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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

September 1, 2006.

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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Economic Research Service

Title: Rapid Consumer Response Survey.

OMB Control Number: 0536-NEW.

Summary of Collection: The Economic Research Service (ERS), as the lead economic research arm of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, has the responsibility to conduct economic research supporting the mission of the Department. This responsibility includes conducting research and providing information to Department officials on economic issues related to food safety, nutrition and health (including factors related to food choices), consumption patterns at and away from home, food prices, food assistance programs, nutrition education, and food industry structure. USDA faces many demands for information about consumer behavior. To better assess issues of importance to consumers and to agriculture, a pilot survey, entitled Rapid Consumer Response Module (RCRM), is being proposed that will address topical issues in consumer behavior. RCRM will enable the Department to assess consumer attitudes and reactions to market developments and such policy events as the new dietary guidelines, mercury standards for fish, country of origin labeling, price or supply shocks in the food distribution system, and food safety incidents.

Need and Use of the Information: The information collected in the RCRM survey will be on consumption, behavior, and consumer reaction to and opinions about food safety incidents and diet and health issues. The information gained from the RCRM will help researchers formulate their hypotheses and provide key indicators on consumers' attitude or perception on dietary and safety issues. Without the information ERS is not able to conduct the proposed surveys, the agency's ability to have access to timely information about consumer behavior and attitude on diet and health issues will be greatly hampered.

Description of Respondents: Individuals or households.

Number of Respondents: 6,600.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Quarterly.

Total Burden Hours: 3,080.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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Rural Housing Service

Title: 7 CFR 1942–A, Community Facility Loans.

OMB Control Number: 0575–0015.

Summary of Collection: The Rural Housing Service (RHS) is a credit agency within the Rural Development mission area of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). The Community Programs Division of the RHS administers the Community Facilities program under 7 CFR part 1942, subpart A. Rural Development provides loan and grant funds through the Community Facilities program to finance many types of projects varying in size and complexity, from large general hospitals to small fire trucks. The facilities financed are designed to promote the development of rural communities by providing the infrastructure necessary to attract residents and rural jobs. RHS will collect information using several forms.

Need and Use of the Information: RHS will collect information to determine applicant/borrower eligibility, project feasibility, and to ensure borrowers operate on a sound basis and use loan and grant funds for authorized purposes. Failure to collect proper information could result in improper determinations of eligibility, improper use of funds, and/or unsound loans.

Description of Respondents: Not-for-profit institutions; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 3,768.

Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion; Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 57,177.

Rural Housing Service

Title: 7 CFR 1924–F, Complaints and Compensation Defects.

OMB Control Number: 0575–0082.

Summary of Collection: Section 509 of Title V of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended, authorizes the Rural Housing Service (RHS) to pay the costs for correcting defects or compensate borrowers of Section 502 Direct loan funds for expenses arising out of defects with respect to newly constructed dwellings and new manufactured housing units with authorized funds. This regulation provides instruction to all RHS personnel to enable them to implement a procedure to accept and process complaints from borrowers/owners against builders and dealers/contractors, to resolve the complaint informally. When the complaint involves structural defects which cannot be resolved by cooperation of the

builder or dealer/contractor, authorization for expenditure to resolve the defect with grant funds. Resolution could involve expenditure for (1) repairing defects; (2) reimbursing for emergency repairs; (3) pay temporary living expenses or (4) convey dwelling to RHS with release of liability for the RHS loan.

Need and Use of the Information: The information is collected from agency borrowers and the local agency office serving the county in which the dwelling is located. This information is used by Rural Housing Staff to evaluate the request and assist the borrower in identifying possible causes and corrective actions. The information is collected on a case-by-case basis when initiated by the borrower. Without this information, RHS would be unable to assure that eligible borrowers would receive compensation to repair defects to their newly constructed dwellings.

Description of Respondents: Business or for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 500.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 200.

Charlene Parker,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Plumas County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC)

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Plumas County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will hold a meeting on September 29, 2006, in Quincy, CA. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss residual funding and recommend how it might be distributed. The funding is available under the Title II Provisions of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000. Several Cycle 6 projects not yet approved will be included in the discussion and could potentially be recommended to the Plumas (PNF) or Lassen (LNF) National Forest Supervisor for funding. Cost overruns for other projects will also be considered among other alternatives.

DATES AND ADDRESSES: The meeting will take place from 9–12 at the Mineral Building—Plumas/Sierra County Fairgrounds, 208 Fairgrounds Road, Quincy, CA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lee Anne Schramel Taylor, Forest Coordinator, USDA, Plumas National Forest, P.O. Box 11500/159 Lawrence Street, Quincy, CA 95971; (530) 283–7850; or by E-Mail. eataylor@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Agenda items for the September 29 meeting include: (1) Forest Service Update; (2) Residual funding availability; (3) Recommendations for funding distribution, potentially including current Cycle 6 projects not yet approved; and, (3) Review future meeting schedule and agenda. The meetings are open to the public and individuals may address the Committee after being recognized by the Chair. Other RAC information including previous meeting agendas and minutes may be obtained at http://www.notes.fs.fed.us:81/r4/payments_to_states.

Dated: August 30, 2006.

Robert G. Macwhorter,

Deputy Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

[06–01–S]

Designation for the Pocatello (ID), Lewiston (ID), Evansville (IN), and Utah Areas

AGENCY: Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) announces designation of the following organizations to provide official services under the United States Grain Standards Act, as amended (Act): Idaho Grain Inspection Service, Inc. (Idaho); Lewiston Grain Inspection Service, Inc. (Lewiston); Ohio Valley Grain Inspection, Inc. (Ohio Valley); and Utah Department of Agriculture and Food (Utah).

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2006.

ADDRESSES: USDA, GIPSA, Karen Guagliardo, Review Branch Chief, Compliance Division, STOP 3604, Room 1647–S, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250–3604.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karen Guagliardo at 202–720–7312, e-mail Karen.W.Guagliardo@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This action has been reviewed and