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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS-2006-0048]

Notice of Request for Extension of Approval of an Information Collection; Tuberculosis

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Extension of approval of an 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 an extension of approval of an information collection associated with the domestic tuberculosis eradication program.

DATES: We will consider all comments that we receive on or before June 19, 2006.

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

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and, in the lower "Search Regulations and Federal Actions" box, select "Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service" from the agency drop-down menu, then click on "Submit." In the Docket ID column, select APHIS-2006-0048 to submit or view public comments and to view supporting and related materials available electronically. After the close of the comment period, the docket can be viewed using the "Advanced Search" function in [Regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov).

- Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery: Please send four copies of your comment (an original and three copies) to Docket No. APHIS-2006-0048, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3A-03.8, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238. Please state that your

comment refers to Docket No. APHIS-2006-0048.

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: Additional information about APHIS and its programs is available on the Internet at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information regarding the domestic tuberculosis eradication program, contact Dr. Michael Dutcher, Senior Staff Veterinarian, Ruminant Health Programs, National Center for Animal Health Programs, VS, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 43, Riverdale, MD 20737; (301) 734-5467. For copies of more detailed information on the information collection, contact Mrs. Celeste Sickles, APHIS' Information Collection Coordinator, at (301) 734-7477.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Tuberculosis.

OMB Number: 0579-0146.

Type of Request: Extension of approval of an information collection.

Abstract: The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is responsible for, among other things, preventing the interstate spread of pests and diseases of livestock within the United States and for conducting eradication programs. In connection with this mission, USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) participates in the Cooperative State-Federal Bovine Tuberculosis Eradication Program, which is a national program to eliminate bovine tuberculosis from the United States. This program is conducted under various States' authorities supplemented by Federal authorities regulating interstate movement of affected animals.

The tuberculosis regulations, contained in 9 CFR part 77, provide several levels of tuberculosis risk classifications to be applied to States and zones within States, and classify States and zones according to their tuberculosis risk. The regulations

restrict the interstate movement of cattle, bison, and captive cervids from the various classes of States or zones to prevent the spread of tuberculosis.

These regulations contain information collection requirements, including requirements for epidemiological reviews, certificates for animals moved interstate, tuberculosis management plans, submission by States of requests to APHIS for State or zone status, and submission by States of an annual report to APHIS for renewal of State or zone status.

We are asking the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve our use of these information collection activities for an additional 3 years.

The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments from the public (as well as affected agencies) concerning this information collection. We need this outside input to 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 information collection, 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 information collection 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 0.30 hours per response.

Respondents: State animal health authorities, including State veterinarians and designated State tuberculosis epidemiologists.

Estimated annual number of respondents: 200.

Estimated annual number of responses per respondent: 10.

Estimated annual number of responses: 2,000.

Estimated total annual burden on respondents: 600 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 14th day of April 2006.

Kevin Shea,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS-2006-0003]

Horse Protection; Public Meetings in California, Kentucky, Tennessee, and Texas

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: We are advising the public that the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's Animal Care program will host four additional meetings to present current information on the enforcement of the Horse Protection Act (HPA) and provide a forum for horse industry members and other interested persons to comment on the Horse Protection Program, development of the HPA Operating Plan for 2007 and beyond, and other Horse Protection matters. This notice provides the meetings' agendas, locations, and dates.

DATES: The meetings will be held in Dallas, TX, on April 19, 2006, at 1 p.m.; in Somerset, KY, on May 17, 2006, at 1 p.m.; in Pomona, CA, on June 12, 2006, at 2:30 p.m., and in Chattanooga, TN, on September 11, 2006, at 1 p.m. Registration for each meeting will start 30 minutes before the meeting.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the following locations:

Dallas, TX: Sterling Hotel Dallas, 1055 Regal Row, Dallas, TX.

Somerset, KY: Center for Rural Development, 2292 South Highway 27, Suite 300, Somerset, KY.

Pomona, CA: Kellogg West Conference Center, 3801 West Temple Avenue, Pomona, CA.

Chattanooga, TN: Miller & Martin PLLC, Volunteer Building, 832 Georgia Avenue, Suite 1000, Chattanooga, TN.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Darby G. Holladay, APHIS Legislative and Public Affairs, 4700 River Road

Unit 51, Riverdale, MD 20737; (301) 734-3265.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Animal Care, is announcing four additional meetings to discuss the enforcement of the Horse Protection Act (HPA). Two prior meetings for this purpose have been held in Shelbyville, KY, on February 8, 2006, and in Springfield, MO, on March 13, 2006. Notice of the earlier meetings was published in the **Federal Register** on January 18, 2006 (71 FR 2902), and on March 7, 2006 (71 FR 11373). These meetings are designed to provide a forum for information dissemination on current initiatives by Animal Care. Further, these meetings provide the opportunity for industry members and other interested parties to provide suggestions for the HPA Operating Plan for 2007 and beyond and comments on other Horse Protection Program matters during the listening session period on the agenda. Each attendee who wishes to comment should indicate at registration his or her intention to address the Deputy Administrator during the listening session and will be allotted a set amount of time.

The meetings will, with the exception of possible minor modifications, follow the agenda below. Registration for each meeting will start 30 minutes prior to the meeting.

Welcome and Overview: 15 minutes.

Horse Protection Program Update: 1 hour, 45 minutes.

Listening Session: 1 hour, 45 minutes.

Remarks and Closing: 15 minutes.

Meeting notices, copies of the Horse Protection Act, HPA regulations, the HPA Operating Plan for 2004-2006, and other relevant documents are available on the Animal Care Web site at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ac/hpainfo.html>.

Please note that these meetings are being held to provide for the exchange of information on the enforcement of the Horse Protection Act and are not an opportunity to submit formal comments on proposed rules or other regulatory initiatives. Written comments will be accepted and should be mailed to: USDA, APHIS, Animal Care, 4700 River Road Unit 84, Riverdale, MD 20737.

Done in Washington, DC, this 14th day of April 2006 .

Kevin Shea,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Eastern Arizona Counties Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Eastern Arizona Counties Resource Advisory Committee will meet in Payson, Arizona. The purpose of the meeting is to review and approve projects for funding.

DATES: The meeting will be held May 19, 2006, at 12:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Gila Community College Payson Campus, 201 Mud Springs Road, Payson, Arizona. Send written comments to Robert Dyson, Eastern Arizona Counties Resource Advisory Committee, c/o Forest Service, USDA, P.O. Box 640, Springerville, Arizona 85938 or electronically to rydson@fs.fed.us.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Robert Dyson, Public Affairs Officer, Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests, (928) 333-4301.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The meeting is open to the public. Committee discussion is limited to Forest Service staff and Committee members. However, persons who wish to bring Pub. L. 106-393 related matters to the attention of the Committee may file written statements with the Committee staff before the meeting. Opportunity for public input will be provided.

Dated: April 13, 2006.

Deryl D. Jevons,

Acting Forest Supervisor, Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Southeast Alaska Federal Subsistence Regional Advisory Council Meeting

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA; Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

Date: May 10, 2006.

Time and Location: 10 a.m., Alaska Daylight Savings Time, by teleconference. For how to participate,