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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Information Collection; Land Exchanges

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 the extension with no revision of a currently approved information collection, OMB 0596–0105, Land Exchanges.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing on or before February 4, 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 Vicky Wessling, National Land Adjustment Program Manager, Lands, 1601 N. Kent St. 7th floor, Arlington, VA 22209.

Comments also may be submitted via facsimile to 202–205–1604 or by email to: landexchange@fs.fed.us.

The public may inspect comments received at Office of the Land Adjustment Program Manager—Lands

Staff, 1601 N. Kent St. 7th floor, Arlington, VA, during normal business hours. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead to 202–205–1047 to facilitate entry to the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Vicky Wessling, Lands Staff, 202–205–1047.

Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339 between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Land Exchanges.
OMB Number: 0596–0105.
Expiration Date of Approval: 04/30/2013.

Type of Request: Extension with revision of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: Land exchanges are discretionary, voluntary real estate transactions between the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Secretary of Agriculture (acting by and through the Forest Service) and a non-Federal exchange party (or parties). Land exchanges can be initiated by a non-Federal party (or parties), an agent of a landowner, a broker, a third party, or a non-Federal public agency.

Each land exchange requires preparation of an Agreement to Initiate as required by Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 254, Subpart A—Agreement to Initiate. The Agreement to Initiate document specifies the preliminary and non-binding intentions of the non-Federal land exchange party and the Forest Service in pursuing a land exchange. The Agreement to Initiate can contain

such information as the description of properties being considered in the land exchange, an implementation schedule of action items, identification of the party responsible for each action item, as well as target dates for completion of each action item.

As the exchange proposal develops, the Forest Service and the non-Federal land exchange party may enter into a binding Exchange Agreement, pursuant to Title 36 CFR part 254, subpart A, section 254.14—Exchange Agreement. The Exchange Agreement documents the conditions that must be met to complete the exchange. The Exchange Agreement can contain information such as identification of parties, description of lands and interests to be exchanged, identification of all reserved and outstanding interest, and all other terms and conditions necessary to complete the exchange.

The Forest Service collects the information from the non-Federal party (or parties) necessary to complete the Agreement to Initiate and the Exchange Agreement. The information is collected by Forest Service personnel from parties involved in the exchange via telephone, email, or in person. Data from this information collection is unique to each land exchange and is not available from other sources. No standardized forms are associated with this information collection.

Estimate of Annual Burden:
Agreement to Initiate: 3 hours.
Exchange Agreement: 1 hour.

Type of Respondents: Non-Federal party (or parties) that can include landowners, agents of landowners, brokers, a third party, or a non-Federal public agency.

Description of the collection activity	Estimated number of respondents	Number of responses annually per respondent	Total annual responses	Estimate of burden hours per response	Total annual burden hours
Agreement to Initiate	23	1	23	3	69
Exchange Agreement	19 of the above 23 respondents	1	19	1	19

Comment Is Invited

Comment is invited on: (1) Whether this collection of information is necessary for the stated purposes and the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical or

scientific utility; (2) the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the

collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

All comments received in response to this notice, including names and

addresses when provided, will be a matter of public record. Comments will be summarized and included in the submission request toward Office of Management and Budget approval.

Dated: November 19, 2012.

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Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest System.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Information Collection; Secure Rural Schools Act

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intention of the Forest Service to seek approval to renew and revise a currently approved information collection, "Secure Rural Schools Act, County Certification of Title III Expenditures." The Forest Service is seeking comments from all interested individuals and organizations on renewal and revision of the information collection.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing on or before February 4, 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 USFS Payments to States Coordinator, SWAM/IAS/ASR, 101-B Sun Avenue NE., Albuquerque, NM 87109. Comments also may be submitted via facsimile to 877-684-1422 or by email to: asc_asr@fs.fed.us. All comments should identify the OMB Control Number 0596-0220.

The public may inspect comments received on the World Wide Web at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/main/pts/countyfunds/certification>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Reynardo Brown, phone 505-563-7374 or email asc_asr@fs.fed.us. Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 800-877-8339 twenty-four hours a day, every day of the year, including holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Secure Rural Schools Act, County Certification of Title III Expenditures.

OMB Number: 0596-0220.

Expiration Date of Approval: April 30, 2013.

Type of Request: Extension with revision of a currently approved Information Collection.

Abstract: The Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (the Act) (16 U.S.C. 7101 *et seq.*), as reauthorized in Public Law 110-343 and Public Law 112-141, requires the appropriate official of a county that receives funds under title III of the Act to submit to the appropriate Secretary an annual certification that the funds expended have been used as authorized under section 302(a) of the Act.

The appropriate official of each participating county will be requested to report the amount of title III funds expended in the applicable year in these categories as specified in the Act:

1. To carry out authorized activities under the Firewise Communities program.
2. To reimburse the participating county for emergency services performed on Federal land and paid for by the participating county.
3. To develop community wildfire protection plans in coordination with the appropriate Secretary.

The information collection will identify the participating county and the year in which the expenditures were made, and include the name, title, and signature of the certifying official, and the date of the certification. The certification will include a statement that all expenditures were for uses authorized under section 302(a) of the Act and that the proposed uses were published and had a 45-day comment period and were submitted to the appropriate Secure Rural Schools Act resource advisory committee(s), if any, as described in Section 302(b) of the Act.

Beginning with the certification due on February 1, 2013, the information collection also will request the county to certify the amount of title III funds received since October of 2008 that has not been obligated as of September 30 of the previous year. This collection is necessary in the certification due on February 1, 2014, to determine the amount of title III funds that must be returned to the U.S. Treasury under section 304(b) of the Act. Collection of this information in 2013 is consistent with a recent audit of county uses of title III funds by the Government Accountability Office (<http://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-12-775>). A county's procedure for and documentation of its obligation of title III funds should be consistent with its procedures to obligate funds from other Federal sources.

In summary, the February 1, 2013 information collection will certify title III funds expended in calendar year 2012 and the amount of title III funds not obligated as of September 30, 2012. The February 1, 2014 information collection will certify title III funds expended in calendar year 2013 and the amount of title III funds not obligated as of September 30, 2013.

The determination of who is the appropriate certifying official is at the discretion of the county and borough and will vary depending on county or borough organization. For unorganized boroughs in Alaska and for participating counties in Vermont, a state official may provide the information.

The information will be collected in the form of conventional correspondence such as a letter and, at the respondent's option, attached tables, or similar graphic display. The Forest Service provides an optional form for the convenience of respondents. At the respondent's discretion, the information may be submitted by hard copy and/or electronically scanned and included as an attachment to electronic mail.

Under the Act, the first response was required by February 1, 2010 for funds expended in 2009. Responses are required by February 1 following each year title III funds are expended. The Act requires title III funds to be obligated by September 30, 2013 or be returned to the U.S. Treasury, therefore, the funds are likely to be expended or returned in 2014 and the final certification of expenditures could be made by February 1, 2015.

The U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) are also authorized to participate in this information collection because BLM administers Federal lands in western Oregon covered by the Act. The information will be reviewed by the appropriate Secretary, or designee, to verify that participating counties have certified that funds were expended as authorized in the Act and to identify amounts not obligated by September 30 of the previous year. The information also may be used by the DOI because it is relevant to its Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) program.

Estimate of Annual Burden per Respondent: The estimated time required for each respondent to collect, prepare, and submit the information is 24 hours each year, including an estimated 20 hours for collection and four hours for preparation and submission.

Type of Respondents: Respondents are county officials.