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This section of the FEDERAL REGISTER contains documents other than rules or proposed rules that are applicable to the public. Notices of hearings and investigations, committee meetings, agency decisions and rulings, delegations of authority, filing of petitions and applications and agency statements of organization and functions are examples of documents appearing in this section.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

February 12, 2010.

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments regarding (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; (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 should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV or fax (202) 395-5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250-7602. Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-8681.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to

the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Rural Utilities Service

Title: Request for Release of Lien and/or Approval of Sale

OMB Control Number: 0572-0041

Summary of Collection: The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) is a credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) that makes mortgage loans and loan guarantees to finance electric, telecommunications, and water and waste facilities in rural areas. RUS manages loan programs in accordance with the Rural Electrification Act (RE Act) of 1936, 7 U.S.C. 901 *et seq.*, as amended (RE Act). A 1949 amendment to the RE Act established the telephone program in RUS with the purpose of making loans to furnish and improve rural telephone service. Section 201 of the RE Act provides that loans shall not be made unless RUS finds and certifies that the security for the loan is reasonably adequate and that the loan will be repaid within the time agreed. In addition to providing loans and loan guarantees, one of RUS main objectives is to safeguard loan security until the loan is repaid.

Need and Use of the Information: A borrower's assets provide the security for a Government loan. The selling of assets reduces the security and increases the risk of loss to the Government. A borrower seeking permission to sell some of its assets uses RUS Form 793. The form contains detailed information regarding the proposed sale. If the information in Form 793 is not collected when capital assets are sold, the capital assets securing the Government's loans could be liquidated and the Government's security either eliminated entirely or diluted to an undesirable level. This increases the risk of loss to the Government in the case of a default.

Description of Respondents: Not-for-profit institutions; State, local or Tribal government

Number of Respondents: 40

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion

Total Burden Hours: 110

Rural Utilities Service

Title: 7 CFR Part 1738, Rural Broadband Loan and Loan Guarantee

OMB Control Number: 0572-0130

Summary of Collection: Title VI, Rural Broadband Access, of the Rural

Electrification Act of 1936, as amended (RE Act), provides loans and loan guarantees to fund the cost of construction, improvement, or acquisition of facilities and equipment for the provision of broadband service in eligible rural communities in State and territories of the United States. The regulation prescribes the types of loans available, facilities financed and eligible applicants, as well as minimum credit support requirements considered for a loan. In addition, Title VI of the RE Act requires that Rural Utilities Service (RUS) make or guarantee a loan only if there is reasonable assurance that the loan, together with all outstanding loans and obligations of the borrower, will be repaid in full within the time agreed.

Need and Use of the Information: RUS will collect information to determine whether an applicant's eligibility to borrow from RUS under the terms of the RE Act and that the applicant complies with statutory, regulatory and administrative eligibility requirements for loan assistance. RUS will use the information to determine that the Government's security for loans made are reasonable, adequate and that the loans will be repaid within the time agreed.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions

Number of Respondents: 40

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion

Total Burden Hours: 13,480

Charlene Parker,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency

Commodity Credit Corporation

Notice of Availability of the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the Conservation Reserve Program

AGENCY: Commodity Credit Corporation and Farm Service Agency, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability (NOA) and request for comments.

SUMMARY: This notice announces that the Farm Service Agency (FSA), on behalf of the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC), has completed a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) to examine the potential environmental consequences associated with implementing changes to the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) required by the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (2008 Farm Bill), and assist in developing new regulations. FSA is requesting comments on the Draft SEIS.

DATES: We will consider comments that we receive by April 5, 2010.

ADDRESSES: We invite you to submit comments on this Draft SEIS. In your comments, include the volume, date, and page number of this issue of the **Federal Register**. You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *E-Mail:* CRPcomments@tecinc.com.
- *Online:* Go to the Web site at <http://public.geo-marine.com>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- *Fax:* (757) 594-1469.
- *Mail:* CRP SEIS, c/o TEC, 11817 Canon Blvd., Suite 300, Newport News, VA 23606.
- *Hand Delivery or Courier:* Deliver comments to the above address.

