

could have been raised at the draft stage may be waived if not raised until after completion of the final environmental impact statement. *City of Angoon v. Hodel*, (9th Circuit, 1986) and *Wisconsin Heritages, Inc. v. Harris*, 490 F.Supp. 1334, 1338 (E.D. Wis. 1980). The reason for this is to ensure that substantive comments and objections are made available to the Forest Service at a time when it can meaningfully consider them and respond to them in the final.

Dated: May 14, 1996.

Robert Cruz,

Environmental Coordinator.

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Revised Forest Legacy Program Guidelines

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978 (CFAA) authorizes a Forest Legacy Program, the purpose of which is to identify and protect environmentally important private forest lands that may be threatened by conversion to non-forest uses. The Federal Agricultural Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 amended the CFAA to provide for Optional State Grants to States requesting funding support to carry out the Program. The Forest Service hereby gives notice of the availability of revised guidelines for implementing the revisions to the Forest Legacy Program in Fiscal Year 1996 and requests comments.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing on or before June 20, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Director, Cooperative Forestry Staff, Forest Service, USDA, P.O. Box 96090, Washington, D.C. 20090-6090, via FAX at (202) 205-1271, or via the INTERNET (ASCII only) at /s=cf/oul=w01c@mhs-fswa.attmail.com.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Single copies of the guidelines for implementing the Forest Legacy Program may be obtained by writing the Director, Cooperative Forestry Staff, Forest Service, USDA, P.O. Box 96090, Washington, D.C. 20090-6090, via FAX at (202) 205-1271, or by calling (202) 205-1389. Information may also be requested by E-Mail (ASCII only) at /s=cf/oul=w01c@mhs-fswa.attmail.com.

Questions about the revised Forest Legacy Program Guidelines may be

addressed to Ted Beauvais, Cooperative Forestry Staff, at (202) 205-1190.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 1217 of Title XII of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation and Trade Act of 1990 (104 Stat. 3526) and the Federal Agricultural Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to provide a Federal grant to a designated State agency for carrying out the Forest Legacy Program. The purpose of the Federal grant is to provide Optional State Grants to States for the acquisition of environmentally important private lands and interests in the lands with title to the land vested in the State. Under section 7(a) of the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act (16 U.S.C. 2103c(c)), the Secretary of Agriculture continues to have authority to acquire from willing landowners, environmentally important forest lands and interests therein for Federal acquisition.

The revised Forest Legacy Program guidelines are divided into three parts:

Part 1—General Program Guidelines: Program direction applicable to all aspects of the Forest Legacy Program.

Part 2—Federal Acquisition Program Guidelines: Program direction applicable to States and Forest Service units selecting the Federal acquisition and ownership process, where ownership of lands or interests in lands is vested in the United States.

Part 3—State Grant Program Guidelines: Program direction applicable to States and Forest Service units where the State has elected the State grant option and acquisitions result in State ownership.

The guidelines are for the use of agencies, State Forest Stewardship Coordinating Committees, and the Forest Service in implementing the Forest Legacy Program nationwide.

The revised implementation guidelines are available for review and comment by the Governors through State forestry agencies and to land trusts, conservation organizations, forest industry groups, landowners, and other organizations interested in the Forest Legacy Program. Those entities currently on the Forest Legacy Program mailing list maintained by the Forest Service will receive direct notice of the revised guidelines.

Dated: May 15, 1996.

Jerry A. SESCO,

Acting Chief.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of the Census

The American Community Survey (ACS)

ACTION: Proposed agency information collection activity; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paper work and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before July 22, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Acting Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instruments(s) and instructions should be directed to Lawrence S. McGinn, Bureau of the Census, Room 2A, Silver Hill Executive Plaza, Washington, DC 20233-8400, (301) 763-8327.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Census Bureau is authorized to conduct surveys necessary to furnish current data on subjects covered by the major census authorized by Title 13, United States Code. The data from the ACS will determine the feasibility of a continuous measurement system that provides socioeconomic data on a continual basis throughout the decade for small areas and small subpopulations.

