

more old growth habitat per 10,000 acre compartment.

Because use is increasing in dispersed camping areas, the Forest Service would install dispersed camping signs in the analysis area.

Because there are dying stands of white pine, lodgepole pine stands over 80 years old, several pathogens at work in many stands, a high fuel buildup in several stands, and other silvicultural treatment needs in the analysis area, the Forest Service would rehabilitate dying white pine plantations, salvage dead and dying timber, improve the species mix through commercial and precommercial thinning, and harvest stands that have reached maturity while maintaining the old growth component.

Because OHV (Off-Highway Vehicle) use is increasing, and it is generally hard to find designated areas with semi-primitive type quality and viewsheds, the Forest Service would create an OHV loop trail system that would utilize an old jeep road along Elk Mountain Ridge and improve a route to Clark Mountain Lookout. The trailhead would be at Cottonwood Flats along Orogrande Creek.

Scoping began internally with an Integrated Resource Analysis, the findings of which will be incorporated into the Clarke Mtn. EIS. Scoping will continue with the public with the announcement of this new proposal and these comments will help:

1. Identify potential issues.
2. Identify major issues to be analyzed in depth.
3. Identify alternatives to the proposed action.
4. Identify potential environmental effects of each alternative.

5. Determine potential cooperating agencies and task assignments.

Some public comments have already been received to date. Internally identified issues coupled with public concerns, points out the following issues driving alternatives:

1. The effect of building roads in a "roadless area".
2. Regeneration harvest units over 40 acres in size.
3. The economics of planning a viable sale because of the expense of helicopter logging.

The lead agency for this project is the U.S. Forest Service. The Forest Service will cooperate with other Country, State, Federal Agencies and tribes who display an interest in the project, and who require assessment and concurrence.

The Draft EIS is expected to be filed with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and available for public review in November 1996. The

comment period on the draft environmental impact statement will be 45 days from the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes the notice of availability in the Federal Register.

The Forest Service believes, at this early stage, it is important to give reviewers notice of several court rulings related to public participation in the environmental review process. First, reviewers of draft environmental impact statements must structure their participation in the environmental review of the proposal so that it is meaningful and alerts an agency to the reviewer's position and contentions. *Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corp. v. NRDC*, 435 U.S. 519, 553 (1978). Also, environmental objections that could be raised at the draft environmental impact statement stage but that are not raised until after completion of the final environmental impact statement may be waived or dismissed by the courts. *Wisconsin Heritages, Inc. v. Harris*, 490 F. Supp. 1334, 1338 (E.D. Wis. 1980). Because of these court rulings, it is very important that those interested in this proposed action participate by the close of the 45-day comment period so 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 environmental impact statement.

To assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering issues and concerns on the proposed action, comments on the draft environmental impact statement should be as specific as possible. It is also helpful if comments refer to specific pages or chapters of the draft statement. Comments may also address the adequacy of the draft environmental impact statement or the merits of the alternatives formulated and discussed in the statement. Reviewers may wish to refer to the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act at 40 CFR 1503.3 in addressing these points.

Dated: July 8, 1996.
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Rural Housing Service

Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: The Rural Housing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Proposed collection; comments request.

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 Prepayment and Displacement Prevention of Multiple Family Housing Loans.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by September 24, 1996 to be assured of consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Booker T. Reaves, Senior Loan Officer, Multi-Family Housing Portfolio Management Division, RHS, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Stop 0782, Washington, D.C. 20250, Telephone (202) 720-1617.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Prepayment and Displacement Prevention of Multiple Family Housing Loans

OMB Number: 0575-0155.

Expiration Date of Approval: September 1996.

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

Abstract: The Rural Housing Service (RHS) is authorized under sections 514, 515, 516, and 521 of Title V of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended, to provide loans and grants to eligible recipients for the development of rural rental housing. Such multiple family housing projects are intended to meet the housing needs of persons or families having low- to moderate-incomes, senior citizens, the handicapped, and domestic farm laborers.

RHS has the responsibility of assuring the public that the housing projects financed are owned and operated as mandated by Congress. FmHA Instruction 1965-E regulation was issued to insure proper servicing actions are accomplished for projects financed with multiple family housing loan and grant funds. Minimal requirements have been established as deemed necessary to assure that applicable laws and authorities are carried out as intended and to improve the Agency's ability to assure the continued availability of the facilities financed under RHS multiple housing programs to eligible users.

Without the provisions of this regulation, RHS would be unable to provide the necessary guidance to the RHS field staff to assist borrowers in processing servicing actions affecting their projects. RHS also would not be able to quickly respond to servicing requests from borrowers, initiate servicing actions or establish a uniform procedure for processing such requests from borrowers. RHS must be able to assure Congress and the general public that all projects financed with multiple family housing funds will be maintained for the purposes for which they are intended and for the benefit of those they are mandated to serve.

The Housing and Community Development Act of 1987 required that rural rental housing borrowers wishing to prepay their RHS financed loans must be offered a fair incentive to not prepay the loan when RHS makes the decision that the housing continues to be needed to serve low- and moderate-income tenants. If the borrower rejects the incentive, the housing must be offered for sale to a non-profit organization. Prepayment can only be accepted if RHS decided there is no need for the housing or if no nonprofit organization can be found to purchase the project at fair market value.

The information required is collected on a project-by-project basis and is in accordance with the Housing Act of 1949, as amended, so that RHS can provide guidance and be assured of compliance with the terms and conditions of loan, grant, and/or subsidy agreements.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1.3 hours per response.

Respondents: Individuals or households, state or local governments, farms, businesses or other for-profits, non-profit institutions, existing borrowers, transferors and/or transferees.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 300.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.4.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 547 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Barbara Williams, Regulations and Paperwork Management Division, at (202) 720-9725.

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'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 Barbara Williams, Regulations and Paperwork Management Division, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Stop 0743, 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.

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Maureen Kennedy,
Administrator, Rural Housing Service.
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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List; Proposed Additions

AGENCY: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

ACTION: Proposed additions to procurement List.

SUMMARY: The Committee has received proposals to add to the Procurement List services to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE: August 26, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Crystal Square 3, Suite 403, 1735 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202-3461.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beverly Milkman (703) 603-7740.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published pursuant to 41 U.S.C. 47(a) (2) and 41 CFR 51-2.3. Its purpose is to provide interested persons an opportunity to submit comments on the possible impact of the proposed actions.

If the Committee approves the proposed additions, all entities of the Federal Government (except as otherwise indicated) will be required to

procure the services listed below from nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were:

1. The action will not result in any additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities other than the small organizations that will furnish the services to the Government.

2. The action does not appear to have a severe economic impact on current contractors for the services.

3. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the services to the Government.

4. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 46-48c) in connection with the services proposed for addition to the Procurement List. Comments on this certification are invited. Commenters should identify the statement(s) underlying the certification on which they are providing additional information.

The following services have been proposed for addition to Procurement List for production by the nonprofit agencies listed:

Administrative Services

Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office,
Sheppard Building, Sheppard Air Force
Base, Texas
NPA: Work Services Corporation, Wichita
Falls, Texas

Grounds Maintenance

Marine Corps Air Station, New River,
Jacksonville, North Carolina
NPA: Coastal Enterprises of Jacksonville,
Inc., Jacksonville, North Carolina

Janitorial/Grounds Maintenance

Calexico East Border Station, Calexico,
California
NPA: Association for Retarded Citizens—
Imperial Valley, El Centro, California

Janitorial/Grounds Maintenance

U.S. Mint, San Francisco, California
NPA: Toolworks, Inc., San Francisco,
California

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Procurement List; Additions

AGENCY: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.