

environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Regulatory Impact

These proposed directives have been reviewed under USDA procedures and Executive Order (E.O.) 12866 on regulatory planning and review. The Office of Management and Budget has determined that these proposed directives are not significant. These proposed directives would increase opportunities for recreation activities at ski areas consistent with SAROE. These proposed directives would not have an annual effect of \$100 million or more on the economy, nor would they adversely affect productivity, competition, jobs, the environment, public health and safety, or State or local governments. These proposed directives would not interfere with an action taken or planned by another agency, nor would they raise new legal or policy issues. Finally, these proposed directives would not alter the budgetary impact of entitlement, grant, or loan programs or the rights and obligations of beneficiaries of those programs. Accordingly, these proposed directives are not subject to the Office of Management and Budget review under E.O. 12866.

Moreover, the Agency has considered these proposed directives in light of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 602 *et seq.*). Pursuant to a threshold Regulatory Flexibility Act analysis, the Agency has determined that these proposed directives would not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities as defined by the Act because these proposed directives would not impose new record-keeping requirements on them; affect their competitive position in relation to large entities; or significantly affect their cash flow, liquidity, or ability to remain in the market.

To the contrary, these proposed directives would likely have a positive economic effect on ski areas and local communities because these proposed directives would enhance opportunities for recreation activities at ski areas. These benefits are not likely to alter costs to small businesses.

No Takings Implications

The Agency has analyzed these proposed directives in accordance with the principles and criteria contained in E.O. 12630 and has determined that these proposed directives would not pose the risk of a taking of private property.

Civil Justice Reform

The Agency has reviewed these proposed directives under E.O. 12988 on civil justice reform. If these proposed directives were adopted, (1) all State and local laws and regulations that conflict with these proposed directives or that would impede their full implementation would be preempted; (2) no retroactive effect would be given to these proposed directives; and (3) they would not require administrative proceedings before parties may file suit in court challenging their provisions.

Federalism and Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments

The Agency has considered these proposed directives under the requirements of E.O. 13132 on federalism and has concluded that these proposed directives conform with the federalism principles set out in this E.O.; would not impose any compliance costs on the States; and would not have substantial direct effects on the States, the relationship between the Federal Government and the States, or the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government. Therefore, the Agency has determined that no further assessment of federalism implications is necessary at this time.

Moreover, these proposed directives do not have tribal implications as defined by E.O. 13175, entitled "Consultation and Coordination With Indian Tribal Governments," and therefore advance consultation with Tribes is not required.

Energy Effects

The Agency has reviewed these proposed directives under E.O. 13211, entitled "Actions Concerning Regulations That Significantly Affect Energy Supply, Distribution, or Use." The Agency has determined that these proposed directives do not constitute a significant energy action as defined in the E.O.

Unfunded Mandates

Pursuant to Title II of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1531–1538), the Agency has assessed the effects of these proposed directives on State, local, and Tribal governments and the private sector. These proposed directives would not compel the expenditure of \$100 million or more by any State, local, or Tribal government or anyone in the private sector. Therefore, a statement under section 202 of the act is not required.

Controlling Paperwork Burdens on the Public

These proposed directives do not contain any new record-keeping or reporting requirements or other information collection requirements as defined in 5 CFR part 1320 that are not already required by law or not already approved for use. Any information collected from the public that would be required by these proposed directives have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget and assigned control number 0596–0082. Accordingly, the review provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) and its implementing regulations at 5 CFR part 1320 do not apply.

4. Access to the Proposed Directive

The Forest Service organizes its directive system by alphanumeric codes and subject headings. The intended audience for this direction is Forest Service employees charged with issuing and administering ski area permits. To view these proposed directives, visit the Forest Service's Web site at <http://www.fs.fed.us/specialuses>. Only the sections of the FSM that are the subject of this notice have been posted, that is, FSM 2340.5, Definitions; FSM 2343.11, Policy; 2343.14, Additional Seasonal or Year-Round Recreation Activities and Associated Facilities at Ski Areas; FSM 2711.32, Ski Area Term Permit; FSH 2709.14, chapter 10, section 13.2; and FSH 2709.14, chapter 60, section 61.1.

Dated: September 26, 2013.

Thomas L. Tidwell,

Chief, U.S. Forest Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

Request for Extension and Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection Under the Packers and Stockyards Act

AGENCY: Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration's (GIPSA) intention to request approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for an extension of a currently approved information collection in support of the reporting and

recordkeeping requirements under the Packers and Stockyards Act of 1921, as amended and supplemented (P&S Act). This approval is required under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA).

DATES: We will consider comments that we receive by December 2, 2013.

ADDRESSES: We invite you to submit comments on this notice. You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- Internet: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- Hardcopy: Mail, hand deliver, or courier to Dexter Thomas, GIPSA, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Room 2530-S, Washington, DC 20250-3604.
- Fax: (202) 690-2173.

Instructions: All comments should refer to the date and page number of this issue of the **Federal Register**. The comments and other documents relating to this action will be available for public inspection during regular business hours.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Catherine M. Grasso, Program Analyst, Policy and Litigation Division at (202) 720-7201 or Catherine.M.Grasso@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: GIPSA administers and enforces the P&S Act (7 U.S.C. 181-229, 229c). The P&S Act prohibits unfair, deceptive, and fraudulent practices by livestock market agencies, dealers, stockyard owners, meat packers, swine contractors, and live poultry dealers in the livestock, poultry, and meatpacking industries.

Title: Packers and Stockyards Program Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements.

OMB Number: 0580-0015.

Expiration Date of Approval: March 31, 2014.

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

Abstract: The P&S Act and the regulations issued under the P&S Act authorize the collection of information for the purpose of enforcing the P&S Act and regulations and for conducting studies requested by Congress. Through the forms in this information collection, GIPSA's Packers and Stockyards Program (P&SP) gathers information that keeps P&SP current on the ownership and operations of regulated entities which permit P&SP oversight of the regulated entities. For example, P&SP gathers information regarding the number of head of livestock purchased and the cost of the livestock to

determine if the entity is adequately bonded to protect the livestock sellers. The information regarding the amount of livestock purchased is also consolidated for public reporting in GIPSA's annual report. Other financial information is gathered to determine if the regulated entities are operating while solvent as required by the P&S Act. This information collection is necessary for GIPSA to monitor and examine financial, competitive, and trade practices in the livestock, meat packing, and poultry industries. The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments from the public concerning GIPSA's information collection.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1.73 hours per response.

Respondents (Affected Public): Livestock auction markets, livestock dealers, packer buyers, meat packers, and live poultry dealers.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 22,900.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 3.2.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 348,328 hours.

As required by the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)) and its implementing regulations (5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1)(i)), GIPSA specifically requests comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3506 and 5 CFR 1320.8.

Larry Mitchell,

Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

Request for Extension and Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection Under the Clear Title Program

AGENCY: Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration's (GIPSA) intention to request approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for an extension of a currently approved information collection in support of the reporting and recordkeeping requirements under the "Clear Title" regulations as authorized by Section 1324 of the Food Security Act of 1985, as amended (Act). This approval is required under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA).

DATES: We will consider comments that we receive by December 2, 2013.

ADDRESSES: We invite you to submit comments on this notice. You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: GIPSA administers the Clear Title Program under the Act (7 U.S.C. 1631) for the Secretary of Agriculture (Secretary). Regulations implementing the Clear Title Program require that States implementing central filing system for notification of liens on farm products have such systems certified by the Secretary. These regulations are contained in 9 CFR 205, "Clear Title—