

1 project status update reports; (2) Replacement member update; (3) Review remaining Round 1 and 2 project proposal to determine future status; (4) Review and vote on one new project submittal; (5) Determine due date for Round 3 project proposals; (6) Determine purpose and dates of future meetings. This meeting is open to the public.

Dated: December 23, 2002.

Patrick D. Kaunert,

Acting Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Rogue/Umpqua Resource Advisory Committee (RAC); Meeting

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA Forest Service.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Rogue/Umpqua Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will meet on Friday, February 7, 2003. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 2 p.m. and conclude at 3 p.m., with possibility of continuing until 4 p.m. The meeting will be held via telephone conference call. People are welcome to attend the call in person at the Umpqua National Forest Headquarters at 2900 NW Stewart Parkway in Roseburg or the Rogue River National Forest Headquarters at 333 W. 8th Street in Medford. The agenda includes: (1) Roll call to determine quorum, (2) Redirecting \$204,000 to reforestation work resulting from fires in 2002, and (3) Public Forum. The Public Forum is scheduled to begin at 2:45 p.m. Time allotted for individual presentations will be limited to 3-4 minutes. Written comments are encouraged and may be submitted prior to the February 7th meeting by sending them to Designate Federal Official Jim Caplan at the address given below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For more information regarding this meeting, contact Designated Federal Official Jim Caplan; Umpqua National Forest; PO Box 1008, Roseburg, Oregon 97470; (541) 957-3203.

Dated: December 23, 2002.

Paul Matter,

Acting Deputy Forest Supervisor, Umpqua National Forest.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35, as amended), the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) invites comments on this information collection for which RUS intends to request approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by February 28, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: F. Lamont Heppe, Jr., Program Development & Regulatory Analysis, Rural Utilities Service, USDA, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., STOP 1522, Room 4034 South Building, Washington, DC 20250-1522. Telephone: (202) 720-0736. FAX: (202) 720-4120.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: 7 CFR Part 1755, Telecommunications Standards and Specifications.

OMB Control Number: 0572-New.
Type of Request: New collection.
Abstract: Manufacturers wishing to sell their products to RUS borrowers, request RUS consideration for acceptance of their products and submit data demonstrating their products' compliance with RUS specifications. Compliance with RUS specifications and standards is demonstrated to a large extent via presentation of laboratory tests results and other informational data upon which the determination of acceptability can be made. RUS evaluates this data to determine that the quality of the products is acceptable and that their use will not jeopardize loan security. In the telecommunications program, because of the complex and highly technical nature of equipment, services and system architectures, RUS also requires a manufacturer to demonstrate successful product use in a working telecommunications system.

RUS Bulletin 345-2, establishes Agency policy that materials and equipment purchased by RUS telecommunications borrowers or accepted as contractor-furnished material, must conform to RUS standards and specifications where they have been established and, if included in RUS IP 344-2, "List of Materials Acceptable for Use on Telecommunications Systems of RUS

Borrowers" (List of Materials), must be selected from that list or must have received technical acceptance from RUS.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 20 hour per response.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit and non-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 49.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 2.

Estimate Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 2,580 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Dawn Wolfgang, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, Rural Utilities Service at (202) 720-0812. Comments are invited on (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 assumption used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (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 on other forms of information technology.

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

Dated: December 23, 2002.

Curtis M. Anderson,

Deputy Administrator as Acting Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35, as amended), the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) invites comments on this information collection for which RUS intends to request approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by February 28, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: F. Lamont Heppe, Jr., Program Development & Regulatory Analysis, Rural Utilities Service, USDA, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., STOP 1522, Room 4034 South Building, Washington, DC 20250-1522. Telephone: (202) 720-0736. FAX: (202) 720-4120.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: 7 CFR Part 1753, Telecommunications System Construction Policies and Procedures. *OMB Control Number:* 0572-0059. *Type of Request:* Reinstatement of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

Abstract: In order to facilitate the programmatic interest of the RE Act, and, in order to assure that loans made or guaranteed by RUS are adequately secured, RUS, as a secured lender, has established certain forms for materials, equipment and construction of electric and telecommunications systems. The use of standard forms, construction contracts, and procurement procedures helps assure RUS that appropriate standards and specifications are maintained, RUS' loan security is not adversely affected; and the loan and loan guarantee funds are used effectively and for the intended purposes.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1 hour per response.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit and non-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 150.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimate Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 3,011 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Dawn Wolfgang, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, Rural Utilities Service at (202) 720-0812. Comments are invited on (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 assumption used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (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 on other forms of information technology.

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

Dated: December 23, 2002.

Curtis M. Anderson,

Deputy Administrator as Acting Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35, as amended), the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) invites comments on this information collection for which RUS intends to request approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by February 28, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: F. Lamont Heppe, Jr., Program Development & Regulatory Analysis, Rural Utilities Service, USDA, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., STOP 1522, Room 4034 South Building, Washington, DC 20250-1522. Telephone: (202) 720-0736. FAX: (202) 720-4120.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Telecommunications Field Trials.

OMB Control Number: 0572-New.

Type of Request: New collection.

Abstract: Title 7 CFR 1755.3

prescribes the conditions and provisions of a field trial. A field trial consists of limited filed installation of a qualifying product in closely monitored situations designed to determine, to RUS' satisfaction, the products effectiveness under actual field conditions. Field trials are used only as a means for determining, to RUS' satisfaction, the operational effectiveness of a new or revised product where such experience does not already exist. The field trial process allows manufacturers a means of immediate access to the RUS borrower market, allows RUS borrowers opportunity to immediately utilize advance products, and allows RUS a means to safely, in a controlled manner, obtain necessary information on

technically advanced products which will address the products suitability for use in the harsh environment of rural America.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 4 hours per response.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit and non-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 6.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 2.

Estimate Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 56 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Dawn Wolfgang, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, Rural Utilities Service at (202) 720-0812. Comments are invited on (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 assumption used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (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 on other forms of information technology.

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

Dated: December 23, 2002.

Curtis M. Anderson,

Deputy Administrator as Acting Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.

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ARCHITECTURAL AND TRANSPORTATION BARRIERS COMPLIANCE BOARD

Meeting

AGENCY: Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (Access Board) has scheduled its regular business meetings to take place in Washington, DC on Tuesday and Wednesday, January 14-15, 2003, at the times and location noted below.

DATES: The schedule of events is as follows: