DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

March 14, 2012.

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: Direct Loan Servicing—Special.
OMB Control Number: 0560–0232.

Summary of Collection: The Farm Loan Programs (FLP) provides loans to family farmers to purchase real estate and equipment and finance agricultural production. The regulation describes the policies and procedures for Farm Service Agency’s (FSA) servicing of financially distressed or delinquent direct loan borrowers in accordance with the provisions of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (Act) (Pub. L. 87–128), as amended. Direct Loan Servicing—Special, as specified in 7 CFR part 766, provides the requirements for servicing financially distressed and delinquent direct loan borrowers. FSA’s loan servicing options include disaster set-aside, primary loan servicing, (including reamortization, rescheduling, deferral, write down and conservation contracts), buyout at market value, and homestead protection. In addition, the regulations describe FSA’s policies and procedures regarding servicing of direct loan borrowers who file bankruptcy, as well as liquidation of security when available servicing options do not result in a feasible plan.

Need and Use of the Information: FSA will collect information using several FSA forms to provide supervised credit and authorized servicing actions to financially distressed and delinquent direct loan borrowers. Failure to collect the information could result in the failure of the farm operation or loss of Agency security property.

Description of Respondents: Farms; Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 14,929.
Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion; Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 15,832.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Forest Service

Southern Region Recreation Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting via teleconference.

SUMMARY: The Southern Region Recreation Resource Advisory Committee will hold a meeting via teleconference. The purpose of the teleconference is to discuss committee roles and responsibilities and to set a meeting date to consider fee proposals for areas managed by the Forest Service in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and the territory of Puerto Rico; and to discuss other items of interest related to the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act of 2004.

A final agenda will be sent to regional media sources at least 7 days before the teleconference, and hard copies can also be mailed or sent via FAX. Individuals who need special, or who wish a hard copy of the agenda, should contact Caroline Mitchell at PO Box 1270, Hot Springs, AR 71902 or by phone at 501–321–5318 prior to the meeting.

DATES: The teleconference will be held April 10, 2012, beginning at 10 a.m. EST and ending at approximately 11:30 a.m. Alternate teleconference dates are April 10, 2012, May 10, 2012 and May 24, 2012 in case of postponement due to unforeseen circumstances. Please call 501–321–5202 prior to April 9th to determine postponement.

ADDRESSES: To participate in the teleconference from a remote location, call 501–321–5318 to obtain the phone number and access code. Additionally, teleconference equipment will be available to the public at 100 Reserve Street, Hot Springs, Arkansas. Please call ahead to facilitate entry into the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Caroline Mitchell, Committee Coordinator, USDA, P.O. Box 1270, Hot Springs, AR 71902. (501–321–5318).

Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339 between...
SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Rural Housing Service’s (RHS) intention to request an extension for a currently approved information collection in support of the program for Self-Help Technical Assistance Grants (7 CFR part 1944–I).

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by May 18, 2012 to be assured of consideration.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Expiration Date of Approval: July 31, 2012

Type of Request: Extension of currently approved information collection.

Abstract: This subpart set forth the policies and procedures and delegates authority for providing technical assistance funds to eligible applicants to finance programs of technical and supervisory assistance for self-help housing loan program, as authorized under section 523 of the Housing Act of 1949 under 42 U.S.C. 1472. This financial assistance may pay part or all of the cost of developing, administering or coordinating program of technical and supervisory assistance to aid very low- and low-income families in carrying out self-help housing efforts in rural areas. The primary purpose is to locate and work with families that otherwise do not qualify as homeowners, are below the 50 percent of median incomes, and living in substandard housing.

RHS will be collecting information from non-profit organizations to enter into grant agreements. These non-profit organizations will give technical and supervisory assistance, and in doing so, they must develop a final application for section 523 grant funds. This application includes Agency forms that contain essential information for making a determination of eligibility.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1.35 hours per response.

Respondents: Public or private nonprofit organizations, State, Local or Tribal Governments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 140.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 20.03.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 3,787.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Jeanne Jacobs, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, Support Services Division at (202) 692–0040.

Comments: Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the RHS, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of RHS’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 Jeanne Jacobs, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, Support Services Division, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, STOP 0742, 1400 Independence Ave. SW., Washington, DC 20250. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Dated: March 1, 2012.

Tammye Trevino, Administrator, Rural Housing Service.

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