

assistance would remain unresolved and many borrowers would keep financial benefits for which they did not qualify under RHS loan regulations.

Description of Respondents:

Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit; Farms; Not-for-profit institutions; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 450.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 800.

Nancy Sternberg,

Departmental Information Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Newspapers Used for Publication of Legal Notice of Appealable Decisions for the Intermountain Region; Utah, Idaho, Nevada, and Wyoming

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice lists the newspapers that will be used by all ranger districts, forests, and the Regional Office of the Intermountain Region to publish legal notice of all decisions subject to appeal under 36 CFR 215 and 36 CFR 217. The intended effect of this action is to inform interested members of the public which newspapers will be used to inform interested members of the public which newspapers will be used to publish legal notices of decisions, thereby allowing them to receive constructive notice of a decision, to provide clear evidence of timely notice, and to achieve consistency in administering the appeals process.

DATES: Publication of legal notices in the listed newspapers will begin with decisions subject to appeal that are made on or after May 1, 1998. The list of newspapers will remain in effect until October 1998 when another notice will be published in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Donald W. Murphy, Regional Appeals Manager, Intermountain Region, 324 25th Street, Ogden, UT 84401, Phone (801) 625-5274.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The administrative appeal procedures 36 CFR 215 and 36 CFR 217, of the Forest Service require publication of legal notice in a newspaper of general circulation of all decisions subject to appeal. This newspaper publication of

notices of decisions is in addition to direct notice to those who have requested notice in writing and to those known to be interested and affected by a specific decision.

This legal notice is to identify: the decision by title and subject matter; the date of the decision; the name and title of the official making the decision; and how to obtain copies of the decision. In addition, the notice is to state the date the appeal period begins which is the day following publication of the notice.

The timeframe for appeal shall be based on the date of publication of the notice in the first (principal) newspaper listed for each unit.

The newspapers to be used are as follows.

Regional Forester, Intermountain Region

For decisions made by the Regional Forester affecting National Forests in Idaho: *The Idaho Statesman*, Boise, Idaho.

For decisions made by the Regional Forester affecting National Forests in Nevada: *The Reno Gazette-Journal*, Reno, Nevada.

For decisions made by the Regional Forester affecting National Forests in Wyoming: *Casper Star-Tribune*, Casper, Wyoming.

For decisions made by the Regional Forester affecting National Forests in Utah: *Standard-Examiner*, Ogden, Utah.

If the decision made by the Regional Forester affects all National Forests in the Intermountain Region, it will appear in: *Standard-Examiner*, Ogden, Utah.

Ashley National Forest

Ashley Forest Supervisors decisions: *Vernal Express*, Vernal, Utah.

Vernal District Ranger decisions: *Vernal Express*, Vernal, Utah.

Flaming Gorge District Ranger for decisions affecting Wyoming: *Casper Star-Tribune*, Casper, Wyoming.

Flaming Gorge District Ranger for decisions affecting Utah: *Vernal Express*, Vernal, Utah.

Roosevelt and Duchesne District Ranger decisions: *Uintah Basin Standard*, Roosevelt, Utah.

Boise National Forest

Boise Forest Supervisor decisions: *The Idaho Statesman*, Boise, Idaho.
Mountain Home District Ranger decisions: *The Idaho Statesman*, Boise, Idaho.

Boise District Ranger decisions: *The Idaho Statesman*, Boise, Idaho.

Idaho City District Ranger decisions: *The Idaho Statesman*, Boise, Idaho.

Cascade District Ranger decisions: *The Advocate*, Cascade, Idaho.

Lowman District Ranger decisions: *The Idaho City World*, Idaho City, Idaho.

Emmett District Ranger decisions: *The Messenger-Index*, Emmett, Idaho.

Bridger-Teton National Forest

Bridger-Teton Forest Supervisor decisions: *Casper Star-Tribune*, Casper, Wyoming.

Jackson District Ranger decisions: *Casper Star-Tribune*, Casper, Wyoming.

Buffalo District Ranger decisions: *Casper Star-Tribune*, Jackson, Wyoming.

