

to purchase land and finance agricultural production. The Rural Housing Service (RHS) provides supervised credit in the form of Multi-Family Housing loans to provide eligible persons with economically designed and constructed rental or cooperative housing and related facilities suited to the living requirements. This regulation defines the requirements for debt settlement and the factors the agency considers in approving or rejecting the offer submitted by the borrowers.

Need and Use of the Information: The information submitted by the borrowers is used to determine, if acceptance of the settlement offers on debts owed is in the best interest of the Government. If the information were not collected, outdated and inaccurate information would cause increased losses to the government.

Description of Respondents: Farms; Individuals or households, Business or other for profit; State, local or tribal government.

Number of Respondents: 2,400.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting; On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 20,400.

Risk Management Agency

Title: Apiculture Survey.

OMB Control Number: 0563-NEW.

Summary of Collection: The Risk Management Agency is responsible for promoting, supporting, and regulating a broad array of market-based, risk management programs for agricultural producers. In legislation enacted in 2000 and 2002, Congress authorized and directed the agency to "increase participation by producers of underserved agricultural commodities, including specialty crops" and to "enter into contracts to carry out research and development" to achieve this end.

Need and Use of the Information: RMA and its contractors will evaluate use the information to assess the feasibility of providing a risk management program to apiculture producers. RMA will collect information on levels of production, yields, costs and revenues that cross several years as the basis for constructing an actuarial profile. If this information were not collected, it would not be possible to prepare an actuarially sound profile of the industry.

Description of Respondents: Not-for-profit institutions; Business or other for-profit; State, local or tribal government

Number of Respondents: 1,000.

Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping; Reporting; On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 2,477.

Agricultural Marketing Service

Title: Export Fruit Regulations.

OMB Control Number: 0581-0143.

Summary of Collection: Fresh apples and grapes grown in the United States shipped to any foreign destination must meet minimum quality and other requirements established by regulations issued under the Export Apple Act (7 CFR Part 33) and the Export Grape and Plum Act (7 CFR Part 35). These Acts were designed to promote the foreign trade of the United States in apples and grapes; to protect the reputation of these American-grown commodities; and to prevent deception or misrepresentation of the quality of such products moving in foreign commerce. Currently, plum and pear provisions are not covered under the Export Grape and Plum Act. The regulation issued under the Export Grape and Plum Act (7 CFR Part 35) cover fresh grapes grown in the United States and shipped to foreign destinations, except Canada and Mexico.

Need and Use of the Information: Person who ship fresh apples and grapes grown in the U.S. to foreign destinations must have such shipment inspected and certified by Federal or Federal-State Inspection Service (FSIS) inspectors. Agriculture Marketing Service administers the FSIS. Official FSIS inspection certificates and phytosanitary certificates issued by USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service provide the needed information for USDA. Export carriers are required to keep on file for three years copies of inspection certificates for apples and grapes.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; Farms.

Number of Respondents: 100.

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

Total Burden Hours: 25.

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Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Information Collection; Health Screening Questionnaire

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Forest Service is seeking comments

from all interested individuals and organizations on the continuation of the information collection process for health screening of individuals who seek certification or recertification for firefighter positions. This process is known as the Health Screening Questionnaire. The process applies to individuals applying for firefighter positions and to Forest Service firefighters to determine if they meet the qualifications to safely perform assigned duties as a Forest Service firefighter.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing on or before August 13, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Comments concerning this notice should be addressed to Ed Hollenshead, National Safety Officer, National Interagency Fire Center, Forest Service, USDA, 3833 South Development Avenue, Boise, ID 83705-5354.

Comments also may be submitted via facsimile to (208) 387-5398 or by e-mail to: ehollenshead@fs.fed.us.

The public may inspect comments received at the National Safety Office, National Interagency Fire Center, Forest Service, USDA, 3833 Development Avenue, Boise, ID, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday m.d.t. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead to (208) 387-5102 to facilitate entry to the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ed Hollenshead, National Safety Officer, at (208) 387-5102.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Health Screening Questionnaire.

OMB Number: 0596-0164.

Expiration Date of Approval: June 12, 2004.

Type of Request: Extension with Revision.

Abstract: The Protection Act of 1922 (16 U.S.C. 594) authorizes the Forest Service to fight fires on National Forest System lands. The individuals that perform firefighter jobs are subjected to strenuous working conditions requiring long hours of arduous labor. It is imperative they be in peak physical condition to avoid injury to themselves or their coworkers.

Current or prospective firefighters must complete the Health Screening Questionnaire (HSQ) when seeking employment as a new firefighter with the Forest Service or recertification as a Forest Service firefighter. The information collected pertains to the individuals health status and health history in an effort to determine if any physical conditions exist or have developed that might result in injury or death during fitness testing or when fighting a National Forest wildfire. Forest Service employees will evaluate

the collected information to determine if the individual seeking certification or recertification may begin a fitness program to train for the arduous level "Pack Test" of the Work Capacity Tests. If Forest Service employees determine, based on the collected information, that an individual may not be physically able to train for the arduous level of the Work Capacity Test, the agency will require the individual to undergo a physical examination from a physician.

Information collected will be evaluated by a human resource specialist within the specific unit office to ensure that individuals applying for a position or seeking recertification meet the fitness requirements of the position. Forest Service employees will collect general information about the current health of the individual such as height, weight, current level of fitness activity, previous serious health injuries, diseases, or heart conditions, and special current conditions such as allergies and diabetes. The Forest Service will revise the form by dropping the words "or over the counter" from the second item under "Section A" under subhead "Other Health Issues." This change is requested as prescription medications indicate a condition being treated by a physician, and therefore, represents an indication of the individual's health. Individual's determined to be in sufficient health will be asked to complete the "Work Capacity Tests," which would include testing the level of an individual's aerobic fitness, level of muscular strength, and muscle endurance.

Failure to collect this data will result in a higher number of unwanted injuries, or even deaths, during the "Work Capacity Test" and while working on wildland fires. If the data is not collected annually, there will be no way to determine if an individual's condition has changed since the previous year.

The information provided by an individual will be placed in the person's Official Employee Medical File and any release of the information will be in accordance with the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a) and the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552). Data gathered in this information collection is not available from other sources.

Estimate of Annual Burden: 5 minutes.

Type of Respondents: Current employees requesting certification or recertification as a firefighter (Red-Card) and applicants seeking Forest Service firefighter positions.

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 15,000.

Estimated Annual Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 1,250 hours.

Comment Is Invited

Comment is invited on: (1) Whether this collection of information is necessary for the stated purposes and the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical or scientific utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

All comments received in response to this notice, including names and addresses when provided, will be a matter of public record. Comments will be summarized and included in the submission request toward Office of Management and Budget approval.

Dated: June 3, 2004.

Robin L. Thompson,

Associate Deputy Chief, State and Private Forestry.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Information Collection; Woodsy Owl Official Licensee Royalty Statement

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Forest Service announces its intention to extend an information collection. The collected information will enable the Forest Service to collect royalty fees for the commercial use of the Woodsy Owl symbol and to assess the effectiveness of licensing the Woodsy Owl symbol for commercial use. Information will be collected from individuals and from for-profit businesses and non-profit organizations.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing on or before August 13, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Comments concerning this notice should be addressed to the Office of Conservation Education, National

Symbols Coordinator, Forest Service, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Mail Stop 1147, Washington, DC 20250-0033.

Comments also may be submitted via facsimile to (202) 690-5658 or by e-mail to scummings@fs.fed.us.

The public may inspect comments received at the Office of Conservation Education, Room 1C, Forest Service, USDA, 201 14th Street, SW., Washington, DC. Visitors are urged to call ahead to (202) 205-5681 to facilitate entrance into the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Iris Velez, Office of Conservation Education, at (202) 205-5681.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Woodsy Owl-Smoky Bear Act of 1974 established the Woodsy Owl symbol and slogan, authorized the Forest Service to manage the use of the slogan and symbol, authorized the licensing of the symbol for commercial use, and provided for continued protection of the symbol. The Woodsy Owl symbol may only be used by permission of the Forest Service. Part 272 of title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations authorizes the Chief of the Forest Service to approve commercial use of the Woodsy Owl symbol and to collect royalty fees. Commercial use includes replicating Woodsy Owl as a plush toy and replicating the Woodsy Owl symbol or logo on items, such as tee shirts, mugs, pins, figurines, ornaments, storybooks, stickers, and toys.

The message to the public inherent with the Woodsy Owl symbol is about caring for the environment. Slogans associated with Woodsy Owl are "Give a Hoot, Don't Pollute" and "Lend a Hand, Care for the Land." The goal of Woodsy Owl is to inspire children to observe the natural world around them, to teach children ecological principles, and to motivate children to join in specific actions to help care for the environment.

Description of Information Collection

The following describes the information collection to be extended:

Title: Woodsy Owl Official Licensee Royalty Statement.

OMB Number: 0596-0087.

Expiration Date of Approval: March 31, 2004.

Type of Request: Extension.

Abstract: The Forest Service National Symbols Coordinator will evaluate the data to determine if an individual, corporation, or organization, requesting a license to use the Woodsy Owl symbol