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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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March 22, 2011.

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Rural Utilities Service

Title: 7 CFR Part 1744, Subpart B, Lien Accommodations and Subordination Policy.

OMB Control Number: 0572-0126.
Summary of Collection: The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) is a credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). It makes mortgage loans and loan guarantees to finance electric, telecommunications, and water and waste facilities in rural areas. The Telecommunications Act of 1996 mandates that universally available and affordable telecommunications services, including advanced services, be made available to all U.S. citizens—whether in rural areas or city centers, affluent, or poor communities. In support of this mandate, RUS is amending its regulation to ensure that, with the assistance of advanced telecommunications technology, rural citizens be provided the same economic, educational, and health care benefits available in the large metropolitan areas.

Need and Use of The Information: This regulation will help RUS facilitate funding from non-RUS sources in order to meet the growing capital needs of rural Local Exchange Carriers and enable the providers to compete in an expanding number of telecommunications services. RUS will use the information to provide “automatic” approval for borrowers requesting lien accommodations that meet the required financial tests. These tests are designed to ensure that the financial strength of the borrower is more than sufficient to protect the government's loan security interests; hence, the lien accommodations will not adversely affect the government's financial interests.

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

Number of Respondents: 30.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion

Total Burden Hours: 23.

Rural Utilities Service

Title: 7 CFR 1783, Revolving Fund Program.

OMB Control Number: 0572-0138.

Summary of Collection: Section 6002 of the Farm Security and Rural

Investment Act of 2002 amended the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act by adding a grant program that established the Revolving Fund Program (RFP) to assist communities with water or wastewater systems. Qualified private non-profit organizations will receive RFP grant funds to establish a lending program for eligible entities.

Need and Use of The Information: Non-profit organizations applying for the RFP grant(s) must submit an application package that includes an application form, narrative proposal (work plan), various other forms, certifications, and supplemental information. The Rural Development State Offices and the Rural Utilities Service National Office staff will use the information collected to determine applicant eligibility, project feasibility, and the applicant's ability to meet the grant and regulatory requirements. Grant recipients will set up a revolving loan fund to provide loans to finance predevelopment costs of water or wastewater projects, or short-term small capital projects not part of the regular operation and maintenance of current water and wastewater systems.

Description of Respondents: Not-for-profit institutions.

Number of Respondents: 5.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 313.

Rural Utilities Service

Title: 7 CFR 1776, Household Water Well System Grant Program.

OMB Control Number: 0572-0139.

Summary of Collection: The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) is authorized by Section 306E of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1926e) to administer and make grants to qualified private non-profit organizations which will use the funds to establish lending programs for household water wells from which individuals may borrow money systems under the Household Water Well System program.

Need and Use of The Information: The grant applicants will provide information to be collected as part of the application and grant process through certain documentation, certifications, and completed forms. Grant applicants must show that the project will provide technical and financial assistance to eligible individuals to remedy

household well problems. The grant recipients will establish a revolving loan fund lending program to provide water well loans to individuals who own or will own private wells in rural areas. The individual loan recipients may use the funds to construct, refurbish, and service their household well systems for an existing home.

Description of Respondents: Not-for-profit institutions.

Number of Respondents: 10.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 1,033.

Rural Utilities Service

Title: Electric System Emergency Restoration Plan.

OMB Control Number: 0572-0140.

Summary of Collection: Electric power systems have been identified in Presidential Decision Directive 63, May 1998, as one of the critical infrastructures of the United States. The term "critical infrastructure" is defined in section 1016(e) of the USA Patriot Act of 2001 (42 U.S.C. 5195c(e)). To ensure that the electric infrastructure in rural America is adequately protected, Rural Utilities Service requires that all current electric borrowers enhance an existing Emergency Restoration Plan (ERP) or, if none exists, develop and maintain an ERP.

Need and Use of The Information: Rural Development Utilities Programs (RDUP) requires that all current electric borrowers conduct a Vulnerability and Risk Assessment (VRA) of its respective systems and utilize the results of this assessment to enhance an existing ERP or create an ERP if none exists. The ERP provides written procedures detailing response and restoration efforts in the event of a major system outage resulting from a natural or man made disaster. RDUP requires each electric borrower to provide annually a self-certification, in writing, that an ERP exists and that an initial VRA has been performed. If this information were not collected, vulnerabilities may exist in the electric system infrastructure. The result would be increased risk to public safety and may affect the Government loan security.

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

Number of Respondents: 676.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 338.

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Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Title: Lacey Act Declaration Requirements; Plants and Plant Products.

OMB Control Number: 0579-0349.

Summary of Collection: The Lacey Act, enacted in 1900 and significantly amended in 1988, is the United States' oldest Wildlife Protection Statute. The Act combats trafficking in "illegal" wildlife, fish, or plants. The Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008,

which took effect May 22, 2008, amended the Lacey Act by expanding its protection to a broader range of plants and plant products (Section 8204, Prevention of Illegal Logging Practices).

Need and Use of the Information:

Under the amended Lacey Act, importers are required to submit a declaration form (PPQ-505) for certain plants and plant products and PPQ-505B) supplemental form to provide the declarer additional space to enter the required information, if needed. The declaration must contain, among other things, the scientific name of the plant, value of the importation, quantity of the plant, and name of the country from which the plant was harvested. If species varies or is unknown, importers will have to declare the name of each species that may have been used to produce the product. This information will be used to support investigations into illegal logging practices by the Justice Department and also acts as a deterrent to illegal logging practices worldwide.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 20,352.

Frequency of Responses:

Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 203,846.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Wrangell-Petersburg Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Wrangell-Petersburg Resource Advisory Committee will meet by video-teleconference. The committee is meeting as authorized under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (Pub. L. 110-343) and in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The purpose of the meeting is to review project proposals and make project funding recommendations.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Saturday, April 9, 2011 from 8 a.m. to Noon.

ADDRESSES: Committee members will meet at the Wrangell Ranger District office at 525 Bennett Street in Wrangell, Alaska and at the Tongass National