

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Rural Housing Service (RHS)****Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS)****Rural Utilities Service (RUS)****Farm Service Agency (FSA)****Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection**

AGENCIES: Rural Housing Service, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, Rural Utilities Services, Farm Service Agency, USDA.

ACTION: Proposed collection; Comments requested.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Agencies' intention to request an extension for a currently approved information collection in support of 7 CFR, part 1951, subpart F, "Analyzing Credit Needs and Graduation of Borrowers."

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received on or before August 25, 2003 to be assured consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: 7 CFR, part 1951, subpart F, "Analyzing Credit Needs and Graduation of Borrowers."

OMB Number: 0575-0093.

Expiration Date of Approval: August 31, 2003.

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

Abstract: Section 333 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (Con Act) (7 U.S.C. 1983) requires the Agencies to "graduate" their direct loan borrowers to other credit when they are able to do so. Graduation is required because the Government loans are not to be extended beyond a borrower's need for subsidized rates or Government credit. Borrowers must refinance their direct Government loan when other credit becomes available at reasonable rates and terms. If other credit is not available, the Agencies will continue to review the account for possible graduation at periodic intervals. Also, 7 CFR part 1951, subpart F, requires FSA

to provide a financial prospectus to lenders who may be interested in providing credit to FSA direct farm loan borrowers with an FSA guarantee and interest assistance. The information collected to carry out these statutory mandates is financial data such as amount of income, operating expenses, asset values and liabilities. This information collection is then submitted by the Agencies to private creditors.

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

Respondents: Individuals or households, business or other for profit and farms.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 17,445.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 3.

Estimated Number of Responses: 34,908.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 70,414 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Renita Bolden, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, at (202) 692-0035.

Comments: Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agencies, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Agencies estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the Department of Agriculture methodology and assumptions 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 or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to Renita Bolden, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, STOP 0742, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250. 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: June 5, 2003.

Thomas C. Dorr,

Undersecretary for Rural Development.

June 19, 2003.

J.B. Penn,

Undersecretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Forest Service****Caribou-Targhee National Forest, Fremont County, ID; Wildland Urban Interface Project**

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Cancellation of the Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Wildland Urban Interface Project, as published in the **Federal Register** pages 30866 to 30867 on May 8, 2002 (Vol. 67, No. 89).

SUMMARY: The USDA, Forest Service has determined that it will not prepare an Environmental Impact Statement to document the analysis and disclose the environmental impacts of the Wildland Urban Interface Project in the Island Park area. In response to public comments, the original, landscape-level fuels reduction proposal is being redesigned at a smaller scale.

Dated: June 19, 2003.

Jerry B. Reese,

Caribou-Targhee National Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Forest Service****Notice of Lincoln County 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. 106-393) the Kootenai National Forests' Lincoln County Resource Advisory Committee will meet on July 14, August 4, and September 8, 2003, at 6:30 p.m. in Libby, Montana for business meetings. The meetings are open to the public.

DATES: July 14, August 4, and September 8, 2003.