

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Forest Service****South Deep Management Project, Colville National Forest, Stevens County, WA****AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.**ACTION:** Cancellation notice.

SUMMARY: On January 2, 2002, a Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the South Deep Management Project on the Three Rivers Ranger District of the Colville National Forest, was published in the *Federal Register* (67 FR 51). Forest Service has decided to cancel the preparation of this EIS. The NOI is hereby rescinded.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions may be addressed to James Parker, Environmental Coordinator, Colville National Forest, 650 East Delaware, Republic WA 99166, telephone (509) 775-7462.

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BILLING CODE 3410-11-M**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE****Rural Housing Service****Notice of Funding Availability: Section 515 Multi-Family Housing Preservation and Revitalization Restructuring (MPR) Demonstration Program for Fiscal Year 2006****AGENCY:** Rural Housing Service, USDA.**ACTION:** Notice.

Announcement Type: Inviting applications from eligible applicants for Fiscal Year 2006 funding.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number (CFDA): 10.447

SUMMARY: USDA Rural Development (RD) administers the programs of Rural Housing Service (RHS). RD announces the availability of funds and the timeframe to submit applications to participate in a demonstration program to preserve and revitalize existing rural rental housing projects financed by RD under section 515 of the Housing Act of 1949. The intended effect is to restructure selected existing section 515 loans expressly for the purpose of ensuring that sufficient resources are available to preserve the rental project for the purpose of providing safe and affordable housing for low-income residents. Expectations are that

properties participating in this program will be able to be revitalized and extend affordable use without displacing tenants because of increased rents. No additional Rental Assistance units will be made available under this program.

DATES: The deadline for receipt of all applications in response to this Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) is 5 p.m., Eastern Time, April 17, 2006. The application closing deadline is firm as to date and hour. The Agency will not consider any application that is received after the closing deadline. Applicants intending to mail applications must allow sufficient time to permit delivery on or before the closing deadline. Acceptance by a post office or private mailer does not constitute delivery. Facsimile (FAX) and postage-due applications will not be accepted.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Carlton Jarratt, Senior Loan Specialist, Multi-Family Housing Office of Rental Housing Preservation—STOP 0782 (Room 1263-S), or Byron Ross, Director, Multi-Family Housing Office of Rental Housing Preservation—STOP 0782 (Room 1263-S), U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Housing Service, 1400 Independence Ave. SW., Washington, DC 20250-0782 or by telephone at (804) 561-0665 or (202) 690-0669, or via e-mail, carlton.jarratt@wdc.usda.gov or Byron.Ross@wdc.usda.gov. (Please note these phone numbers are not toll free numbers.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Paperwork Reduction Act**

The information collection requirements contained in this Notice have received temporary emergency clearance by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under Control Number 0575-0190. However, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, RD will seek standard OMB approval of the reporting requirements contained in this Notice. Publication of this Notice hereby opens a 60-day public comment period.

Title: Section 515 Multi-Family Housing Preservation and Revitalization Restructuring Demonstration Program.

Type of Request: New collection.

Abstract: The Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2006 (Pub. L. 109-97) provides funding for, and authorizes RD to conduct a demonstration program for the preservation and revitalization of the section 515 multi-family housing portfolio. The section 515 multi-family housing program is authorized by section 515 of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1485) and provides RD the

authority to make loans for low-income multi-family housing and related facilities.

RD refers to this program as Multi-Family Housing Preservation and Revitalization Restructuring Program (MPR). This NOFA sets forth the eligibility and application requirements. Information will be collected from applicants and grant recipients by Rural Development staff in its Local, Area, State, and National offices. This information will be used to determine applicant eligibility for this demonstration program. If an applicant proposal is selected, that applicant will be notified of the selection and given the opportunity to submit a formal application.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1.26 hours per response.

Respondents: Individuals, partnerships, public and private nonprofit corporations, agencies, institutions, organizations, and Indian tribes.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 710.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.01.

Estimated Number of Responses: 1520.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 1940 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Tracy Givelekian, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, at (202) 692-0039.

Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the RD, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the RD's estimate of the burden of the proposed 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 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. Comments may be sent to Tracy Givelekian, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, STOP 0742, 1400 Independence Ave. SW., Washington, DC 20250. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the