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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Housing Service

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Rural Utilities Service

Farm Service Agency

Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCIES: Rural Housing Service, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, Rural Utilities Service, Farm Service Agency, USDA.

ACTION: Proposed collection; comments requested.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the subject agencies' intention to request an extension for a currently approved information collection in support of the programs for 7 CFR part 1951, subpart C, "Offsets of Federal Payments to USDA Agency Borrowers."

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by March 13, 2001, to be assured of consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jerry P. Wishall, Senior Loan Officer, USDA, FSA, Farm Loan Programs, Loan Servicing Division, 1400 Independence Ave. SW., Washington, DC 20250-0523, telephone (202) 720-1651. Electronic mail: Jerry.Wishall@wdc.fsa.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Offsets of Federal Payments to USDA Agency Borrowers.

OMB Number: 0575-0119.

Expiration Date of Approval: February 28, 2001.

Type of Request: Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection.

Abstract: This regulation identifies documents to be submitted by borrowers to request a different

repayment agreement when they are delinquent on their debt to the Federal Government. This regulation does not require a response if the borrower is willing to allow the program payment to be made directly to the Agency. The information is used to determine if a different repayment agreement can be accepted.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting for this collection of information is estimated to average 1.4 hours per response.

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

Estimated Number of Respondents: 18,300.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

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Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 25,206.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Barbara Williams, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, Support Services Division at (202) 692-0045.

Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the subject agencies, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Agencies' 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 Branch, Support Services Division, 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 5, 2001.

Inga Smulkstys,
Acting Under Secretary for Rural Development.

Dated: January 5, 2001.

Thomas I. Grau,
Acting Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Coeur d'Alene River Ranger District Small Sales Final EIS Revision, Idaho Panhandle National Forests, Kootenai and Shoshone Counties, Idaho

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; intent to prepare a revised final environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: The Forest Service will prepare a revised final environmental impact statement (FEIS) to further analyze and disclose the cumulative environmental effects of utilizing timber harvest in numerous small, specific areas of the Coeur d'Alene River Ranger District. The intent of the project is to salvage merchantable timber in stands damaged by ice storms, insect infestation and disease, and to reduce the level of fire risk to the National Forest and to private lands adjacent to National Forest lands.

DATES: Comments concerning the scope of the revision should be received in writing by February 12, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Coeur d'Alene River Ranger District, 2502 East Sherman Avenue, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, 83814-5899.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bob Rehnborg (Project Team Leader) or Kerry Arneson (NEPA Coordinator) at (208) 769-3000.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A final environmental impact statement and record of decision were issued in July 2000. The decision was appealed. Upon review, the Appeal Deciding Officer reversed the decision, citing inadequate documentation of cumulative effects analysis. The intent of the revised FEIS is to provide the necessary documentation of cumulative effects in relation to the Small Sales project.

While public participation in this analysis is welcome at any time, comments received within 30 days of the publication of this notice will be especially useful in the preparation of the revision, which is expected to be filed with the Environmental Protection Agency and available for public review in February 2001. The comment period on the revised FEIS will end 45 days from the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes the notice of availability of the revised FEIS in the **Federal Register**. In addition, the public is encouraged to visit with Forest Service officials at any time during the analysis and prior to the decision.

A new decision is anticipated in April 2001. The decision will identify if, when, how and where to schedule activities to meet these goals. The USDA Forest Service is the lead agency for this proposal. Acting District Ranger Jose Castro is the responsible official.

The Forest Service believes it is important at this early stage to give reviewers notice of several court rulings related to public participation in the environmental review process. First, reviewers 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. NRDS*, 435 U.S. 519, 533 (1978). Also, environmental objections 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.

Comments on the revised FEIS should be as specific as possible. It is also helpful if comments refer to specific pages or chapters. Comments may also address the adequacy of the revised FEIS or the merits of the alternatives formulated and discussed in the revised FEIS. 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: January 2, 2001.

Jose Castro,

Acting District Ranger.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Meeting of the Land Between the Lakes Advisory Board

AGENCY: Forest Service, Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Land Between The Lakes Advisory Board will hold its first meeting to consider various matters. Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App.2.

The meeting agenda includes the following:

- (1) Welcome and Introductions
- (2) Federal Advisory Committee Guidelines
- (3) Protection Act
- (4) Bylaws, Operating Procedures, and Public Comment Process
- (5) Land Between The Lakes and Forest Service Overview
- (6) Forest Planning Overview

The meeting is open to the public; however, due to the length of the scheduled agenda, there will not be an opportunity for oral statements from the public at the meeting. Written comments are invited and may be mailed to: William P. Lisowsky, Area Supervisor, Land Between The Lakes, 100 Van Morgan Drive, Golden Pond, Kentucky 42211. Written comments must be received at Land Between The Lakes by February 7, 2001 in order for copies to be provided to the members at the meeting. Future meetings may provide opportunities for oral comment. **DATES:** The meeting will be held on Thursday, February 15, 2001, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., CDT.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at Lake Barkley State Resort, Cadiz, Kentucky, and will be open to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Sharon Byers, Advisory Board Liaison, Land Between The Lakes, 100 Van Morgan Drive, Golden Pond, Kentucky 42211, 270-924-2002.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Members of the Land Between The Lakes Advisory Board and their appointing agencies are:

Mr. C. Lee Anderson, United States Department of Agriculture
 Mr. C. Thomas Bennett, KY Department of Fish & Wildlife
 Mr. Reed Conder, Governor of Kentucky
 Ms. Ann Fairhurst, United States Department of Agriculture
 Mr. James R. Fox, TN Wildlife Resources Agency
 Mr. Ben D. Hall, KY Department of Fish & Wildlife
 Ms. Dortha N. Lyons, Governor of Kentucky

Mr. Robert Marks, Sr., United States Department of Agriculture
 Mr. Jesse Mayo, Governor of Tennessee
 Mr. Berlin Stanley Moore, Jr., Trigg County Judge Executive
 Ms. Della B. Oliver, Lyon County Judge Executive
 Mr. Gordon W. Rahn, United States Department of Agriculture
 Mr. James E. Stevens, Lyon County Judge Executive
 Mr. Jesse R. Thomas, Trigg County Judge Executive
 Mr. David G. Wallace, Stewart County Executive
 Mr. Nickolas W. Watson, Stewart County Executive
 Ms. Ramay W. Winchester, Governor of Tennessee

Dated: January 4, 2001.

William P. Lisowsky,

Area Supervisor, Land Between The Lakes.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Proposed Change to the Natural Resources Conservation Service's National Handbook of Conservation Practices

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), U.S. Department of Agriculture, Pennsylvania State Office.

ACTION: Notice of availability of proposed changes in Section IV of the Pennsylvania State NRCS Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG) for review and comment.

SUMMARY: It is the intention of NRCS in Pennsylvania to issue a series of new and revised conservation practice standards in its Technical Guide. These draft standards include the following:

Conservation Crop Rotation (Acre)—Standard Code 328—Draft (9/2000)
 Residue Management: No Till/Strip Till (Acre)—Standard Code 329A—Draft (9/2000)
 Residue Management: Mulch Till (Acre)—Standard Code 329B—Draft (9/2000)
 Residue Management Ridge Till (Acre)—Standard Code 329C—Draft (9/2000)
 Contour Farming (Acre)—Standard Code 330—Draft (11/2000)
 Contour Buffer Strips (Acre)—Standard Code 332—Draft (11/2000)
 Cover Cropping (Acre)—Standard Code 340—Draft (12/2000)
 Residue Management: Seasonal (Acre)—Standard Code 344—Draft (9/2000)