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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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November 23, 2010.

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Forest Service

Title: Publications Evaluation Card.

OMB Control Number: 0596-0163.

Summary of Collection: Executive Order 12862 issued September 11, 1993, directed Federal agencies to change the way they do business, to reform their management practices, to provide service to the public that matches or exceeds the best service available in the private sector, and to establish and implement customer service standards to carry out principles of the National Performance Review. In response to this Executive Order, the Forest Service (FS) Southern Research Station developed a "Publication Comment" Card for inclusion when distributing scientific research publications. FS has come to realize that some changes in their publications may be necessary to achieve their goals and wishes to elicit voluntary feedback from their readers to help determine the changes to make. FS will collect information using the comment card.

Need and Use of the Information: FS will collect information, which will ask the respondents to rate the publication that they received or read. The information will be used to improve the readability and usefulness of FS articles, papers, and books. The collected information will also help scientists and authors provide relevant information on effective, efficient, responsible land management. If the information is not collected FS will forgo any opportunity to learn if publications meet customers' expectations and address customers' needs.

Description of Respondents: Individuals or households.

Number of Respondents: 72,000.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 4,800.

Forest Service

Title: Predecisional Objection Process for Hazardous Fuel Reduction Projects Authorized by Healthy Forest Restoration Act of 2003.

OMB Control Number: 0596-0172.

Summary of Collection: On December 3, 2003, President Bush signed into law the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 to reduce the threat of destructive wildfires while upholding

environmental standards and encouraging early public input during review and planning processes. One of the provisions of the Act, in Section 105 requires that not later than 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture shall promulgate interim final regulations to establish a predecisional administrative review process. This process services as the sole means by which a person can seek administrative review regarding an authorized hazardous fuel reduction project on Forest Service (FS) land.

Need and Use of the Information: Participants in the predecisional administrative review process must provide information the FS needs to respond to their concern. This written information needs to include the objector's name, address, phone number; the name of the project; name and title of the Responsible Official, the project location; and sufficient narrative description of those parts of the project that are objected to; specific issues related to the proposed decision, and suggested remedies which would resolve the objection. The collected information will be used by the Reviewing Officer in responding to those who participate in the objection process prior to a decision by the Responsible Official. FS could not meet the intent of Congress without collecting this information.

Description of Respondents: Individuals or households; State, Local or Tribal Government; Not-for-profit institutions.

Number of Respondents: 121.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 968.

Forest Service

Title: Financial Information Security Request Form.

OMB Control Number: 0596-0204.

Summary of Collection: The majority of Forest Service's (FS) financial records are in databases stored at the National Finance Center (NFC). The Federal Information Security Reform Act of 2002 (Pub. L. 107-347) and Information Technology Management Reform Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104-106) authorize the Forest Service to obtain information necessary for employees and contractors to access and maintain these records.

Need and Use of the Information: The Forest Service uses a paper and electronic version of its form FS-6500-

214 to gather name, work email, work telephone number, job title, etc. for a specific employee or contractor to apply to NFC for access. Prior to filling out the form, contractors must first complete specific training before a user may request access to certain financial systems. NFC grants access to users only at the request of Client Security Officers. The unit's Client Security Officer is responsible for management of access to computers and coordinates all requests for NFC. The information collected is shared with those managing or overseeing the financial systems used by the FS; this includes auditors.

Description of Respondents:

Contracted Employees.

Number of Respondents: 50.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Yearly.

Total Burden Hours: 75.

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Rural Utilities Service

Title: 7 CFR 1777, Section 306C Water & Waste Disposal (WWD) Loans & Grants.

OMB Control Number: 0572-0109.

Summary of Collection: Rural Utilities Service is authorized to make loans and grants under Section 306C of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1926c). This program funds facilities and projects in low income rural communities whose residents face significant health risks. These communities do not have access to or are not served by adequate affordable water supply systems or waste disposal facilities. The loans and grants will be available to provide water and waste disposal facilities and services to these communities.

Need and Use of the Information: Eligible applicants submit an application package and other information to Rural Development field offices to develop or improve community water and waste disposal systems. In one percent of the cases an applicant will use the funds to enable individuals to connect to the applicant's system or improve residences to use the water or waste disposal system. In this situation, an applicant will make loans and grants to individuals and the applicant will submit an implementation plan, memorandum of agreement and use of funds report.

Description of Respondents: Not-for-profit institutions; Individuals or households.

Number of Respondents: 1.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 9.

Rural Utility Service

Title: High Energy Cost Grants and State Bulk Fuel Revolving Grant Programs.

OMB Control Number: 0572-0136.

Summary of Collection: The Rural Electrification Act of 1936 (RE Act) (7 U.S.C. 901 *et seq.*) was amended in November 2000 to create new grant and

loan authority to assist rural communities with extremely high energy costs (Pub. L. 106-472). This amendment gives authorization to Rural Utilities Service (RUS) to provide competitive grants for energy generation, transmission, or distribution facilities serving communities in which the national average is at least 275% for residential expenditure for home energy. All applicants are required to submit a project proposal containing the elements in the prescribed format.

Need and Use of the Information:

USDA will collect information from applicants to confirm that the eligibility requirements and the proposals are consistent with the purposes set forth in the statute. Various forms and progress reports are used to monitor compliance with grant agreements, track expenditures of Federal funds and measure the success of the program. Without collecting the listed information, USDA will not be assured that the projects and communities served meet the statutory requirements for eligibility or that the proposed projects will deliver the intended benefits.

Description of Respondents: Not-for-profit institutions; Business or other for-profit; and State, Local or Tribal Government

Number of Respondents: 112.

Frequency of Responses:

Recordkeeping: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 1,365.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

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 (Pub. L. 110-343) the Idaho Panhandle Resource Advisory Committee will meet Friday, December 3, 2010, at 9 a.m. in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho for a business meeting. The business meeting is open to the public.

DATES: December 3, 2010.

ADDRESSES: The meeting location is the Idaho Panhandle National Forests'