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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

September 8, 2006.

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments regarding (a) 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; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; (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 should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB),

OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV or fax (202) 395-5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250-7602. Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-8958.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to

the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Farm Service Agency

Title: Disaster Assistance—General (7 CFR part 1945-A).

OMB Control Number: 0560-0170.

Summary of Collection: The regulation at 7 CFR 1945-A, defines the responsibilities of the Secretary of Agriculture in making disaster area determinations, the types of incidents that can result in a disaster area determination, and the factors used in making disaster area determinations. The determination of a disaster area is prerequisite to authorizing emergency (EM) loans to qualified farmers. EM loan funds may be used to restore or replace essential property, pay all or part of production costs incurred by the farmer or rancher in the year of the disaster, pay for essential family living expenses, pay to reorganize the farming operation or refinance USDA and non-USDA creditors.

Need and Use of the Information: FSA will collect information to determine whether sufficient losses have been suffered and to warrant a Secretarial natural disaster designation, and to determine the extenuating circumstances exist to grant a natural disaster designation under the Secretary's discretionary authority. The information will be used by FSA to process State Governor requests for Secretarial natural disaster designations.

Description Of Respondents: State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number Of Respondents: 1,539.

Frequency Of Responses: Reporting: On occasion; Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 849.

Farm Service Agency

Title: Servicing Minor Program Loans.

OMB Control Number: 0560-0230.

Summary of Collection: Section 331 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S.C. 1981 ("CONACT") authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to modify, subordinate and release terms of security instruments, leases, contracts, and agreements entered into by the Farm Service Agency (FSA). FSA Farm Loan Program provides supervised credit in the form of loans to family farmers and ranchers to purchase land and finance agricultural production. Included are

the associated loans for irrigation and drainage and grazing association.

Need and Use of the Information: FSA will collect information related to a program benefit recipient or loan borrower requesting action on security they own, which was purchased with FSA loan funds, improved with FSA loan funds or has otherwise been mortgaged to FSA to secure a Government loan. The information collected is primarily financial data, such as borrower asset values, current financial information and public use and employment data. Failure to collect this information will result in rejection of the borrower's request.

Description of Respondents: Farms; Individuals or households; Business or other-for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; State, Local and Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 194.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 104.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

California Coast Provincial Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The California Coast Provincial Advisory Committee (CCPAC) will meet on October 4-5, 2006, in Upper Lake California. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss issues relating to implementing the Northwest Forest Plan (NWFP).

DATES: The meeting will be held from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on October 4, 2006 and 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on October 5, 2006.

ADDRESSES: October 4, 2006, is a day-long field trip to the Upper Lake Ranger District, 10025 Elk Mountain Road, Upper Lake, California. On October 5, 2006, the meeting will be held at the Tallman Hotel Conference Room, 9550 Main Street, Upper Lake, California.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kathy Allen, Committee Coordinator, USDA, Six Rivers National Forest, 1330 Bayshore Way, Eureka, CA 95501, (707) 441-3557, kmallen@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The field trip is to the Pillsbury Stewardship Project and the Westshore Fuels Reduction Project. Agenda topics to be covered on October 5, 2006, include: (1) Marbled Murrelet Presentation; (2) Northwest Forest Plan 10-year Monitoring Reports; (3) Survey and Mangle Final Supplemental EIS; and (4) New Mexico Forest Restoration Principles.

The meeting is open to the public. Public input opportunity will be provided and individuals will have the opportunity to address the Committee at that time.

Dated: September 8, 2006.

Tyrone Kelley,

Designated Federal Official.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Hood/Willamette Resource Advisory Committee (RAC)

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Hood/Willamette Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will meet on Friday, September 29, 2006. The meeting and field trip is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. and will conclude at approximately 4:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Detroit Ranger Station; 14425 North Santiam Highway SE. (Hwy 22), Detroit, Oregon; (503) 854-3366. The tentative agenda includes: (1) Finalizing Recommendations on 2007 Projects; (2) Public Forum; and (3) Field Trip to Title II Projects.

The Public Forum is tentatively scheduled to begin at 9:15 a.m. Time allotted for individual presentations will be limited to 3-4 minutes. Written comments are encouraged, particularly if the material cannot be presented within the time limits for the Public Forum. Written comments may be submitted prior to the September 29th meeting by sending them to Designated Federal Official Donna Short at the address given below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For more information regarding this meeting contact Designated Federal Official Donna Short, Sweet Home Ranger

District; 4431 Highway 20, Sweet Home, Oregon 97386; (541) 367-3540.

Dated: September 7, 2006.

Dallas J. Emch,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Olympic Peninsula Resource Advisory Committee & Olympic Province Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting (field trip).

SUMMARY: The Olympic Peninsula Resource Advisory Committee and the Olympic Province Advisory Committee will meet for a combined field trip meeting on Friday, September 22, 2006. The meeting will start at the Lake Quinault Lodge, 345 South Shore Road, Quinault, WA 98575. The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. and end in the field at approximately 3:30 p.m. Agenda topics are: Update on Secure Rural Schools Legislation; discuss future meeting agenda topics and set dates calendar dates for the meetings; field review 2 projects that are currently in process; field review 4 completed projects; and public comments.

All Olympic Peninsula Resource Advisory Committee & Olympic Province Advisory Committee Meetings are open to the public. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karl Denison, Olympic Province Committee & Olympic Resource Advisory Committee Liaison, USDA, Olympic National Forest Headquarters, 1835 Black Lake Blvd., Olympia, WA 98512-5623, (360) 956-2306.

Dated: September 6, 2006.

Dale Hom,

Forest Supervisor, Olympic National Forest.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Dunloup Creek Watershed, Fayette and Raleigh Counties, WV

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969; the Council on Environmental Quality Guidelines (40 CFR part 1500); and the Natural Resources Conservation Service Guidelines (7 CFR part 650); the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), U.S. Department of Agriculture, is giving notice that an environmental impact statement (EIS) will be prepared for the Dunloup Creek Watershed of the New River Watershed, Fayette and Raleigh Counties, West Virginia. The EIS will evaluate potential impacts to the natural, physical and human environment as a result of the flood damage reduction measures proposed for the 100-year floodplain in the Dunloup Creek Watershed, Fayette and Raleigh Counties, West Virginia.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ronald L. Hilliard, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, 75 High Street, Room 301, Morgantown, West Virginia 26505, telephone (304) 284-7545.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Floodwater damage and critical area erosion in the Dunloup Creek watershed were the initial impetus for a study in 1965 when local sponsors applied for Federal assistance under Public Law 566—The Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act. Several years of study resulted in the preparation of a Watershed Plan—EIS in 1976. Further project activities were terminated in 1984 by mutual agreement between the former Soil Conservation Service (now NRCS) and the local project sponsors due to utility and land-rights issues.

In 1996, due to recurring flooding in the watershed, a new application was submitted by the local sponsors and NRCS re-initiated planning assistance. The planning effort resulted in the preparation of a Local Implementation Plan in December 1998. The Plan provided alternatives for local implementation without PL-566 cost-sharing and without full analysis of the hydraulic, environmental, economic and cultural concerns associated with alternatives. No further action was taken by the local sponsors with regard to implementing the 1998 Plan.

In August 2001, following flood events of July 2001, local sponsors requested additional planning assistance for the Dunloup Creek watershed under PL-566. The current work will document alternatives evaluated to reduce flooding and related damages in the Dunloup Creek watershed, including: Upstream floodwater retarding impoundments, channel modifications, diking, land