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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

November 19, 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.

Comments regarding this information collection received by December 26, 2012 will be considered. Written comments should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), New Executive Office Building, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20502. Commenters are encouraged to submit their comments to OMB via email to: OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV or fax (202) 395-5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250-7602. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-8958.

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Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service

Title: National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP).

OMB Control Number: 0579-0007.

Summary of Collection: The National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) is a voluntary Federal-State-industry mechanism for controlling certain poultry diseases and for improving poultry flocks and products through disease control techniques. The National Turkey Improvement Plan was combined with the NPIP in 1970 to create the NPIP, as it now exists. Emu, rhea, ostrich, and cassowary breeding flocks are also allowed participation in the Plan. The NPIP requires several information collection activities, including: The memorandum of understanding; flock selecting and testing report; sales reports, including sales of hatching eggs, chicks, and poults, breeding flock and slaughter plant participation summaries, hatchery participation summaries, salmonella investigation reports, flock and hatchery inspection reports. Sentinel bird identification, salmonella serotyping requests, small chick order printouts and appraisal and indemnity forms. Authority for this program is contained in the U.S. Department of Agriculture Organic Act of 1944, as amended (7 U.S.C. 429). The cooperative work is carried out through a Memorandum of Understanding with the participating States.

Need and Use of the Information: APHIS will collection information to continually improve the health of the U.S. poultry population and the quality of U.S. poultry products. If the information were collected less frequently or not collected, APHIS could not affectively monitor the health of the nation's poultry population.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 12,195.

Frequency of Responses:

Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 103,363.

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Title: Animal Welfare.

OMB Control Number: 0579-0093.

Summary of Collection: The Laboratory Animal Welfare Act (AWA) (Pub. L. 89-544) enacted August 24, 1966, and amended December 24, 1970 (Pub. L. 91-579); April 22, 1976 (Pub. L. 94-279); and December 23, 1985 (Pub. L. 99-198) required the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to regulate the humane care and handling of most warm-blooded animals, including marine mammals, used for research or exhibition purposes, sold as pets, or transported in commerce. The legislation and its amendments were the result of extensive demand by organized animal welfare groups and private citizens requesting a Federal law to protect such animals. The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Animal Care (AC) has the responsibility to enforce the AWA and the provisions of 9 CFR, Chapter 1, Subchapter A, which implements the AWA.

Need and Use of the Information: APHIS will collect information to insure that animals used in research facilities or for exhibition purposes are provided humane care and treatment. The information is used to ensure those dealers, exhibitors, research facilities, carriers, etc., are in compliance with the AWA and regulations and standards promulgated under this authority of the Act.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 11,783.

Frequency of Responses:

Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 50,245.

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Title: National Veterinary Accreditation Program.

OMB Control Number: 0579-0297.

Summary of Collection: The Animal Health Protection Act, (APHA) of 2002 is the primary Federal law governing the protection of animal health. The law gives the Secretary of Agriculture broad authority to detect, control, or eradicate pests or diseases of livestock or poultry. The APHA is contained in Title X, Subtitle E, Sections 10401-18 of Public Law 107-171, May 13, 2002, the Farm

Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002. The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is the Agency charged with carrying out this disease prevention mission. An important approach for disease detection and control is provided to APHIS by the assistance of private veterinarians through the National Veterinary Accreditation Program (NVAP). This voluntary program, administered by APHIS, certifies private practitioners, to work cooperatively with Federal and State animal health authorities.

Need and Use of the Information: APHIS will use VS form 1–36A to collect information to certify private practitioners to work cooperatively with Federal and State animal health authorities as accredited private veterinarians on various approaches for disease prevention and proactive disease surveillance as effective methods for maintaining a healthy animal population and for enhancing the United States' ability to compete in the global market for animal and animal product trade.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 23,800.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 11,900.

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Food and Nutrition Service

Title: WIC Program Regulations-Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden.

OMB Control Number: 0584–0043.

Summary of Collection: The WIC Program is authorized by the Child Nutrition Act of 1966, as amended, and is administered by State agencies in accordance with WIC program regulations at 7 CFR part 246. This submission incorporates the information collection burden associated with requirements contained in the Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 (Pub. L. 111–296).

Need and Use of the Information: The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) will collect information that include participant certification information (e.g. income and nutrition risk); nutrition education documentation; local agency and vendor application and agreement information; vendor sales and shelf price data; data related to vendor monitoring and training; and, financial and food delivery system records. The information is needed for the general operation of the Program, including regulatory compliance, and for ongoing program integrity and cost-saving efforts. The information collected is also used by FNS to manage, plan, evaluate, make decisions and report on WIC program operations. If the information were not collected the efficiency and effectiveness of the program would be jeopardized, the likelihood of misuse or improper use of Federal funds would increase, and FNS' ability to detect violations or abusive behavior would diminish greatly.

Description of Respondents: State, Local, or Tribal Government; individuals or households; business or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions.

Number of Respondents: 9,023,066.

Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping; Report: Quarterly; semi-annually; annually; biennially.

Total Burden Hours: 4,024,697.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Information Collection; Flathead and McKenzie Rivers and McKenzie National Recreational Trail Visitor Surveys

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 an extension with no revisions of a currently approved information collection, Flathead Wild and Scenic River Visitor Survey and McKenzie River Visitor Survey.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing on or before January 25, 2013 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 Matt Peterson, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Forest Service, Willamette National Forest, 3106 Pierce Parkway, Suite D, Springfield, OR 97477. Comments also may be submitted via email to: mbpeterson@fs.fed.us The public may inspect comments received at USDA Forest Service, Willamette National Forest, 3106 Pierce Parkway, Suite D, Springfield, OR, during normal business hours. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead to 541–225–6421 to facilitate entry to the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Flathead—Colter Pence, Flathead National Forests, 406–387–3949 and Willamette—Matt Peterson, Willamette National Forest, 541–225–6421. Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 800–877–8339, between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.,