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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 and other forms of information technology.

Comments regarding this information collection received by April 29, 2024 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.

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displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Forest Service

Title: Interagency Generic Clearance for Federal Land Management Agencies Collaborative Visitor Feedback Surveys on Recreation and Transportation Related Programs and Systems.

OMB Control Number: 0596–0236.

Summary of Collection: Section 1119 of Public Law 112–141, the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP–21) requires the Secretary of Transportation to implement transportation planning procedures for Federal lands and tribal transportation facilities that are consistent with the planning processes required under sections 134 and 135 of title 23[6]. The section also specifies the collection and reporting of data necessary to implement the Federal lands transportation program, the Federal lands access program, and the tribal transportation program in accordance with the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act. The Federal Land Management Agencies (FLMAs) include, but are not limited to: Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Presidio Trust, U.S. Geological Survey, Bureau of Reclamation and the Department of Transportation. FLMAs will collect information to help them improve transportation conditions, site-or area-specific services, programs, services, and recreation and resource management of FLMA lands.

Need and Use of the Information: A combination of surveys, focus groups and interviews, are designed to collect information about visitors' perceptions, experiences and expectations, with respect to road and/or travel transportation conditions, services, and recreation opportunities at various FLMA locations and across areas that could include multiple locations managed by different FLMAs. This information is vital to establish and/or revise goals and objectives that will help improve transportation systems and recreation and resource management plans and to facilitate interagency coordination at area, state, regional, and/or national scales which will better meet the needs of the public and the resources under FLMA management.

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

Estimated Number of Respondents: 140,400.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 22,5557 hours.

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Comments regarding this information collection received by January 8, 2024 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.

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Food Safety and Inspection Service

Title: Qualitative Research on Food Safety Behaviors Among Parents and Caregivers who prepare meals for minors or older adults. In Depth Interview Research.

OMB Number: 0583–NEW.

Type of Request: Request for a new information collection.

Abstract: FSIS is announcing its intention to collect information from interviews on consumer food safety knowledge, attitudes, and behaviors. FSIS will also collect consumer responses to food safety messages related to home cooking to gather feedback on message content and format.

FSIS' Office of Public Affairs and Consumer Education makes sure members of the American public are equipped with the tools they need to reduce their risk of foodborne illness by teaching the public how to safely handle, prepare, and store food. Consumer education campaigns developed by OPACE's staff are created to promote safe food handling procedures and reduce the likelihood of foodborne illness.

To extend its commitment to educating the public about food safety, FSIS is seeking to focus on the parents and caregivers or those who are providing care and preparing meals to at least one child or one older adult, as a priority audience for this new food safety campaign.

Need and Use of the Information: Preliminary research is necessary to learn more about how to best tailor campaign messages to suit the needs of the audiences of focus. The goal of the proposed research study is to learn more about African American/Black and Hispanic/Latino parent and caregiver knowledge, attitudes, and current behaviors regarding food safety. The information collected from this research will be used to develop and tailor messages to suit audience needs. Further, audience feedback about draft messaging strategies and approaches is necessary to ensure that campaign messages will appeal to audiences.

Information will be used to develop and disseminate effective messaging to help reduce foodborne illness among parents and caregivers. The lack of information in this area would impede

the Agency's ability to provide more useful information to consumers to help reduce foodborne illness in the United States. The final goal will be to gather feedback on proposed FSIS food safety messages and understand their possible influence on future food safety behaviors among consumers.

Description of Respondents: Individuals/Households (Parents and Caregivers).

Number of Respondents: 3,050.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 547.

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Acting Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

[Docket #: RUS–24–Electric–0003]

Consumer Oriented Operating Loans

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Rural Utilities Service (RUS or Agency), a Rural Development agency of the United States Department of Agriculture, is issuing this notice to announce it will be utilizing its long-standing statutory authority to consider operating loans under an initiative known as Consumer Oriented Operating Loans (COOL). COOL funding may be approved at the discretion of the RUS Administrator to finance operations for current system borrowers to meet financing needs where the borrower faces hardship circumstances involving unique, transitory, or exigent conditions. To qualify for COOL financing borrowers will commit to create environmental benefits to end users/consumers and invest in additional new carbon pollution-free electricity and/or energy efficiency measures. RUS estimates \$50 million will be available for this program in fiscal year 2024.

DATES: This notice is applicable March 29, 2024 and will continue until further notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Section 4 (7 U.S.C. 904) of title I of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, as amended, gives RUS the authority to make loans “for the purpose of financing the construction and operation” of electric infrastructure furnishing and improving electric service to persons in rural areas.

Definitions: For the purposes of this notice:

Carbon pollution-free electricity means electrical energy produced from resources that generate no carbon emissions, including marine energy, solar, wind, hydrokinetic (including tidal, wave, current, and thermal), geothermal, hydroelectric, nuclear, renewably sourced hydrogen, and electrical energy generation from fossil resources to the extent there is active capture and storage of carbon dioxide emissions that meets EPA requirements; <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2021/12/13/2021-27114/catalyzing-clean-energy-industries-and-jobs-through-federal-sustainability>.

Energy Efficiency Measure means any capital investment that reduces energy costs in an amount sufficient to recover the total cost of purchasing and installing such measure over an appropriate period of time and maintains or reduces non-renewable energy consumption.

Clean Energy Enabling Measures shall mean measures (such as adopting new technologies and/or making investments) that enable carbon pollution-free electricity as defined in this notice.

Purpose: To provide funding, at the discretion of the RUS Administrator, to current system borrowers to meet financing needs in hardship circumstances involving unique, transitory, or exigent conditions, such as, but not limited to, power or material cost spikes; liquidity needs due to weather events, supply chain interruptions, man-made or natural disasters or circumstances where end users/consumers could experience excessive rate impacts. Additionally, these loans will require borrowers to create environmental benefits through investments in additional new carbon pollution-free electricity, energy efficiency measures, and/or clean energy enabling measures.

Terms: COOL financing recipients will be required to commit that the loan funds will be used to benefit the end users/consumers. In addition, the recipients will also be required to make an investment in carbon pollution-free electricity, energy efficiency measures, and clean energy enabling measures acceptable to the Administrator. Such