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Forest Service

Title: Volunteer Application for Natural Resource Agencies.

OMB Control Number: 0596-0080.

Summary of Collection: The Volunteer Act of 1972, (Pub. L. 92-300), as amended, authorizes Federal land management agencies to use volunteers and volunteer organizations to plan, develop, maintain and manage, where appropriate, trails and campground facilities, improve wildlife habitat, and perform other useful and important

conservation services throughout the Nation. Participating agencies in Department of Agriculture: Forest Service and National Resources Conservation Service; Department of the Interior: National Park Service, Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation, Bureau of Indian Affairs and U.S. Geological Survey; Department of Defense: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Department of Commerce: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Agencies will collect information using the OF 301—Volunteer Application and other forms.

Need and Use of the Information: Agencies will collect the names, addresses, and certain information about individuals who are interested in public service as volunteers. The information is used by the agencies for the purpose of contacting applicants and interviewing and screening them for volunteer positions and to manage the program. If the information is not collected, participating natural resource agencies will be unable to recruit and/or screen volunteer applicants or administer/run volunteer programs that are crucial to assisting these agencies in fulfilling their missions.

Description of Respondents:

Individuals or households.

Number of Respondents: 500,000.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting:

On occasion; Other: One time,

Total Burden Hours: 443,500.

Charlene Parker,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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Farm Service Agency

Title: USDA Minority Farm Register.

OMB Control Number: 0560-0231.

Summary of Collection: This information collection is necessary to create a client list for the Farm Service Agency (FSA) and the Department of Agriculture (USDA) program outreach. The collected information is a tool to promote equal access to USDA Farm programs and services for minority farmers and ranchers with agricultural interests. The Register will provide a name and address file of those interested in outreach efforts. The authority for the collection of this information can be found at 7 U.S.C. 2279.

Need and Use of the Information: FSA will collect the name, address, phone number, farm location, race, ethnicity and gender from the Minority Farm Register permission form, AD-2035. FSA manage the register and the Office of Outreach releases names, addresses and phone numbers of individuals to approved outreach organizations requesting lists of individuals with particular racial and ethnic characteristics with their authorizations.

Description of Respondents: Individuals or households.

Number of Respondents: 5,000.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Other (once).

Total Burden Hours: 4,667.

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Rural Utilities Service

Title: Weather Radio Transmitter Grant Program.

OMB Control Number: 0572-0124.

Summary of Collection: Under the authorization of Public Law 106-387 (FY 2001 Appropriations Act), made approximately \$5 million in grant funds available to facilitate the expansion of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Weather Radio and Alert System into rural areas that are not covered or poorly covered. The National Weather Service operates an All Hazards Early Warning System that alerts people in areas covered by its transmissions of approaching dangerous weather and other emergencies. The National Weather Service can typically provide warnings of specific weather dangers up to fifteen minutes prior to the event. At present, many rural areas lack NOAA Weather Radio coverage. The Weather Radio Transmitter Grant Program will provide grant funds for use in rural areas and communities of 50,000 or less inhabitants. The grant funds will be processed on a first-come basis until the appropriation is used in its entirety.

Need and Use of the Information: RUS will use the information from the submission to determine the following: (1) That adequate coverage in the area does not already exist and that the proposed coverage will meet the needs of the community; (2) that design requirements are met; and (3) that the funds needed to complete the project are adequate based on the grant and the matching portion from the applicant.

Description of Respondents: Not for-profit institutions; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 5.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 38.

Rural Utility Service

Title: Servicing of Water Programs Loans and Grants.

OMB Control Number: 0572-0137.

Summary of Collection: Authority for servicing of Water Programs Loan and Grants is contained in Section 306e of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, as amended. The information collected covers loan and grant servicing regulations, 7 CFR part 1782, which prescribes policies and responsibilities for servicing actions necessary in connection with Water and Environmental Programs (WEP) loans and grants. WEP provides loans, guaranteed loans and grants for water, sewer, storm water, and solid waste disposal facilities in rural areas and towns of up to 10,000 people.

Need and Use of the Information: The Rural Utilities Service will collect information using various forms. The collected information for the most part

is financial in nature and needed by the Agency to determine if borrowers, based on their individual situations, qualify for the various servicing authorities. Servicing actions become necessary due to the development of financial or other problems and may be initiated by either a recipient which recognizes that a problem exists and wished to resolve it, or by the Agency. If a problem exists, a recipient must furnish financial information which is used to aid in resolving the problem through reamortization, sale, transfer, debt restructuring, liquidation, or other means provided in the regulations.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; non-profit institutions; State and local governments.

Number of Respondents: 493.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 651.

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Food and Nutrition Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request—Annual Report of State Revenue Matching

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice invites the general public and other public agencies to comment on this proposed information collection which concerns the appropriation and use of State funds for the National School Lunch, School Breakfast and Special Milk Programs. This collection is a revision of a currently approved collection.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before November 8, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions that were used; (c) ways to enhance the