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- (1) *E-mail: Comments@acus.gov*, with "Ethics Rules" in the subject line; or
- (2) *Mail: Ethics Rules Comments*, Administrative Conference of the United States, Suite 706 South, 1120 20th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20036.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Reeve T. Bull, Designated Federal Officer, Administrative Conference of the United States, Suite 706 South, 1120 20th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20036; Telephone 202-480-2083.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Administrative Conference of the United States (ACUS) is charged with developing recommendations for the improvement of Federal administrative procedures (5 U.S.C. 591).

The Conference has engaged a Professor of Law at Washington University in St. Louis School of Law, Kathleen Clark, to research and prepare a report regarding whether ethics regulations analogous to those applicable to government employees should apply to government contractors and, if so, how such regulations should be imposed (the "Ethics Report"). A copy of the Ethics Report is available at <http://www.acus.gov>. The Committee on Administration met on November 3, 2010 to discuss the Ethics Report and the broader issue of whether and how the regulations applicable to government contractors and their employees should be expanded.

From 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on December 9, 2010, the committee will discuss a draft recommendation based on the Ethics Report and on the discussion from the first meeting. A copy of the draft recommendation will be made available at <http://www.acus.gov> prior to the December 9, 2010 meeting. This meeting will be open to the public and may end prior to 11 a.m. if business is concluded prior to that time. Members of the public are invited to attend the meeting in person, subject to space limitations, and the Conference will also provide remote public access to the meeting.

Anyone who wishes to attend the meeting in person is asked to RSVP to [Comments@acus.gov](mailto:Comments@acus.gov). Remote access information will be posted on the Conference's Web site, <http://www.acus.gov>, by no later than December 6, 2010 and will also be available by the same date by calling the phone number listed above. Members of the public who attend the Committee's meeting may be permitted to speak only at the discretion of the Committee Chair, with unanimous approval of the

Committee. The Conference welcomes the attendance of the public and will make every effort to accommodate persons with physical disabilities or special needs. If you need special accommodations due to a disability, please inform the Designated Federal Officer no later than 7 days in advance of the meeting using the contact information provided above.

Members of the public may submit written comments on the report and recommendation to either of the addresses listed above no later than December 6, 2010. All comments will be delivered to the Designated Federal Officer listed on this notice. The Designated Federal Officer will post all comments that relate to the report and/or recommendation on the Conference's Web site after the close of the comments period.

Dated: November 18, 2010.

**Paul R. Verkuil**,  
Chairman.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Rural Utilities Service

#### Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended), the Rural Utilities Service (RUS), invites comments on this information collection for which the Agency intends to request approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by January 24, 2011.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Michele L. Brooks, Director, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, USDA Rural Utilities Service, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., STOP 1522, Room 5159-S, Washington, DC 20250-1522. Telephone: (202) 690-1078, FAX: (202) 720-8435. E-mail [Michele.Brooks@wdc.usda.gov](mailto:Michele.Brooks@wdc.usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) regulation (5 CFR part 1320) implementing provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13) requires that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and

recordkeeping activities (see 5 CFR 1320.8(d)). This notice identifies an information collection that the Agency is submitting to OMB for extension. 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 will 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 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: Michele L. Brooks, Director, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, USDA Rural Utilities Service, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., STOP 1522, Room 5159 South Building, Washington, DC 20250-1522. Telephone: (202) 690-1078, FAX: (202) 720-8435.

*Title:* 7 CFR Part 1783, "Revolving Fund Program."

*OMB Control Number:* 0572-0138.

*Type of Request:* Extension of a currently approved information collection.

*Abstract:* Rural Development supports the sound development of rural communities and the growth of our economy without endangering the environment. Rural Development provides financial and technical assistance to help communities bring safe drinking water and sanitary, environmentally sound waste disposal facilities to rural Americans in greatest need.

The Revolving Fund Program (RFP) has been established to assist communities with water or wastewater systems. Qualified private non-profit organizations will receive RFP grant funds to establish a lending program for eligible entities. Eligible entities for the revolving loan fund will be the same entities eligible to obtain a loan, loan guarantee, or grant from Rural Development Water and Waste Disposal and Wastewater loan and grant programs. As grant recipients, the non-profit organizations will set up a revolving loan fund to provide loans to finance predevelopment costs of water or wastewater projects, or short-term small capital projects not part of the regular operation and maintenance of current water and wastewater systems.

The collection of information consists of the materials to file a grant application with the agency, including forms, certifications and required documentation.

*Estimate of Burden:* Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 8.24 hours per response.

*Respondents:* Non-profit institutions.  
*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 5.  
*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 7.6.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 313 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Joyce McNeil, Management Analyst, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, at (202) 720-0812; FAX: (202) 720-8435.

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.

Dated: November 17, 2010.

**Jessica Zufolo,**

*Acting Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.*

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*Title:* 7 CFR Part 1776, "Household Water Well System Grant Program."

*OMB Control Number:* 0572-0139.

*Type of Request:* Revision of a currently approved information collection.

*Abstract:* Rural Development supports the sound development of rural communities and the growth of our economy without endangering the environment. Rural Development provides financial and technical assistance to help communities bring safe drinking water and sanitary, environmentally sound waste disposal facilities to rural Americans in greatest need.

The Household Water Well System (HWWS) Grant Program makes grants to qualified private non-profit organizations which will help homeowners finance the cost of private wells. As the grant recipient, non-profit organizations will establish a revolving loan fund lending program to provide water well loans to individuals who own or will own private wells in rural areas. The individual loan recipients may use the funds to construct, refurbish, and service their household well systems for an existing home.

The collection of information consists of the materials to file a grant application with the agency, including

forms, certifications and required documentation.

*Estimate of Burden:* Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 144 hours per response.

*Respondents:* Non-profit institutions.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 10.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 17.5.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 1,112 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Joyce McNeil, Management Analyst, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, at (202) 720-0812; FAX: (202) 720-8435.

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.

Dated: November 17, 2010.

**Jessica Zufolo,**

*Acting Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Questa Ranger District, Carson National Forest; Taos County, NM; Taos Ski Valley's 2010 Master Development Plan—Phase 1 Projects

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

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

**SUMMARY:** Taos Ski Valley (TSV) is a downhill ski area located in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains, about 20 miles northeast of Taos, New Mexico, at the terminus of State Road 150, on the Rio Hondo, in Taos County. The Forest Service is proposing to authorize several (Phase I) projects included in the Taos Ski Valley (TSV) 2010 Master Development Plan (MDP). These proposed projects include: Adding new lifts to serve terrain that is currently only accessible by hiking; replacing old lifts; creating new gladed terrain; improving traffic circulation throughout the day parking lots and a new drop-off area; construction of the Taos Adventure Center (snowtubing and snowshoeing trails); and a lift-served mountain biking trail. All proposed projects are within the existing special use permit (SUP) area. The Forest Service is preparing an environmental impact statement (EIS) to consider and disclose the anticipated environmental