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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

August 2, 2018.

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 the 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 September 6, 2018 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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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.

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Title: Foreign Quarantine Notices.

OMB Control Number: 0579-0049.

Summary of Collection: Under the Plant Protection Act (PPA) (Title IV, Pub. L. 106-224, 114 Stat. 438, 7 U.S.C. 7701-7772), the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to prohibit or restrict the importation, entry, exportation, or movement in interstate commerce of plants and plant products to prevent the introduction of plant pests into the United States. Regulations governing the importation of fruits, vegetables, plants for planting, logs, lumber, unprocessed wood products, cotton, corn, rice, sugar cane, and coffee are contained in 7 CFR part 319 and part 352. Implementing the laws through regulations is necessary to prevent injurious plant and insect pests from entering the United States and creating serious physical and economic consequences for U.S. agriculture.

The regulations and subsequent requirements are enforced by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) and require the collection of information verifying oversight and inspection of the growing, handling, packing, transporting, and importing of fruits, vegetables, plants for planting, logs, lumber, unprocessed wood products, cotton, corn, rice, sugar cane, and coffee into the United States. The information is collected from businesses, individuals, and foreign government officials, via forms, labels, certifications, and other formats. On a quarterly basis, APHIS will submit a report to the Office of Management and Budget that documents the burden imposed by import requirements for commodities covered by this information collection (fruits, vegetables, plants for planting, logs, lumber, unprocessed wood products, cotton, corn, rice, sugar cane, and coffee) that have been finalized within that quarterly period.

Need and Use of the Information: APHIS will collect information such as operational workplans; cooperative service agreements; trust funds; production or processing site/facility

registrations; foreign site certification of inspection and/or treatment; applications for permits; appeals of denial or revocation of permits; requests for additional mailing labels; compliance agreements; phytosanitary certificates; labeling; importer documents; agreements for post entry quarantine State screening notices; 30-day article notifications; requests for emergency transshipment or diversion; notices of arrival; emergency action notifications; and monitoring/recordkeeping from responsible entities. In addition, APHIS will collect required information from national plant protection organizations as part of the commodity import approval process. If this information is not collected, APHIS' ability to safeguard the United States from injurious plant and insect pests from entering the country would be severely compromised.

Description of Respondents: Businesses, Individuals and Households, National and State Governments.

Number of Respondents: 22,353.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting, Recordkeeping, Third-Party Disclosure: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 550,363.

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Agricultural Research Service

Title: U.S. National Arboretum Use of the Grounds and Facilities as well as Commercial Photography and Cinematography.

OMB Control Number: 0518–0024.

Summary of Collection: The mission of the U.S. National Arboretum (USNA) is to conduct research, provide education, and conserve and display trees, shrubs, flowers, and other plants to enhance the environment. The USNA is a 446-acre public facility. The grounds of the USNA are available to the general public for purposes of education and passive recreation. The USNA has many spectacular feature and garden displays which are very popular to visitors and photographers. Section 890(b) of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996, Public Law 104–107 (“FAIR ACT”) provided statutory authorities regarding the USNA. These authorities include the ability to charge fees for temporary use by individuals or groups of USNA facilities and grounds for any purpose consistent with the mission of USNA. Also, the authority was provided to charge fees for the use of the USNA for commercial photography and cinematography.

Need and Use of the Information: USNA officials will collect the information using applications in the form of questionnaires. The collected information is used by USNA management to determine if a requestor’s needs can be met and the request is consistent with the mission and goals of the USNA uses of the information. If the basic information is not collected, USNA officials will not be able to determine if a requestor’s needs are met.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for profit; Not-for-profit institutions; Individuals or households; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 302.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total burden Hours: 151.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Commodity Credit Corporation

Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA) for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) Forest Inventory Analysis Pilot

AGENCY: Commodity Credit Corporation and Farm Service Agency, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Farm Service Agency (FSA), on behalf of Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC), is republishing this announcement to extend the application deadline for the availability of competitive grants to conduct a forest inventory analysis, forest management, and economic outcomes modelling, for certain currently enrolled Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) land. The analysis is focused on lands enrolled in CRP for at least 8 years and located in areas with a substantial concentration of acres enrolled under the following conservation practices devoted to multiple bottomland hardwood tree species: General tree planting, hardwood tree planting, vegetative cover on previously established tree stands, riparian buffers, bottomland timber establishments, and farmable and aquaculture wetlands. Qualified applicants must be non-profit organizations dedicated to conservation, forestry, and wildlife habitats that have experience in conducting accurate forest inventory analysis through the use of

advanced, cost-effective technology, as determined by FSA.

DATES: *Application Deadline:* August 25, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Applications must be submitted in the following method: *Grants Portal:* Go to www.grants.gov. Follow the online instructions for submitting grants.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard Iovanna, telephone (202) 720–5291.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

When the NOFA was initially published on July 19, 2018, (83 FR 34098–34100), the application deadline was August 15, 2018. FSA is republishing the NOFA to extend the application deadline to August 25, 2018. No other changes have been made to the announcement.

Section 743 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018 (Pub. L. 115–141) requires that the USDA enter into grant agreements for forest inventory analysis, and forest management, and economic outcomes modelling of certain CRP land. Under this authority, the CCC will make available not more than \$1 million in grants to non-profit organizations. The CRP Forest Inventory Analysis Pilot will be administered under the general supervision of FSA on behalf of CCC, in accordance with the provisions of 2 CFR part 200.

Description

The CRP Forest Inventory Analysis Pilot is focused on lands enrolled in CRP for at least 8 years and located in areas with a substantial concentration of acres enrolled under certain conservation practices devoted to multiple bottomland hardwood tree species, including conservation practices for general tree planting, hardwood tree planting, vegetative cover on previously established tree stands, riparian buffers, bottomland timber establishments, and farmable and aquaculture wetlands. Qualified applicants must be non-profit organizations dedicated to conservation, forestry, and wildlife habitats that have experience in conducting accurate forest inventory analysis through the use of advanced, cost-effective technology.

Comprehensive data analysis using advanced, cost-effective technology on land enrolled in CRP with certain bottomland hardwood practices is important for several reasons. Such data will provide the FSA CRP program manager with the information needed to more effectively manage enrollment. For example, the inventory may find that