Comments may be inspected in the Office of the Director, CEPD, FSA, USDA, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Room 4709 South Building, Washington, DC, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. A copy of the Draft SEIS is available through the FSA home page at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=ecrc&topic=nep-cd> or at <http://public.geo-marine.com>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Matthew Ponish, National Environmental Compliance Manager, USDA, FSA, CEPD, Stop 0513, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250-0513, (202) 720-6853, or e-mail: matthew.ponish@wdc.usda.gov. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication (Braille, large print, audio tape, etc.) should contact the USDA Target Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TDD).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 2008 Farm Bill (Pub. L. 110-246) authorizes certain changes to CRP. A Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) was completed in 2003 to evaluate the environmental consequences of

implementing the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (2002 Farm Bill) provisions for CRP and a Record of Decision was published May 8, 2003 (68 FR 24848-24854). This SEIS tiers from the 2003 PEIS and, with certain exceptions, only evaluates those provisions changed in the 2008 Farm Bill governing CRP not previously addressed. The changes assessed in the SEIS include:

- In general, the CRP purposes now explicitly include addressing issues raised by state, regional and national conservation initiatives (see 16 U.S.C. 3831(a)).
- The cropping history requirements are updated to four of six years in the period from 2002 to 2007 (see 16 U.S.C. 3831b(g)(2)).
- The enrollment authority is set at 39.2 million acres through fiscal year (FY) 2009 and reduced to 32.0 million acres for fiscal years 2010, 2011, and 2012 (see 16 U.S.C. 3831(d)).
- Alfalfa and multiyear grasses and legumes in a rotation practice with an agricultural commodity may contribute towards meeting crop history requirements (see 16 U.S.C. 3831(g)).
- The authority is granted to exclude acreage enrolled under Continuous Signup and the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program from the 25 percent cropland limitation, provided county government concurs (see 16 U.S.C. 3844 (f)(3)).
- Management activities by the participant throughout the contract term to implement the conservation plan (see 16 U.S.C. 3832(a)(5)).
- CCC may provide exceptions to general prohibitions (see 16 U.S.C. 3832 (a)(8)) on use of the property including:
 - Managed harvesting with appropriate vegetation management during named periods and with a payment reduction,
 - Managed harvesting for biomass with appropriate vegetation management during named periods and with a payment reduction,
 - Grazing of invasive species with appropriate vegetation management during named periods and with a payment reduction, and
 - Installation of wind turbines with appropriate vegetation management during named periods and with a payment reduction.
- Utilization of dryland and cash rental rates developed by the National Agricultural Statistics Service (see 16 U.S.C. 3834(c)(5)) for establishment of annual CRP rental rates.
- New incentives for socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers, as well as limited resource farmers

and ranchers and Indian tribes, to participate in conservation programs (see 16 U.S.C. 3844 (a)).

- Development of habitat for native and managed pollinators and use of CRP conservation practices that will enhance habitat for pollinators (see 16 U.S.C. 3844(h)).

Under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the EIS process provides a means for the public to provide input on program implementation alternatives and on environmental concerns. CCC provided notice of its intent (NOI) to prepare the CRP SEIS in the **Federal Register** on September 3, 2009 (74 FR 45606-45607), and solicited public comment on the proposed SEIS for CRP. Nine public scoping meetings were held in September and October 2009 to solicit comments on the proposed alternatives and to identify environmental concerns.

FSA considered comments gathered from the scoping process, initiated with the September 3, 2009 NOI, to develop the alternatives analyzed for the administration and implementation of CRP. The Draft SEIS assesses the following alternatives with the recommended changes to CRP:

- *No Action Alternative*—continuation of CRP as currently implemented.
- *Action Alternative 1*—full implementation of the applicable 2008 Farm Bill Provisions in accordance with current procedures.
- *Action Alternative 2*—implementation of CRP in accordance with applicable 2008 Farm Bill provisions exercising discretion that differs from current procedures.

The Draft SEIS also provides a means for the public to voice any suggestions they may have about the program and any ideas for rulemaking. The Draft SEIS can be reviewed online at: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=ecrc&topic=nep-cd> or at <http://public.geo-marine.com>.

The Draft SEIS was completed consistent with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA, 42 U.S.C. 4321-4347), the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500-1508), and FSA's regulations for compliance with NEPA (7 CFR part 799).

Signed in Washington, DC, on February 12, 2010.