Big Piney District Ranger decisions: *Casper Star-Tribune*, Jackson, Wyoming.

Pinedale District Ranger decisions: *Casper Star-Tribune*, Casper, Wyoming.

Greys River District Ranger decisions: *Casper Star-Tribune*, Casper, Wyoming.

Kemmerer District Ranger decisions: *Casper Star-Tribune*, Casper, Wyoming.

Caribou National Forest

Caribou Forest Supervisor decisions: *Idaho State Journal*, Pocatello, Idaho.

Soda Springs District Ranger decisions: *Idaho State Journal*, Pocatello, Idaho.

Montpelier District Ranger decisions: *Idaho State Journal*, Pocatello, Idaho.

Malad District Ranger decisions: *Idaho State Journal*, Pocatello, Idaho.

Pocatello District Ranger decisions: *Idaho State Journal*, Pocatello, Idaho.

Dixie National Forest

Dixie Forest Supervisor decisions: *The Daily Spectrum*, St. George, Utah.

Pine Valley District Ranger decisions: *The Daily Spectrum*, St. George, Utah.

Cedar City District Ranger decisions: *The Daily Spectrum*, St. George, Utah.

Powell District Ranger decisions: *The Daily Spectrum*, St. George, Utah.

Escalante District Ranger decisions: *The Daily Spectrum*, St. George, Utah.

Teasdale District Ranger decisions: *The Daily Spectrum*, St. George, Utah.

Fishlake National Forest

Fishlake Forest Supervisor decisions: *Richfield Reaper*, Richfield, Utah.

Loa District Ranger decisions: *Richfield Reaper*, Richfield, Utah.

Richfield District Ranger decisions: *Richfield Reaper*, Richfield, Utah.

Beaver District Ranger decisions: *Richfield Reaper*, Beaver, Utah.

Fillmore District Ranger decisions: *Richfield Reaper*, Fillmore, Utah.

Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forests

Humboldt Forest Supervisor decisions: *Elko Daily Free Press*, Elko, Nevada.

Toiyabe Forest Supervisor decisions: *Reno Gazette-Journal*, Reno, Nevada.

Sierra Ecosystem Coordination Center (SECO): Carson District Ranger

decisions: *Reno Gazette-Journal*, Reno, Nevada.

Bridgeport District Ranger decisions: *The Review-Herald*, Mammoth Lakes, California.

Spring Mountains National Recreation Area Ecosystem (SMNRAE): Spring Mountain National Recreation Area District Ranger decisions: *Las Vegas Review Journal*, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Central Nevada Ecosystem (CNECO): Austin District Ranger decisions: *Reno Gazette-Journal*, Reno, Nevada.

Tonopah District Ranger decisions: *Tonopah Times Bonanza-Goldfield News*, Tonopah, Nevada.

Ely District Ranger decisions: *Ely Daily Times*, Ely, Nevada.

Northeast Nevada Ecosystem (NNECO):

Mountain City District Ranger decisions: *Elko Daily Free Press*, Elko, Nevada.

Ruby Mountains District Ranger decisions: *Elko Daily Free Press*, Elko, Nevada.

Jarbridge District Ranger decisions: *Elko Daily Free Press*, Elko, Nevada.

Santa Rosa District Ranger decisions: *Humboldt Sun*, Winnemucca, Nevada.

Manti-Lasal National Forest

Manti-LaSal Forest Supervisor decisions: *Sun Advocate*, Price, Utah.

Sanpete District Ranger decisions: *The Pyramid*, Mt. Pleasant, Utah.

Ferron District Ranger decisions: *Emery County Progress*, Castle Dale, Utah.

Price District Ranger decisions: *Sun Advocate*, Price, Utah.

Moab District Ranger decisions: *The Times Independent*, Moab, Utah.

Monticello District Ranger decisions: *The San Juan Record*, Monticello, Utah.

Payette National Forest

Payette Forest Supervisor decisions: *Idaho Statesman*, Boise, Idaho.

Weiser District Ranger decisions: *Signal American*, Weiser, Idaho.

Council District Ranger decisions: *Council Record*, Council, Idaho.

