is estimated to average 1.02 hours per response.

Respondents: Individuals or households, businesses or other for-profit enterprises, and farms.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 49,670.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 50,476.

Comments are sought on these requirements including: (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; and (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 collections techniques or other forms of information technology.

These comments should be sent to the Desk Office for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503 and to Mike Hinton, USDA, FSA, Farm Loan Programs, Loan Making Division, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, STOP 0522, Washington DC 20250–0522. Copies of the information collection may be obtained from Mike Hinton at the above address. Comments regarding paperwork burden will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval of the information collection. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Signed in Washington, DC, on January 11, 2000.

Keith Kelly,

Administrator, Farm Service Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Olympic Cross Cascade Pipeline Project, Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Snohomish, King, Kittitas, Grant, Adams, and Franklin Counties, Washington

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Cancellation notice.

SUMMARY: On February 28, 1996, a Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an environmental impact statement for the Olympic Cross Cascade Pipeline Project, a new 230-mile pipeline from western Washington to southeastern Washington, was published in the **Federal Register** (61 FR 7467). The proponent has withdrawn the proposal. When this project is again considered for implementation a new NOI will be filed. The 1996 NOI is hereby rescinded.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Floyd J. Rogalski, Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District, 803 West Second Street, Cle Elum, Washington 98922, telephone 509–674–4411.

Dated: December 20, 1999.

John Phipps,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Rural Utilities Service

Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Rural Business-Cooperative Service.

ACTION: Proposed collection; Comments requested.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Rural Business-Cooperative Service's intention to request an extension for a currently approved information collection in support of the Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant Program (7 CFR 1703, Subpart B).

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by March 20, 2000, to be assured of consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark Wyatt, Specialty Lenders Division, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, STOP 3225, 1400 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20250–3225, Telephone (202) 720–2383.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant Program.

OMB Number: 0572–0012.

Expiration Date of Approval: April 30, 2000.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: The Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS) is part of the Rural Development mission area of the United States Department of Agriculture. RBS administers the Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant (REDLG) program, which provides zero interest loans and grants to Rural Utilities Service (RUS) borrowers for the purpose of promoting rural economic development and job creation projects. The loans and grants under the REDLG program may be provided to approximately 1,700 electric and telephone utilities across the country that have borrowed funds from RUS. Under this program, the RUS borrowers may receive the loan funds and pass them on to businesses or other organizations. The RUS borrower is responsible for the loan even if it does not receive payments from the ultimate recipient. Grants may be provided to RUS borrowers to establish revolving loan funds.

RBS needs to receive the information contained in this collection of information to select the projects it believes will provide the most long-term economic benefit to rural areas. The selection process is competitive and RBS has generally received more applications than it could fund. RBS also needs to make sure the funds are used for the intended purpose and, in the case of the loan, that the funds will be repaid. RBS must determine that loans made from revolving loan funds established with grants are used for eligible purposes.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 3.4 hours per response.

Respondents: RUS borrowers.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 180.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 12.6.

Estimated Number of Responses: 2,276.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 7,742.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Cheryl Thompson, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, Support Services Division, at (202) 692–0043.

Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of Rural Business-Cooperative Service, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of Rural Business-Cooperative Service's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection

of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (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 or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to Cheryl Thompson, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, Support Services Division, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, STOP 0742, 1400 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20250–0742. 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.

Dated: January 11, 2000.

Dayton J. Watkins,

Administrator, Rural Business—Cooperative Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Housing Service

Notice of Request for Extension of A Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Rural Housing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Proposed collection; Comments requested.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Rural Housing Service's (RHS) intention to request an extension for a currently approved information collection in support of the program for 7 CFR part 1942, subpart A, ''Community Facility Loans.''

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by March 20, 2000 to be assured of consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Yoonie MacDonald, Community Programs Loan Specialist, Rural Housing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, STOP 0787, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250–0787, telephone: (202) 720–1501.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Community Facility Loans.

OMB Number: 0575–0015.

Expiration Date of Approval: April 30, 2000.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: The Community Facilities loan program is authorized by Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1926) to make loans to public entities, nonprofit corporations, and Indian tribes for the development of community facilities for public use in rural areas.

Community facilities programs have been in existence for many years. These programs have financed a wide range of projects varying in size and complexity from large general hospitals to small day care centers. The facilities financed are designed to promote the development of rural communities by providing the infrastructure necessary to attract residents and rural jobs.

Information will be collected by the field offices from applicants, borrowers, and consultants. This information will be used to determine applicant/borrower eligibility, project feasibility, and to ensure borrowers operate on a sound basis and use funds for authorized purposes.

Failure to collect proper information could result in improper determination of eligibility, improper use of funds, and/or unsound loans.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 2 hours per response.

Respondents: Public bodies, not for profits, or Indian Tribes.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 39,183.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.4.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 112,506 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Tracy Gillin, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, at (202) 692–0039.

Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of RHS, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of RHS' estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (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 or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to Tracy Gillin, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, STOP 0742, 1400 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20250. 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.

Dated: January 10, 2000.

Eileen M. Fitzgerald,

Acting Administrator, Rural Housing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

[Docket No. 000105006–0006–01]

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of new Privacy Act System of Records; Commerce/Census System 8.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the Department's proposal for a new system of records under the Privacy Act. The system is entitled, ''COMMERCE/CENSUS–8, Statistical Administrative Records System.'' This notice is submitted in accordance with the requirements of the Privacy Act of 1974 and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A–130, Appendix I, ''Federal Agency Responsibilities for Maintaining Records About Individuals.''

DATES: Effective Date: The proposed system shall be effective without further notice on or before February 22, 2000, unless comments dictate otherwise.

Comment Date: To be considered, written comments on the proposed new system must be submitted on or before February 22, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Please address comments to: Gerald W. Gates, Privacy Act Officer, Policy Office, Room 2430 FB 3, Bureau of the Census, Washington, DC 20233–3700. Comments received will be available for public inspection at this same address from 8:30 am to 4 pm, Monday through Friday.

For further information contact: Wendy Alvey, Administrative Records Program Officer, Policy Office, Room 2430 FB 3, Bureau of the Census, Washington, DC 20233–3700, telephone: (301) 457–2485.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The establishment of this system of records