national forests would not be able to verify who has paid a recreation fee. National forests would not be able to schedule and rent government-owned facilities to the public successfully.

Estimate of Annual Burden: (1) FS-2300-26 estimated 3 minutes; (2) FS-2300-43 estimated 15 minutes.

Type of Respondents: Individuals.

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: FS-2300-26 estimated 2 million. FS-2300-43 estimated 10,000.

Estimated Annual Number of Responses per Respondent: FS-2300-26-1; FS-2300-43-1

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: FS-2300-26-1,666 hours; FS-2300-43-42 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 or scientific 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.

All comments received in response to this notice, including names and addresses when provided, will be a matter of public record. Comments will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval.

Dated: February 27, 2006.

Gloria Manning,

Associate Deputy Chief, NFS.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Information Collection; Request for Comment; Health Screening Questionnaire

AGENCIES: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

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 with revision of the information collection process for health screening of individuals who seek certification or recertification for firefighter positions. This process is known as the Health Screening Questionnaire. The process applies to individuals applying for firefighter positions and to Forest Service firefighters to determine if they meet the qualifications to perform safely their assigned duties as a firefighter.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing on or before May 2, 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 Ron Hanks, Forest Service National Aviation Safety and Training Officer, National Interagency Fire Center, Forest Service, USDA, 3833 South Development Avenue, Boise, ID 83705-5354.

Comments also may be submitted via facsimile to (208) 387-5607 or by e-mail to: rhanks@fs.fed.us.

The public may inspect comments received at the National Safety Office, National Interagency Fire Center, Forest Service, USDA, 3833 Development Avenue, Boise, ID, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday m.d.t. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead to (208) 387-5607 to facilitate entry to the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ron Hanks, Forest Service National Aviation Safety and Training Officer, at (208) 387-5607. 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: Health Screening Questionnaire.