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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

August 31, 2011.

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), New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC; 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 publication 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.

National Agricultural Statistics Service

Title: Livestock Slaughter.

OMB Control Number: 0535-0005.

Summary of Collection: The primary functions of the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) are to prepare and issue current official State and national estimates of crop and livestock production, disposition and prices and to collect information on related environmental and economic factors. General authority for data collection activities is granted under U.S. Code Title 7, Section 2204. This statute specifies the "The Secretary of Agriculture shall procure and preserve all information concerning agriculture which he can obtain * * * by the collection of statistics * * * and shall distribute them among agriculturists". Information from federally and non-federally inspected slaughter plants are used to estimate total red meat production. NASS will use a Federally and non-Federally-inspected livestock slaughter survey to collect data.

Need and Use of the Information: NASS will combine information collected from both types of plants to estimate total red meat production, consisting of the number of head slaughtered plus live and dressed weights of cattle, calves, hogs and sheep. Accurate and timely livestock estimates provide USDA and the livestock industry with basic data to project future meat supplies and producer prices. Agricultural economists in both the public and private sectors use this information in economic analysis and research.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; Farms.

Number of Respondents: 2,900.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Weekly, Monthly and Quarterly.

Total Burden Hours: 1,687.

Charlene Parker,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Northern New Mexico Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Northern New Mexico Resource Advisory Committee (NNM RAC) will meet in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The committee is authorized under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (Pub. L. 110-343) (the Act) and operates in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The purpose of the committee is to improve collaborative relationships and to provide advice and recommendations to the Forest Service concerning projects and funding consistent with Title II of the Act. The meeting is open to the public. The purpose of the meeting is to review the status of Title II and funds to be allocated, discuss letter from Cibola and McKinley counties, monitoring report, review of administrative costs, provide opportunity for proponents to present proposals (5 minutes each), provide NNM RAC members opportunity to ask questions about proposals (3 minutes each), review proposal recommendation process, review and rank project proposal by Category Groups, provide recommendations for funding to Designated Federal Official and provide for public comment.

DATES: The meeting will be held on September 21, 2011 beginning at 10 a.m. and ending at 5 p.m. and on September 22, 2011 beginning at 8 a.m. and ending at 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Cibola National Forest Supervisor's Office conference room located at 2113 Osuna Rd. NE., Albuquerque, NM 87113. Written comments may be submitted as described under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

All comments, including names and addresses when provided, are placed in the record and are available for public inspection and copying. The public may inspect comments received at Carson National Forest, 208 Cruz Alta Rd., Taos, NM 87571. Please call ahead to 575-758-6344 to facilitate entry into the building to view comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Carson National Forest, 575-758-6344,
iperalta@fs.fed.us.

Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday. Requests for reasonable accommodation for access to the facility or proceedings may be made by contacting the person listed for further information.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following business will be conducted: review status of Title II and funds to be allocated, discuss letter from Cibola and McKinley counties, monitoring report, review of administrative costs, provide opportunity for proponents to present proposals (5 minutes each), provide NNM RAC members opportunity to ask questions about proposals (3 minutes each), review proposal recommendation process, review and rank project proposal by Category Groups, provide recommendations for funding to Designated Federal Official and provide for public comment. Anyone who would like to bring related matters to the attention of the committee may file written statements with the committee staff before or after the meeting. The agenda will include time for people to make oral statements of three minutes or less. Individuals wishing to make an oral statement should request in writing by September 14, 2011 to be scheduled on the agenda. Written comments and requests for time for oral comments must be sent to 208 Cruz Alta Road, Taos, New Mexico 87571, or by e-mail to iperalta@fs.fed.us, or via facsimile to 575-758-6213.

Dated: August 31, 2011.

John Miera,

Acting Forest Supervisor, Carson National Forest.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

Agency: U.S. Census Bureau.

Title: Annual Survey of Manufactures.

OMB Control Number: 0607-0449.

Form Number(s): MA-10000(L), MA-10000(S), NC-99530.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Burden Hours: 181,120.

Number of Respondents: 51,000.

Average Hours Per Response: 2 hours and 40 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The Census Bureau is requesting an extension of the currently approved collection for the ASM. The Census Bureau has conducted the ASM since 1949 to provide key measures of manufacturing activity during intercensal periods. In census years ending in "2" and "7," we mail and collect the ASM as part of the Economic Census Covering the Manufacturing Sector. The ASM will be included in the collection of the 2012 Economic Census and therefore all collection activities for 2012 will be on hiatus. In 2013, collection activities will resume for this clearance.

The ASM statistics are based on a survey that includes both mail and nonmail components. The mail portion of the survey is comprised of a probability sample of approximately 51,000 manufacturing establishments from a frame of approximately 117,000 establishments. These 117,000 establishments are primarily comprised of manufacturing establishments of multiunit companies (companies with operations at more than one location) and large single-location manufacturing companies. The nonmail component is comprised of the remaining small and medium-sized single-location companies, approximately 211,000. No data are collected from companies in the nonmail component. Data are directly obtained from the administrative records of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), the Social Security Administration (SSA), and the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The nonmail companies account for 63 percent of the population and for less than 7 percent of the manufacturing output.

This survey is an integral part of the Government's statistical program. Its results provide a factual background for decision making by the executive and legislative branches of the Federal Government. Federal agencies use the annual survey's input and output data as benchmarks for their statistical programs, including the Federal Reserve Board's Index of Industrial Production and the Bureau of Economic Analysis' estimates of the gross domestic product. The data also provide the Department of Energy with primary information on the use of energy by the manufacturing sector to produce manufactured products. These data also are used as

benchmark data for the Manufacturing Energy Consumption Survey, which is conducted for the Department of Energy by the Census Bureau. The Department of Commerce uses the exports of manufactured products data to measure the importance of exports to the manufacturing economy of each state. Within the Census Bureau, the ASM data are used to benchmark and reconcile monthly and quarterly data on manufacturing production and inventories.

The ASM is the only source of complete establishment statistics for the programs mentioned above.

The ASM furnishes up-to-date estimates of employment and payrolls, hours and wages of production workers, value added by manufacture, cost of materials, value of shipments by class of product, inventories, cost of employer's fringe benefits, operating expenses, and expenditures for new and used plant and equipment. The survey provides data for most of these items for all 5-digit and selected 6-digit industries as defined in the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). We also provide geographic data by state at a more aggregated industry level.

The survey also provides valuable information to private companies, research organizations, and trade associations. Industry makes extensive use of the annual figures on product class shipments at the U.S. level in its market analysis, product planning, and investment planning. State development/planning agencies rely on the survey as a major source of comprehensive economic data for policymaking, planning, and administration.

The Ownership or Control forms will be used to update the Business Register, the basic sampling frame for many of our current surveys. This enables us to update establishments in the Census Bureau's Business Register that are incorrectly identified as being single-establishment firms.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Frequency: Annually.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

Legal Authority: Title 13, United States Code, Sections 182, 224, 225.

OMB Desk Officer: Brian Harris-Kojetin, (202) 395-7314.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-0266, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dhynek@doc.gov).