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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency

Request for Extension and Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection; Request for Direct Loan Assistance

AGENCY: Farm Service Agency, USDA.
ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intent of the Farm Service Agency (FSA) to request renewal of the information collection currently approved and used in support of the FSA Farm Loan Programs (FLP). This information collection has been revised for clarification in conjunction with the request for extension of the burden package.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received on or before October 21, 2005, to be assured consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sam Snyder, USDA, Farm Service Agency, Loan Making Division, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., STOP 0522, Washington, DC 20250-0522; telephone (202) 720-0599; electronic mail: Sam.Snyder@wdc.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Request for Direct Loan Assistance.

OMB Control Number: 0560-0167.

Expiration Date of Approval: February 28, 2006.

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

Abstract: Form FSA-410-1 is used for collecting information for making eligibility and financial feasibility determinations on respondents' requests for direct operating, farm ownership, and emergency loans and for currently indebted borrowers requesting loan servicing assistance as authorized under the Consolidated Farm and Rural

Development Act. Collection information for making eligibility and financial feasibility determinations on respondents' requests for direct youth loans will now be made on the new Form FSA-2011. Travel time has been included in the Estimated Annual Burden on Respondents.

Estimate of Annual Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 120 minutes per response for the Form FSA-410-1, and 90 minutes for the Form FSA-2011.

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

Estimated Number of Respondents: 30,461.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 59,343.

Comments are invited on the following: (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. These comments should be sent to the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503 and to Sam Snyder, Senior Loan Officer, USDA, Farm Service Agency, Loan Making Division, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., STOP 0522, Washington, DC 20250-0522.

Comments will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Signed in Washington, DC on August 5, 2005.

James R. Little,

Administrator, Farm Service Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Ravalli County Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Ravalli County Resource Advisory Committee will be meeting to discuss and vote on 2005 projects and hold a short public forum (question and answer session). This meeting is being held 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 meeting is open to the public.

DATES: The meeting will be held on August 23, 2005, 6:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Ravalli County Administration Building, 215 S. 4th Street, Hamilton, Montana. Send written comments to Daniel G. Ritter, District Ranger, Stevensville Ranger District, 88 Main Street, Stevensville, MT 59870, by facsimile (406) 777-7423, or electronically to dritter@fs.fed.us.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Daniel Ritter, Stevensville District Ranger and Designated Federal officer, Phone: (406) 777-5461.

Dated: August 15, 2005.

David T. Bull,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Notice of Public Meeting on Cooperative Research Agenda

AGENCY: Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: This is to notify cooperatives and cooperative associations, university personnel, public and private researchers with interests in agricultural and other rural cooperative policy, and other interested persons that Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS) is holding a public meeting for interested persons to express their views on the research needs of rural cooperatives with an emphasis on their business and organizational challenges and appropriate policies for strengthening agricultural and rural cooperatives in the United States.

DATES: The public meeting will be held on September 27, 2005, starting at 9 a.m. eastern time, with registration at 8 a.m. The public meeting will end at 3 p.m. unless concluded earlier.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held in Room 107A Whitten Building, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC. Persons interested in making a presentation at the meeting should send a written request to Dr. John R. Dunn, Director, Cooperative Resources Management Division, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, Room 4206-S, stop 3253, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-3253. Persons that cannot attend the meeting may submit written comments to Dr. John R. Dunn, Director, Cooperative Resources Management Division, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, Room 4206-S, stop 3253, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-3253 no later than September 30, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. John R. Dunn, Director, Cooperative Resources Management Division, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, Room 4206-S, stop 3253, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-3253, telephone: (202) 720-1374.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting will be conducted by representatives of the Department of Agriculture. The proceedings of the meeting will be transcribed and considered in the development of the cooperative research agenda undertaken by Rural Development's Cooperative Programs in support of the research provisions of the Cooperative Marketing Act of 1926. The purpose of the meeting is to collect input and recommendations from the cooperative and cooperative research communities on priority research topics and research strategies. The Agency will compile written presentations and retain them as a summary of the meeting.

To schedule oral testimony for the public meeting, notify Dr. Dunn, in

writing, at the above address. Requests may be sent by facsimile transfer to (202) 690-1375 or e-mailed to: john.dunn@wdc.usda.gov. Persons who wish to make oral presentations must restrict presentations to 15 minutes and are encouraged to have written copies of their complete comments, including exhibits, for inclusion in the official record. Written copies should be sent to Dr. Dunn in advance of the meeting. Persons who register at the public meeting and have not been scheduled in advance to present oral testimony will be given an opportunity to do so if time permits. Otherwise, such persons will be allowed the opportunity to submit their views in writing by October 7, 2005, for inclusion in the official record.

Subject to the limitations described in the preceding paragraph, any interested person will be given the opportunity to appear and be heard with respect to matters relevant and material to the subject. However, presiding officials may limit the number of times that any one person may be heard and limit or exclude material that is irrelevant, immaterial, or unduly repetitious. Such action is intended to focus the discussion on the relevant issues, to ensure that all interested persons have an opportunity to participate to the extent time permits, and to prevent undue prolongation of the meeting. Presiding officials may ask questions at the meeting of persons making presentations. The questions and responses will become a part of the official record.

Copies of the official record of the meeting will not be available for distribution from the Department. However, the record will be available for public inspection in Room 4206 at the Cooperative Programs offices, Room 4206 South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC, during regular business hours.

Dated: August 5, 2005.

Peter J. Thomas,

Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Housing Service

Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Rural Housing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Proposed collection; Comments requested.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Rural Housing Service's intention to request an extension for a currently approved information collection in support of the program for 7 CFR Part 3550, Direct Single Family Housing Loans and Grants and its accompanying Handbooks.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by October 21, 2005 to be assured of consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gale Richardson, Loan Specialist, Single Family Housing, Rural Housing Service, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Mail Stop 0783, Washington, DC 20250-0783, telephone number (202) 720-1459.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Direct Single Family Housing Loans and Grants.

OMB Number: 0575-0172.

Expiration Date of Approval: February 28, 2006.

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

Abstract: The Rural Housing Service (RHS), through its direct single family housing loan and grant programs, provides financial assistance to construct, improve, alter, repair, replace or rehabilitate dwellings, which will provide modest, decent, safe and sanitary housing to eligible individuals in rural areas. To assist a customer, they must provide the Agency with a standard housing application (used by government and private lenders), and provide documentation to support the same. Documentation includes verification of income, financial information on assets and liabilities, etc. The information requested is comparable to that required by any private mortgage lender. To assist individuals in obtaining affordable housing, a borrower's house payment may be subsidized to an interest rate as low as 1%. The amount of subsidy is based upon the customer's household income. After receipt of this information, if the customer obtains a loan from RHS, they must update income information on an annual basis to renew the payment subsidy. The aforementioned information required by RHS is vital to be able to process applications for RHS assistance and make prudent loan underwriting and program decisions. It includes borrower financial information such as household income, assets and liabilities and