New Meadows, McCall, and Krassel District Ranger decisions: *Star News*, McCall, Idaho.

Salmon and Challis National Forests

Salmon Forest Supervisor decisions: *The Recorder-Herald*, Salmon, Idaho.

Cobalt District Ranger decisions: *The Recorder-Herald*, Salmon, Idaho.

North Fork District Ranger decisions: *The Recorder-Herald*, Salmon, Idaho.

Leadore District Ranger decisions: *The Recorder-Herald*, Salmon, Idaho.

Salmon District Ranger decisions: *The Recorder-Herald*, Salmon, Idaho.

Challis Forest Supervisor decisions: *The Challis Messenger*, Challis, Idaho.

Middle Fork District Ranger decisions: *The Challis Messenger*, Challis, Idaho.

Challis District Ranger decisions: *The Challis Messenger*, Challis, Idaho.

Yankee Fork District Ranger decisions: *The Challis Messenger*, Challis, Idaho.

Lost River District Range decisions: *The Challis Messenger*, Challis, Idaho.

Sawtooth National Forest

Sawtooth Forest Supervisor decisions: *The Times News*, Twin Falls, Idaho.

Burley District Ranger decisions: *Ogden Standard Examiner*, Ogden, Utah, for those decisions on the Burley District involving the Raft River Unit.

South Idaho Press, Burley, Idaho, for decisions issued on the Idaho portions of the Burley District.

Twin Falls District Ranger decisions: *The Times News*, Twin Falls, Idaho.

Ketchum District Ranger decisions: *Wood River Journal*, Hailey, Idaho.

Sawtooth National Recreation Area: *Challis Messenger*, Challis, Idaho.

Fairfield District Ranger decisions: *The Times News*, Twin Falls, Idaho.

Targhee National Forest

Targhee Forest Supervisor decisions: *The Post Register*, Idaho Falls, Idaho.

Dubois District Ranger decisions: *The Post Register*, Idaho Falls, Idaho.

Island Park District Ranger decisions: *The Post Register*, Idaho Falls, Idaho.

Ashton District Ranger decisions: *The Post Register*, Idaho Falls, Idaho.

Palisaded District Ranger decisions: *The Post Register*, Idaho Falls, Idaho.

Teton Basin District Ranger decisions: *The Post Register*, Idaho Falls, Idaho.

Uinta National Forest

Uinta Forest Supervisor decisions: *The Daily Herald*, Provo, Utah.

Pleasant Grove District Ranger decisions: *The Daily Herald*, Provo, Utah.

Heber District Ranger decisions: *The Daily Herald*, Provo, Utah, and *Wasatch Wave*, Heber City, Utah.

Spanish Fork District Ranger decisions: *The Daily Herald*, Provo, Utah.

Wasatch-Cache National Forest

Wasatch-Cache Forest Supervisor decisions: *Salt Lake Tribune*, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Salt Lake District Ranger decisions: *Salt Lake Tribune*, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Kamas District Ranger decisions: *Salt Lake Tribune*, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Evanston District Ranger decisions: *Unitah County Herald*, Evanston, Wyoming.

Mountain View District Ranger decisions: *Unitah County Herald*, Evanston, Wyoming.

Ogden District Ranger decisions: *Ogden Standard Examiner*, Ogden, Utah.

Logan District Ranger decisions: *Logan Herald Journal*, Logan, Utah.

Dated: April 10, 1998.

Robert M. Swinford,

Director, Strategic Communications.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended), the Rural Utilities Service's (RUS) invites comments on these information collections for which RUS intends to request approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by June 29, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: F. Lamont Heppe, Jr., Director, Program Development Regulatory Analysis, Rural Utilities Service, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., STOP 1522, Room 4036 South Building, Washington, DC 20250-1522. Telephone: (202) 720-9550. FAX: (202) 720-4120.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) regulation (5 CFR 1320) implementing provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13) require that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (see 5 CFR 1320.8(d)). This notice identifies information collection that RUS is submitting to OMB for an extension.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether this proposed 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 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 collection techniques or other forms of information