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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

May 20, 2014.

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 and other forms of information technology.

Comments regarding this information collection received by June 26, 2014 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, 20503. Commentors 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) 720-8681.

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.

Forest Service

Title: Timber Sale Contract Operations and Administration.

OMB Control Number: 0596-0225.

Summary of Collection: The Forest Service (FS) is authorized under the National Forest Management Act (16 U.S.C. 472a); Contract Disputes Act of 1978; Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008; Executive Order 11246, as amended by EO 11375 and EO 12086; 36 CFR 223.30-60 and 36 CFR 223.110-118; 40 CFR 112 and Forest Resources Conservation and Shortage Relief Act of 1990, § 620d Monitoring and Enforcement, as amended in 1997 by Public Law 105-83 and current through Public Law 110-450 and Agricultural Act of 2014, Title VIII Forestry, to collect information associated with operations and administration of bilateral contracts for the sale of timber and other forest products.

Need and Use of the Information: The information is needed by the FS for a variety of uses associated with operations and administration of contracts for the sale and disposal of National Forest System timber and other forest products. The information collected includes plans, inspections, requests for action by the other party, agreements, modifications, acceptance of work, and notices necessary for operations under the terms of the contracts. Each contract specifies the information the contractor will be required to provide, including the timing and frequency of the information collection. The information is submitted in a variety of formats including FS forms; Government Standard forms; forms developed by individual contractors, charts, maps, email messages and letters.

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

Number of Respondents: 1,539.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Annually; Semi-annually; Monthly; On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 91,355.

Charlene Parker,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

2014 Farm Bill Implementation Listening Session—Strategic Economic and Community Development

AGENCY: Rural Development, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Public Listening Session.

SUMMARY: As part of our implementation of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (commonly referred to as the 2014 Farm Bill), Rural Development is hosting a listening session for public input about the Strategic Economic and Community Development priority funding to be made available for certain Rural Development programs. The 2014 Farm Bill contains a provision outlining the details of this priority funding in *Section 6025*.

The listening session will provide an opportunity for stakeholders to voice their comments, concerns, or requests regarding the implementation of this priority funding.

Instructions regarding registering for and attending the listening session are in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

DATES: *Listening session:* The listening session will be on Thursday, June 5, 2014, and will begin at 1:00 p.m. and is scheduled to end by 4:00 p.m.

Registration: You must register by June 3, 2014, to attend in person and to provide oral comments during the listening session.

Comments: Public comments during the listening session on June 5, 2014 will be recorded. Written comments are due by June 12, 2014. Written comments must be submitted electronically via the Federal eRulemaking Portal: Regulations.gov (see below).

ADDRESSES: The listening session will be held in Room 108-A of the Whitten Building at 14th Street and Independence Ave. SW., Washington, DC 20250. We invite you to participate in the listening session. The listening session is open to the members of the public who register (see below).

For participants who cannot make it to the listening session in person, remote participation will be available:

- Dial 1-800-981-3173 and enter Conference ID: 5173.

We invite all participants to submit comments by any of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments; or

- Orally at the listening session; please also provide a written copy of your comments online as specified.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Primary program point of contact is Chad Maisel, Phone: 202-720-4581, Email: chad.maisel@osec.usda.gov. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication (Braille, large print, audio tape, etc.) should contact the USDA Target Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TDD).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On February 7, 2014, the 2014 Farm Bill (Pub. L. 113-79) was signed into law. The Secretary of Agriculture and the respective USDA agencies, including Rural Development, are working to implement the provisions of the 2014 Farm Bill as expeditiously as possible to meet the needs of stakeholders. To plan and implement the newly authorized Strategic Economic and Community Development priority funding, it is important to engage with our stakeholders to learn and understand their comments, concerns, or requests.

Rural Development will hold the Strategic Economic and Community Development priority funding listening session on Thursday, June 5, 2014, to receive oral comments from stakeholders and the public. Oral comments received from this listening session will be documented and/or recorded. All attendees of this listening session who submit oral comments are requested to submit a written copy to help Rural Development accurately capture public input. (See the **ADDRESSES** section above for information about submitting written comments.) In addition, stakeholders and the public who do not wish to attend or speak at the listening session are invited to submit written comments, which must be received by June 12, 2014, via [regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), as described above.

At the listening session, the focus is for Rural Development to hear from the public; this is not a discussion with Rural Development officials or a question and answer session. As noted above, the purpose is to receive public input that Rural Development can

consider in order to implement the Strategic Economic and Community Development provision of the 2014 Farm Bill. Rural Development is interested in receiving input on all aspects on the implementation of this provision, including, but not limited to, defining “multi-jurisdictional” and “strategic economic and community development plan” and application requirements for applicants seeking funding under this provision.

Date: Thursday, June 5, 2014.

Time: 1:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.

Location information: USDA headquarters, in the Whitten Building, Room 108-A, 14th Street and Jefferson Ave. SW., Washington, DC 20250.

The listening session will begin with brief opening remarks from USDA leadership in Rural Development. Individual speakers providing oral comments are requested to be succinct (no more than 5 min) as we do not know at this time how many participants there will be. As noted above, we request that speakers providing oral comments also provide a written copy of their comments. (See the **ADDRESSES** section above for information about submitting written comments.) All stakeholders and interested members of the public are welcome to register to provide oral comments; however, if necessary due to time constraints, a limited number will be selected on a first come, first serve basis.

Instructions for Attending the Listening Session

Space for attendance at the listening session is limited. Due to USDA headquarters security and space requirements, all persons wishing to attend the listening session in person or via phone must send an email to chad.maisel@osec.usda.gov by June 3, 2014, to register. Registrations will be accepted until maximum capacity is reached. To register, provide the following information:

- First Name
- Last Name
- Organization
- Title
- Email
- Phone Number
- City
- State

Upon arrival at the USDA Whitten Building, registered persons must provide valid photo identification in order to enter the building; visitors need to enter the Whitten Building on the mall side. Please allow extra time to get through security. Additional information about the listening session, agenda, directions to get to the listening

session, and how to provide comments is available at the USDA Farm Bill Web site <http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usda/usdahome?navid=farmbill>.

All written comments received will be publicly available on www.regulations.gov. If you require special accommodations, such as a sign language interpreter, use the contact information above. The listening session location is accessible to persons with disabilities.

Dated: May 22, 2014.

Doug O'Brien,

Acting Under Secretary, Rural Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Tongass National Forest; Alaska; Forest Plan Amendment

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: The Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) that evaluates an amendment to the 2008 Tongass National Forest Plan. The Record of Decision will consider and identify changes, if any, to the current 2008 Forest Plan.

DATES: Comments concerning the scope of the analysis must be received by June 26, 2014. The draft environmental impact statement is expected to be mailed by August 2015, which will begin a 90-day public comment period. Public meetings and subsistence hearings will be scheduled during the 90-day comment period. The Record of Decision is expected to be signed by August 2016.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to: Forest Supervisor, Tongass National Forest, Attn: Forest Plan Amendment, 648 Mission Street Ketchikan, AK 99901. Comments may also be sent via email to: comments-alaska-tongass@fs.fed.us, or via facsimile to (907) 772-5895.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Additional information is available on the Tongass Forest Plan Internet site at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/land/tongass/landmanagement>. General and specific comments on the amendment can be submitted online at this Internet site. Questions about the project can be also directed to Rick Abt, Operations and Planning Staff Officer, (Telephone 907-228-6289, or email rabt@fs.fed.us).