The American Community Survey, implemented in November 1995, is a continuing full-scale operation of a continuous measurement system in four survey sites—Fulton County, Pennsylvania; Rockland County, New York; Brevard County, Florida; and Multnomah County, Oregon, including the city of Portland. The survey also includes a national sample to test response rates and our ability to obtain telephone numbers for nonresponse households. The data collected in this survey will be within the general scope and nature of those inquiries covered in the decennial census every ten years.

We plan to continue sampling and enumeration in the American

Community Survey in 1997 and 1998. We also plan to add testing of procedures for identification, sampling, and data collection for special populations, i.e. American Indian reservations, military bases, college dormitories, and institutional group quarters such as hospitals.

The American Community Survey will include a national sample, the present survey sites, and additional sites in Douglas County, Nebraska; Otero County, New Mexico; Harris and Fort Bend Counties, Texas; and Franklin County, Ohio, including the entire city of Columbus.

II. Method of Collection

In the urban areas, the Census Bureau will mail questionnaires to the households covered by the American Community Survey and request a response as soon as possible after receipt. In the rural sites where city-style addresses are not available, Field Representatives will deliver the questionnaires to the household. For those households not returning the questionnaire, we will collect household information by both telephone interview and personal visit. Participation of the selected households will be mandatory in accordance with the provisions of Title 13.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0607-0810.

Form Number: TACS-1/1A, TACS-10/10A, TACS-12(L)/12A(L), TACS-13(L)/13A(L), TACS-14(L)/14A(L), TACS-15(L), TACS-16(L), TACS-20/20A, TACS-30/30A.

Type of Review: Regular.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 135,000.

Estimated Time Per Response: 30 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 67,500 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$19.5 million.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (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 respondents, including through the

use of automated collections techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: May 15, 1996.

Linda Engelmeier,

Acting Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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Company Organization Survey

ACTION: Proposed agency information collection activity; comment request.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Paul S. Hanczaryk, Bureau of the Census, Room 2546, Federal Building 3, Washington, DC 20233-6100; telephone (301) 457-2580.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Census Bureau conducts the annual Company Organization Survey (COS) in order to update and maintain a central, multipurpose business register, known as the Standard Statistical Establishment List (SSEL). In particular, the COS supplies critical information to the SSEL concerning the establishment composition, organizational structure, and operating characteristics of multiestablishment enterprises.

The SSEL serves two fundamental purposes:

- First and most important, it provides sampling populations and enumeration lists for the Census Bureau's economic surveys and censuses, and it serves as an integral part of the statistical foundation underlying those programs. Essential for this purpose is the SSEL's ability to identify all known United States business establishments and their parent enterprises. Further, the SSEL must accurately record basic business attributes needed to control sampling and enumeration. These attributes include industrial and geographic classifications, measures of size and economic activity, ownership characteristics, and contact information (for example, name and address).

- Second, it provides establishment data that serve as the basis for the annual County Business Patterns (CBP) statistical series. CBP reports present data on number of establishments, first quarter payroll, annual payroll, and mid-March employment summarized by industry and employment size class for the United States, states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, counties, and county-equivalents. No other annual or more frequent series of industry statistics provides comparable detail, particularly for small geographic areas.

The Census Bureau plans to revise the existing COS collection, which is approved through November 1997. This revision will not make substantive changes to the survey's content. Rather, it will amend instructions and add relatively short reference lists for respondents to use as guides when reporting updated industrial classifications for selected establishments. These changes will improve collection of classification information and obtain industry detail that is needed to prepare for implementation of the North American Industry Classification System in the 1997 Economic Censuses. The revised collection will employ procedures that the Census Bureau tested and used for the 1987 COS, when the agency implemented the most recent revision to the Standard Industrial Classification in conjunction with the 1987 Economic Censuses.

The planned change in the 1996 COS collection will affect reporting for some 120,000 establishments operated by approximately 30,000 multiestablishment enterprises. The impact on response burden for those enterprises should be small, and overall estimated response burden for the survey will actually decrease. The decrease is due primarily to a reduction in panel size made possible by improved methodology for selectively