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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

April 7, 2005.

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), *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 this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-8958.

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

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Agricultural Marketing Service

Title: Regulations Governing the Voluntary Grading of Shell Eggs.

OMB Control Number: 0581-0128.

Summary of Collection: The Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (60 Stat. 1087-1091, as amended; 7 U.S.C. 1621-1627) (AMA) directs and authorizes the Department to develop standards of quality, grades, grading programs, and services to enable a more orderly marketing of agricultural products so trading may be facilitated and so consumers may be able to obtain products graded and identified under USDA programs. The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) carries out regulations, which provide a voluntary program for grading shell eggs on the basis of U.S. standards, grades, and weight classes. In addition, the shell egg industry and users of the products have requested that other types of voluntary services be developed and provided under these regulations. This program is voluntary where respondents would need to request or apply for the specific service they wish.

Need and Use of the Information: Only authorized representatives of the USDA used the information collected. The information is used to administer, conduct and carry out the grading services requested by the respondents. If the information were not collected, the agency would not be able to provide the voluntary grading service authorized and requested by congress, provide the types of services requested by industry, administer the program, ensure properly grade-labeled products, calculate the cost of the service or collect for the cost furnishing service.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for profit; Federal Government; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 623.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion; semi-annually; monthly; annually; other (daily).

Total Burden Hours: 5,630.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection
Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request: Uniform Grant Application Package for Discretionary Grant Programs (Form FNS 728)

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice invites the general public and other public agencies to comment on proposed information collections. The proposed collection is a revision of a currently approved collection.

The purpose of the Uniform Grant Application Package for Discretionary Grant Programs is to provide a standardized format for the development of all Requests for Applications released by the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) Agency and to allow for a more expeditious OMB clearance process.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before June 13, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Comments are invited on (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions that were 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 the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to Lael J. Lubing, Director, Grants Management Division, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 732, Alexandria, VA 22302.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection form and instruction should be directed to Lael J. Lubing on 703-305-2048.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Uniform Grant Application Package for Discretionary Grant Programs.

OMB Number: 0584-0512.

Expiration Date: May 31, 2005.

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

Abstract: FNS has a number of discretionary grant programs which have increased over the last several years, resulting in an increase in the number of respondents. (Consistent with the definition in 7 CFR part 3016, the term "grant" as used in this notice includes cooperative agreements.) The authorities for these grants vary and will be cited as part of each grant application solicitation. The purpose of the revision to the currently approved collection for the Uniform Grant Application Package for Discretionary Grant Programs is to continue the authority for the established uniform grant application package and to update the number of collection hours. The uniform collection package is usable for all of FNS' discretionary grant programs to collect information from grant applicants that are needed to evaluate and rank applicants and protect the integrity of the grantee selection process. All FNS discretionary grant programs will be eligible, but not required, to use the uniform grant application package. Before soliciting applications for a discretionary grant program, FNS will decide whether the uniform grant application package will meet the needs of that grant program. If FNS decides to use the uniform grant application package, FNS will note in the grant solicitation that applicants must use the uniform grant application package and that the information collection has already been approved by OMB. If FNS decides not to use the uniform grant application package or determines that it needs grant applicants to provide additional information not contained in the uniform package, then FNS will publish a notice soliciting comments on its proposal to collect different/additional information before making the grant solicitation.

The uniform grant application package will include general information and instructions; a checklist; a requirement for the program narrative statement describing how the grant objectives will be reached; the Standard Form (SF) 424 series that

requests basic information, budget information, assurances regarding Nonprocurement Debarment and Suspension, the Drug-Free Workplace rule, general assurances, a lobbying certification, and an optional survey form to ensure equal opportunity for applicants. The proposed information collection covered by this notice is related to the requirements for the program narrative statement. The requirements for the program narrative statement are based on the requirements for program narrative statements described in section 1.c(5) of the OMB Circular A-102, and will apply to all types of grantees—State and local governments, non-profit organizations, institutions of higher education, hospitals, and for-profit organizations. The information collection burden related to the SF-424 series, assurances, certification, and optional survey form for all applicants, has been separately approved by OMB. (For availability of the OMB Circular mentioned in this paragraph, please refer to 5 CFR 1310.3.)

Affected Public: State and local governments, non-profit organizations, institutions of higher education, hospitals, and for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 353.

Number of responses per respondent: 1.47.

Estimated Total annual responses: 520.

Hours per response: 62.27.

Number of record keepers: 353.

Estimated Annual hours per record keepers: 62.27.

Total record keeping hours: 32,380.

Total annual reporting hours: 32,380.

Dated: April 7, 2005.

Roberto Salazar,

Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Forest Service****Monongahela National Forest, WV, Allegheny Wood Products Easement EIS**

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: The USDA Forest Service, Monongahela National Forest intends to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to disclose the environmental consequences of authorizing an easement on National Forest System lands. In the EIS, the

USDA Forest Service will address the potential environmental impacts of authorizing the use of an existing abandoned railroad grade to provide reasonable access to a landowner to private lands in the Blackwater Canyon area of Tucker County, West Virginia. See the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for the Purpose and Need for this action.

DATES: Comments concerning the scope of the analysis must be received by May 31, 2005. The draft environmental impact statement is expected August, 2005 and the final environmental impact statement is expected November, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Bill Shields, NEPA Coordinator, Monongahela National Forest, 200 Sycamore Street, Elkins, West Virginia 26241. Send electronic comments to *comments-eastern-monogahela@fs.fed.fus*. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for information on how to send electronic comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bill Shields, Forest NEPA Coordinator, Monongahela National Forest, USDA, Forest Service; telephone: (304) 636-1800 extension 287. See address above under **ADDRESSES**. Copies of the documents may be requested at the same address. Another means of obtaining information is to visit the Forest Web page at *www.fs.fed.us/r9/monogahela*—click on "Forest Planning" then scroll down to Proposed Actions, then AWP Easement EIS.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**Purpose and Need for Action**

The Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) states that the Secretary of Agriculture "shall provide such access to non-federally owned land within the boundaries of the National Forest System as the Secretary deems adequate to secure to the owner the reasonable use and enjoyment thereof * * *" (§ 1323) The responsibility and authority to grant access has been delegated from the Secretary to the Forest Supervisor. Allegheny Wood Products (AWP) has requested access consistent with the ANILCA and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA) to manage the timber resources on their land between the Blackwater River and the railroad grade through Blackwater Canyon. Management activities on the private land would include timber stand improvement, commercial thinnings, and forest protection from insects, disease, and wildfire. There is no deeded access to the AWP property. The