Jonathan W. Coppess,

*Administrator, Farm Service Agency, and
Executive Vice President, Commodity Credit
Corporation.*

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Notice of Idaho Panhandle Resource Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the authorities in the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463) and under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (Public Law 110-343) the Idaho Panhandle National Forest's Idaho Panhandle Resource Advisory Committee will meet Friday, February 19, 2010, at 9 a.m. in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho for a business meeting. The business meeting is open to the public.

DATES: February 19, 2010.

ADDRESSES: The meeting location is the Idaho Panhandle National Forests' Supervisor's Office, located at 3815 Schreiber Way, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83815.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ranotta K. McNair, Forest Supervisor and Designated Federal Official, at (208) 765-7369.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting agenda will focus on reviewing proposals for forest projects and recommending funding during the business meeting. The public forum begins at 11 a.m.

Dated: February 10, 2010.

Ranotta K. McNair,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Eastern Washington Cascades Provincial Advisory Committee and the Yakima Provincial Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Eastern Washington Cascades Provincial Advisory Committee and the Yakima Provincial

Advisory Committee will meet on March 9, 2010 at the Sunnyslope Fire Station, 206 Easy Street, Wenatchee, WA. During this meeting information will be shared about Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Restoration Strategy, Wilderness Society North Cascades Proposal, and U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service update on the justification to not list the Pika as a threatened and endangered species. All Eastern Washington Cascades and Yakima Province Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Direct questions regarding this meeting to Becki Heath, Designated Federal Official, USDA, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, 215 Melody Lane, Wenatchee, Washington 98801, phone 509-664-9200.

Dated: February 10, 2010.

Rebecca Lockett Heath,

Designated Federal Official, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Oil and Gas Leasing on Lands Administered by the Dixie National Forest, Supplemental Information Report—Air Resources

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability—supplemental information report.

SUMMARY: The USDA Forest Service announces the availability of an additional information report to the Oil and Gas Leasing on Lands Administered by the Dixie National Forest Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS). The purpose of this supplemental report is to provide additional analysis and disclosure on the effects of the proposed action on air resources and climate change and to provide the opportunity for public comment on the additional information.

DATES: To ensure that comments will be considered, the FS must receive written comments on the Oil and Gas Leasing on Lands Administered by the Dixie National Forest, Supplemental Information Report—Air Resources within 30 days following the date this Notice of Availability is published in the **Federal Register**. Comments regarding the SIR should be directed to the issues of air resources and climate change and are for additional analysis purposes only. All public comments submitted by December 15, 2008 on the

DEIS are still applicable and have been reviewed by the Forest. You must have commented during the 60-day DEIS comment period to be eligible to appeal the upcoming decision.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments related to the Air Resources—Supplemental Information Report by any of the following methods:

- *Web site:* http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/dixie/projects/oil_gas/index.shtml.
- *E-mail:*

dixie_oil_gas_eis_comments@fs.fed.us (e-mail comments must be in MS Word [* .doc] or rich text format [* .rtf]).

- *Fax:* (435) 865-3791.
- *Mail:* Ms. Susan Baughman, Dixie

National Forest, USDA Forest Service, Oil and Gas Leasing Project, 1789 N. Wedgewood Lane, Cedar City, Utah 84721.

CDs containing the SIR are available upon request to Susan Baughman, EIS Project Manager, 1789 N. Wedgewood Lane, Cedar City, Utah 84721; 435-865-3703.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Susan Baughman, Dixie National Forest, USDA Forest Service, Oil and Gas Leasing Project Leader, 1789 N. Wedgewood Lane, Cedar City, Utah 84721.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This announces the availability of the Supplemental Information Report (SIR) for the Dixie National Forest (Forest) Oil & Gas Leasing Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The Draft EIS for this project was issued for public comment on October 17, 2008. During the 60-day comment period a number of comments were received relative to the impact analysis for air resources. In their comments, the Environmental Protection Agency requested that a more rigorous air-quality modeling study be completed for inclusion in the Final EIS. They recommended that this study use different air emission factors for the subject facilities-based emission limitations, which would become effective in the future. This revised modeling was conducted in collaboration with the EPA and the Utah Division of Air Quality and the report on this modeling was revised and is hereby being made available for public review.

In January 2009, the U.S. Forest Service issued guidance on including climate change in the environmental analyses for future planning decisions. In accordance with this direction and in response to public comment, the Forest has prepared a new appendix to the EIS that considers the effects of the proposed oil and gas leasing on climate change and the effects of climate change