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Rural Housing Service

Title: 7 CFR Part 1944–N—Housing Preservation Grants.

OMB Control Number: 0575–0115.

Summary of Collection: The Rural Housing Service (RHS) is authorized to make grants to eligible applicants to provide repair and rehabilitation assistance so that very low- and low-income rural residents can obtain adequate housing. Such assistance is made by grantees to very low- and low-income persons, and to co-ops. Grant funds are used by grantees to make loans, grants, or other comparable assistance to eligible homeowners, rental unit owners, and co-ops for repair and rehabilitation of dwellings to bring them up to code or minimum property standards. These grants were established by Public Law 98–181, the Housing Urban Rural Recovery Act of 1983, which amended the Housing Act of 1949 (Pub. L. 93–383) by adding section 533, 42 U.S.C. S 2490(m), Housing Preservation Grants.

Need and Use of the Information: An applicant will submit a “Statement of Activity” describing its proposed program. RHS will collect information to determine eligibility for a grant to justify its selection of the applicant for funding; to report program accomplishments and to justify and support expenditure of grant funds. RHS uses the information to determine if the grantee is complying with its grant agreement and to make decisions regarding continuing with modifying, or terminating grant assistance. If the information were not collected and presented to RHS, the Agency could not monitor the program or justify disbursement of grant funds.

Description of Respondents: Not-for-profit institutions; business or other for-profit; individuals or households; State, local or tribal government.

Number of Respondents: 2,423.

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

Total Burden Hours: 11,678.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

April 12, 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) 720–8681.

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Agricultural Research Service

Title: Electronic Mailing List Subscription Form—Water Quality Information Center.

OMB Control Number: 0518–NEW.

Summary of Collection: The National Agricultural Library’s Water Quality Information Center (WQIC) currently maintains Enviro-News, an on-line announcement list. The proposed voluntary “Electronic Mailing List Subscription Form” would give individuals interested in the subject

area of water quality and agriculture an opportunity to receive and post messages to this list. The Electronic Mailing List Subscription will be available for completion on-line at the Web site of the Water Quality Information Center. The authority for the National Agricultural Library to collect the information can be found at CFR, Title 7, Volume 1, Part 2 Subpart K, § 2.65 (92).

Need and Use of the Information: The information requested on the form includes: Name, e-mail address, job title, work affiliation, and topics of interest. Data collected using the form will help WQIC determine a person’s eligibility to join the announcement list. In order to make sure people have a significant interest in the topic area, it is necessary to collect the information. WQIC will use the collected information to approve subscription for a water quality and agriculture on-line announcement list.

Description of Respondents: Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; Farms; Federal Government; State, local, or tribal government.

Number of Respondents: 750.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 13.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

April 13, 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

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Forest Service

Title: Special Use Administration.

OMB Control Number: 0596-0082.

Summary of Collection: Several statutes authorize the Forest Service (FS) to issue and administer authorizations for use and occupancy of National Forest System (NFS) lands and require the collection of information from the public for those purposes including Title 5 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA, Pub. L. 94-579), the Organic Administration Act of 1897, (16 U.S.C. 551); the National Forest Ski Area Permit Act (16 U.S.C. 497b); section 28 of the Mineral Leasing Act (30 U.S.C. 185); the National Forest Roads and Trails Act (FRTA, 16 U.S.C. 532-538); section 7 of the Granger-Thye Act (16 U.S.C. 480d); the Act of May 20, 2000 (16 U.S.C. 460-6d); and the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (16 U.S.C. 6801-6814). Forest Service regulations implementing these authorities, found at Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 251, Subpart B (36 CFR 251, Subpart B), contain information collection requirements, including submission of applications, execution of forms, and imposition of terms and conditions that entail information collection requirements, such as the requirement to submit annual financial information; to prepare and update an operating plan; to prepare and update a maintenance plan; and to submit compliance reports and information updates.

Need and Use of the Information: The information collected is evaluated by the FS to ensure that authorized uses of NFS lands are in the public interest and are compatible with the agency mission. The information helps the agency identify environmental and social impacts of special uses for purposes of compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act and program administration. There are six categories of information collected: (1) Information required from proponents and applicants to evaluate proposals and applications to use or occupy NFS lands; (2) information required from applicants to complete special use authorizations; (3) annual financial information required from holders to determine land use fees; (4) information required from holders to prepare and update operating plans; (5) information required from holders to prepare and update maintenance plans; and (6) information required from holders to complete compliance reports and information updates.

Description of Respondents:

Individuals or households; business or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions; farms; Federal Government; State, local or tribal government.

Number of Respondents: 76,780.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion; Quarterly.

Total Burden Hours: 155,554.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Commodity Credit Corporation

Termination of the Upland Cotton User Marketing Certificate (Step 2) Program

AGENCY: Commodity Credit Corporation, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the termination of the Upland Cotton User Marketing Certificate Program, commonly referred to as the Step 2 Program.

DATES: The effective date of the action announced by this notice is August 1, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Timothy R. Murray, Cotton Program Manager, Warehouse and Inventory Division, Farm Service Agency, USDA, STOP 0553, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-

0553. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact the USDA Target Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TDD). Telephone: (202) 720-6215. Electronic mail: *Tim.Murray@wdc.usda.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 1103 of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 (Pub. L. 109-171) repeals the authorizing language found in Section 136 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (7 U.S.C. 7236) in its entirety, and amends Section 1207 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 7937) eliminating the Upland Cotton User Marketing Certificate Program. The Commodity Credit Corporation is notifying all interested parties.

The effective date of this repeal is August 1, 2006. Therefore, upland cotton used domestically, or exported under the terms and conditions of the Upland Cotton Domestic User/Exporter Agreement after July 31, 2006, will not be eligible for payment under the Upland Cotton User Marketing Certificate Program.

Signed at Washington, DC, on April 4, 2006.

Teresa C. Lasseter,

Executive Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Federal Crop Insurance Corporation

Funding Opportunity Title: Commodity Partnerships for Risk Management Education (Commodity Partnerships Program)

Announcement Type: Availability of Funds and Request for Application for Competitive Cooperative Partnership Agreements—Initial.

Catalog of Federal Domestic

Assistance Number (CFDA): 10.457.

Dates: Applications are due June 2, 2006.

Executive Summary: The Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC), operating through the Risk Management Agency (RMA), announces the availability of approximately \$5.0 million for Commodity Partnerships for Risk Management Education (the Commodity Partnerships Program). The purpose of this cooperative partnership agreement program is to deliver training and information in the management of production, marketing, and financial risk to U.S. agricultural producers. The