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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request


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 submitted electronically by accessing http://RosemontEIS.us or by writing to: Rosemont Comments, P.O. Box 4207, Logan, UT 84323–4207. Written comments may be submitted by facsimile to (435) 750–4275.

Need and Use of the Information: The information collected stipulates the parties to the agreement, contains certain information relating to the approved loan or loan guarantee, and provides detailed contractual obligations and services to be provided and performed relating to construction, project design, construction management, compensation, and related information. The contractual forms provide standardized contract agreements between the electric or broadband borrower and the engineering or architectural firm providing services to the borrower. This has resulted in substantial savings to borrowers by reducing preparation of the documentation and the costly review by the government.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions.

Number of Respondents: 99.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 104.

Charlene Parker,
Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Forest Service

Notice of Extension of Public Comment Period for Draft Environmental Impact Statement: Rosemont Copper Project

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of extension.

SUMMARY: The USDA Forest Service, Coronado National Forest, is extending the public comment period for a draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) that discloses the potential impacts of a proposed action to construct; operate with concurrent reclamation; and close an open-pit mine about 30 miles southeast of Tucson, Arizona (Rosemont Copper Project). The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published a notice of availability (NOA) of the DEIS in the Federal Register on October 21, 2011 [76 FR 65509]. The NOA provided for a public comment period ending on January 18, 2012.

DATES: Because of a short-term, temporary malfunction of an electronic mailbox for receiving public comments on the DEIS, several individuals and organizations have requested an extension of the comment period. The Forest Service has decided to accommodate these requests; therefore, comments on the Rosemont Copper Project DEIS will now be accepted through January 31, 2012. Comments received or postmarked after January 31, 2012, will be considered to the extent practicable. Those parties who submit comments on or before this date will be eligible to appeal a decision on the project in accordance with 36 CFR part 215.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the DEIS are available for public review at the following locations:

* Nogales Ranger District: 303 Old Tucson Road, Nogales, Arizona.
* Coronado National Forest Supervisor’s Office: 300 West Congress Street, 6th Floor, Tucson, Arizona.

Written comments on the DEIS are best submitted electronically by accessing http://RosemontEIS.us and following the link to “Comment Here”. Written comments may be mailed to: Rosemont Comments, P.O. Box 4207, Logan, UT 84323–4207.

Written comments may also be submitted by facsimile to (435) 750–
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; Correction.

SUMMARY: The Forest Service published a notice in the Federal Register on December 28, 2011, stating the intent to hold a Federal Advisory Committee (FACA) meeting of the National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council. The official FACA meeting scheduled in Washington, DC, on January 25–26, 2012, at the Department of Agriculture (USDA) Whitten Building has been cancelled. However, members will attend a Forest Service meeting for the purpose of training and informational exchange during the same time period.

DATES: January 25 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and January 26, from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon, 2012.

ADDRESSES: USDA Whitten Building, 12th and Jefferson Drive SW., Washington, DC 20250; Phone: (202) 205–7829.


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Correction

In the Federal Register of December 28, 2011, in FR doc. 2011–32216 on page 81472 in the first column, correct the “Purpose of meeting” has changed to read: The official FACA meeting of the National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council scheduled in Washington, DC, on January 25–26, 2012, at the Department of Agriculture (USDA) Whitten Building has been cancelled. However, members will attend a Forest Service meeting for the purpose of training and informational exchange during the same time period.


Robin L. Thompson, Associate Deputy Chief, State and Private Forestry.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Eastern Washington Cascades Provincial Advisory Committee and the Yakima Provincial Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Eastern Washington Cascades Provincial Advisory Committee and the Yakima Provincial Advisory Committee will meet on February 22, 2012 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Headquarters Office, 215 Melody Lane, Wenatchee, WA. During this meeting information will be shared about Washington State Discover Pass, wolf management in Washington State and Forest Plan Revision update and public response. All Eastern Washington Cascades and Yakima Province Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Direct questions regarding this meeting to Clint Kyhl, Designated Federal Official, USDA, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, 215 Melody Lane, Wenatchee, Washington 98801, phone (509) 664–9200.

DATED: January 20, 2012.

Clint Kyhl, Designated Federal Official, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Rural Utilities Service

Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA) for the Biorefinery Assistance Program

AGENCY: Rural Business-Cooperative Service and Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice on funding availability.

SUMMARY: This notice announces there will be no funds available for the Biorefinery Assistance Program for FY 2012. Applications will not be accepted under this program until further notice.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Biorefinery Assistance Program provides guaranteed loans for the development and construction of commercial-scale biorefineries and for the retrofitting of existing facilities using eligible technology for the development of advanced biofuels. For Fiscal Year 2012, the Agency has not been allocated funding to support this program. Applications will not be accepted until such funds are made available to the program.

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