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 are requested regarding (1) 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; (2) the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of burden 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 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 June 7, 2017 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.

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.

Food Safety and Inspection Service

Title: State Meat and Poultry Inspection Programs.

OMB Control Number: 0583–New.

Summary of Collection: The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) has been delegated the authority to exercise the functions of the Secretary as provided in the Federal Meat Inspection Act (FMIA) (21 U.S.C. 601 et seq.) and the Poultry Products Inspection Act (PPLA) (21 U.S.C. 451, et seq.). These statutes mandate that FSIS protect the public by ensuring that meat and poultry products are safe, wholesome, not adulterated, and properly labeled and packaged.

Need and Use of the Information: FSIS will collect information from federally-assisted States having Meat and Poultry Inspection programs that operate under a cooperative agreement with FSIS and are subject to the comprehensive State review process. This will ensure that their programs operate in a manner that is at least equal to FSIS’ Federal Inspection program in the protection of public interest; comply with requirements of Federal Civil Rights laws and regulations; meet necessary laboratory quality assurance standards and testing frequencies; and have the capability to perform microbiology and food chemistry methods that are “at least equal to” methods performed in FSIS laboratories.

Description of Respondents: State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 27.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 6,887.

Ruth Brown,
Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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Kimberly Hardy, APHIS’ Information Collection Coordinator, at 301–851–2483.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:


OMB Control Number: 0579–0326.

Type of Request: Reinstatement of an information collection.

Abstract: Under the Animal Health Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 8301 et seq.), the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture is authorized, among other things, to protect the health of U.S. livestock and poultry populations by preventing the introduction and interstate spread of serious diseases and pests of livestock and by eradicating such diseases from the United States when feasible. In connection with this mission, APHIS operates the National Animal Health Monitoring System (NAHMS), which collects data on the prevalence and economic importance of livestock diseases and associated risk factors.

NAHMS’ national studies are a collaborative industry and government initiative to help determine the most effective means of preventing and controlling diseases of livestock. APHIS is the only agency responsible for collecting data on livestock health.

APHIS plans to conduct the Beef 2017 Study as part of an ongoing series of NAHMS studies on the U.S. livestock population. The purpose of this study is to collect information to describe trends in beef cow-calf health and management practices; describe management practices and producer beliefs related to animal welfare, emergency preparedness, environmental stewardship, recordkeeping, and animal identification; and describe antimicrobial use practices (stewardship) and determine the prevalence and antimicrobial resistance patterns of potential food-safety pathogens.

This study will require completion of producer agreements, consent forms, and on-farm questionnaires. In addition, biologic and forage sampling will be available to selected participants who complete the Veterinary Services Initial Visit questionnaire.

The information collected through this study will be analyzed and organized into descriptive reports. One of the reports will present change over time from previous NAHMS beef studies. In addition, several information sheets will be derived from this report and disseminated by APHIS to producers, academia, veterinarians, and other stakeholders and interested parties. Participation in this study is voluntary and up to the producer to decide whether or not he or she wishes to participate.

We are asking the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve our use of these information collection activities for 3 years.

The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments from the public (as well as affected agencies) concerning our information collection. These comments will help us:

(1) Evaluate 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;
(2) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through use, as appropriate, of automated, electronic, mechanical, and other collection technologies; e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Estimate of Burden: The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.4 hours per response.

Respondents: Beef producers.

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 4,000.

Estimated Annual Number of Responses per Respondent: 4.

Estimated Annual Number of Responses: 14,842.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 5,894 hours. (Due to averaging, the total annual burden hours may not equal the annual number of responses multiplied by the reporting burden per response.)

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Done in Washington, DC, this 3rd day of May 2017.

Michael C. Gregoire,
Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Forest Service
Announcement of the Record of Decision for the Rosemont Copper Project

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Announcement of a Record of Decision.

SUMMARY: The Forest Service, USDA, is issuing this notice to advise the public that the Coronado National Forest Supervisor is expected to sign the Record of Decision for the Rosemont Copper Project.

DATES: The Record of Decision is expected to be signed in early June, 2017, by the Coronado National Forest Supervisor Kerwin Dewberry.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information, please contact Sarah Elizabeth Baxter, Coronado National Forest, 300 W. Congress, Tucson, Arizona 85701, sbaxter@fs.fed.us, or at (520) 388–8348.

Additional information concerning the Rosemont Copper Project may be obtained at the project Web site by visiting http://www.rosemonteis.us.

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: The Record of Decision (ROD) for the Rosemont Copper Project (RCP) is expected to be signed in early June, 2017 by Coronado National Forest Supervisor Kerwin Dewberry. The Rosemont Copper Project Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and draft ROD were released on December 13, 2013. The FEIS and ROD describe the decisions made with regard to the Rosemont Project to (1) select the “Barrel” alternative and approve the mine plan of operations once amended, and (2) to amend the 1986 Forest Plan by creating a new management area located around the mine site. The objection period commenced on Wednesday, January 1, 2014 and later closed on Friday, February 14, 2014. The ROD selected Alternative 4—Barrel Alternative (referred to in the ROD as the “selected action”). The proposed project will be conducted on approximately 995 acres of private land owned by Hudbay Minerals; 3,670 acres of Forest Service lands; and 75 acres of Arizona State Land Department land. The operation will produce copper, molybdenum and silver concentrates. 