DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

July 19, 2011.

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.

Food Safety and Inspection Service

Title: Application for Inspection, Accreditation of Laboratories, and Exemptions.

OMB Control Number: 0583–0082.

Summary of Collection: The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) has been delegated the authority to exercise the functions of the Secretary as provided in the Federal Meat Inspection Act (FMIA) (21 U.S.C. 601, et seq.), the Poultry Products Inspection Act (PPIA) (21 U.S.C. 451, et seq.), and the Egg Products Inspection Act (EPIA) (21 U.S.C. 1031, et seq.). These statutes mandate that FSIS protect the public by ensuring that meat, poultry, and egg products are wholesome, not adulterated, and properly labeled and packaged. FSIS requires meat, poultry, and import establishments to apply for a grant of inspection before they can receive Federal inspection. FSIS requires FSIS accredited non-Federal analytical laboratories to maintain certain paperwork and records. FSIS will collect information using several FSIS forms.

Need and Use of the Information: FSIS will collect information to ensure that all meat and poultry establishments produce safe, wholesome, and unadulterated product, and that non-federal laboratories accord with FSIS regulations. In addition, FSIS also collects information to ensure that meat and poultry establishments exempted from FSIS’s inspection do not commingle inspected and non-inspected meat and poultry products, and to ensure that retail firms qualifying for a retail store exemption and who have violated the provision of the exemption are no longer in violation.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 27,743.

Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping; Reporting; On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 113,873.
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Forest Service

Information Collection; Homeowner Risk Reduction Behaviors Concerning Wildfire Risks and Climate Change Impacts

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Forest Service is seeking comments from all interested individuals and organizations on a new, one-time information collection, Homeowner Risk Reduction Behaviors Concerning Wildfire Risks and Climate Change Impacts. The information will be collected from homeowner groups, such as homeowners associations, that have been affected by wildfires.

The information collected will focus on homeowners who live in the wildland-urban interface and were affected by major wildfires in U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Region 3. The information provided by this study will allow Forest Service land managers to better understand which risk reduction behaviors homeowners choose to undertake, as well as ones they choose not to undertake, and factors that influence these choices, particularly factors related to climate change impacts. This information will assist the Forest Service in their risk communication efforts with “at risk” communities and individuals.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing on or before September 23, 2011 to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: Comments concerning this notice should be addressed to Dr. Carol Raish, Rocky Mountain Research Station, Forest Service, USDA, 333 Broadway, SE., Suite 115, Albuquerque, NM 87102.

The data collected will be analyzed by Forest Service researchers at the Rocky Mountain Research Station and the following cooperators: Drs. Ingrid and Wade Martin of California State University of Long Beach, Long Beach, California. The results will be made available to Forest Service land managers.

OMB Number: 0596–New.

Expiration Date of Approval: N/A.

Type of Request: New.

Abstract: Over the past 20 to 30 years, the population living in areas that are threatened by wildfire has increased significantly. As more individuals move to these areas, it has become increasingly important to understand how they perceive the risks they face living in these new landscapes. Much work has been done in the area of communicating the risks of wildfire to homeowners in these fire prone environments. However, only recently has there been a commitment to better understand the link between wildfire events, the associated risk, and climate change. The objective of this study is to help decisionmakers better understand the preferences of the homeowners in high risk areas to deal with threats that are posed from wildfire as these risks are enhanced due to the effects of climate change. Gaining an improved understanding of the homeowners’ decisionmaking process based on these linkages will facilitate the design of more effective risk mitigation projects and improved communication strategies among stakeholders.

Homeowners, located in the wildland-urban interface in areas that were affected by wildfires, will be asked to complete a one-time survey. The homeowners will be asked to voluntarily participate in this survey. The survey will be mailed to homeowners by Integrated Resource Solutions in Laguna Niguel, CA, operating under a Research Joint Venture with the Forest Service Rocky Mountain Research Station in Albuquerque, NM. The type of information collection will include: (1) Risk perceptions regarding wildfire, (2) risk reduction behaviors associated with wildfire, (3) sources of information regarding wildfires and wildfire risk reduction, (4) attitudes and knowledge of climate change and its impact on wildfire risks, and (5) socio-economic information.

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