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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Notice of Request for Emergency Approval

May 13, 2021.

In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), the Department of Agriculture (USDA) has submitted a request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for a six-month emergency approval of the following information collection: ICR 0596–NEW, Grant or Agreement Award Face Sheet. The requested approval would enable the collection of this information and the implementation of this program while USDA completes the normal PRA approval process for ICR 0596–0217.

Forest Service

Title: Grant or Agreement Award Face Sheet.

OMB Control Number: 0596–NEW.

Summary of Collection: The 2018 Farm Bill expanded the ability for tribes to enter into agreements with the Forest Service to manage programs implementing the Tribal Forest Protection Act (“638 agreements,” pursuant to the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (Pub. L. 93–638)). The proposed information collection approves the use of a new form needed to execute these agreements. In conjunction with the Intertribal Timber Council, the Forest Service assessed the status of development of demonstration project agreements under this important new authority and anticipates the need to evaluate and execute numerous projects in the near future. It is critical that the agency be able to support these important economic development projects in a timely fashion.

If approved for emergency use, this form will be combined with 0596–0217

at the time of renewal (expiration date is 12/31/2021).

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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; 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; the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and 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 9, 2021 will be considered. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function.

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.

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Title: Communicable Diseases in Horses.

OMB Control Number: 0579–0127.

Summary of Collection: The Animal Health Protection Act (AHPA) 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 Secretary may also prohibit or restrict import or export of any animal or related material if necessary, to prevent the spread of any livestock or poultry pest or disease. The AHPA 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.

Veterinary Services (VS), a program within USDA’s Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), is responsible for administering regulations intended to ensure that animals affected with EIA are identified through proficient and reliable testing and that appropriate reporting occurs. Further, regulations ensure animals testing positive are moved interstate in a way that does not endanger the health of the U.S. equine population. APHIS regulations at title 9, *Code of Federal Regulations* (9 CFR) 75.4 deal specifically with regulating the interstate movement of horses affected with equine infectious anemia (EIA). VS provides guidance on approval of laboratories, diagnostic facilities, and research facilities. Ensuring the safe movement of these horses requires the use of information collection activities, including an EIA laboratory test form, a certificate or permit for the interstate movement of an EIA reactor, a supplemental investigation form if a horse tests positive for EIA, agreements, request for hearing, and written notification of withdrawal of approval.

Need and Use of the Information: The information collected from forms, APHIS VS 10–11, Equine Infectious Anemia Laboratory Test; VS 10–12, Equine Infectious Anemia Supplemental Investigation; and VS 1–27, Permit for the Movement of Restricted Animals, VS–10–15, Agreement to Conduct Equine Infectious Anemia Testing, VS–10–16, Laboratory Inspection Checklist for Equine Infectious Anemia Testing, will be used to prevent the spread of