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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Docket Number FV-03-302]

Request for an Extension of and Revision to a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), this notice announces the Agricultural Marketing Service's (AMS) intention to request approval from the Office of Management and Budget, for an extension of and revision to the currently approved information collection for "Regulations Governing Inspection, Certification and Standards for Fresh Fruits and Vegetables, and Other Products."

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received on or before September 22, 2003, to be assured of consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact Kathleen A. Staley, Head, Field Operations Section, Fresh Products Branch, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 2058—South Building, Stop 0240, Washington, DC 20250-0240, Phone (202) 720-2482, Fax (202) 720-0393; E-mail kathleen.staley@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Regulations Governing Inspection, Certification and Standards For Fresh Fruits, Vegetables, and Other Products: 7 CFR Part 51.

OMB Number: 0581-0125.

Expiration Date of Approval: February 29, 2004.

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

Abstract: The Fresh Products Branch provides a nationwide inspection and grading service for fresh fruits, vegetables, and other products to shippers, importers, processors, sellers, buyers, and other financially interested parties on a "user fee" basis. The use of this service is voluntary and is made available only upon request or when specified by some special program or contract. Information is needed to carry out the inspection and grading services. Such information includes: The name and location of the person or company requesting the inspection, the type and location of the product to be inspected, the type of inspection being requested and any information that will identify the product.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .03 hours per response.

Respondents: Shippers, importers, processors, sellers, buyers, and others with a financial interest in lots of fresh fruits, vegetables, and other products.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 56,980.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 5.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 8,942.

Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed 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 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 Kathleen A. Staley, Head, Field Operations Section, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Stop 0240, Room 2058—South Building, Washington, DC 20250-0240; Fax (202) 720-0393. All comments received will be available for public inspection during

regular business hours at the same address.

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

Dated: July 17, 2003.

A.J. Yates,

Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 03-071-1]

Notice of Request for Extension of Approval of an Information Collection

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Extension of approval of an information collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's intention to request an extension of approval of an information collection in support of animal disease surveillance programs.

DATES: We will consider all comments that we receive on or before September 22, 2003.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by postal mail/commercial delivery or by e-mail. If you use postal mail/commercial delivery, please send four copies of your comment (an original and three copies) to: Docket No. 03-071-1, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3C71, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238. Please state that your comment refers to Docket No. 03-071-1. If you use e-mail, address your comment to regulations@aphis.usda.gov. Your comment must be contained in the body of your message; do not send attached files. Please include your name and address in your message and "Docket No. 03-071-1" on the subject line.

You may read any comments that we receive on this docket in our reading room. The reading room is located in room 1141 of the USDA South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue

SW., Washington, DC. Normal reading room hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 690-2817 before coming.

APHIS documents published in the **Federal Register**, and related information, including the names of organizations and individuals who have commented on APHIS dockets, are available on the Internet at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppd/rad/webrepor.html>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information regarding the use of Veterinary Services (VS) Form 10-4, contact Ms. Connie J. Osmundson, Financial Analyst, National Veterinary Services Laboratories, VS, APHIS, USDA, 1800 Dayton Road, Ames, IA 50010; (515) 663-7571. For copies of more detailed information on the information collection, contact Mrs. Celeste Sickles, APHIS' Information Collection Coordinator, at (301) 734-7477.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Specimen Submission.

OMB Number: 0579-0090.

Type of Request: Extension of approval of an information collection.

Abstract: The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is responsible for, among other things, preventing the interstate spread of animal diseases and for eradicating such diseases from the United States when feasible.

Disease prevention is the most effective method for maintaining a healthy animal population and enhancing international trade of animals and animal products. The Veterinary Services (VS) program of USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service is responsible for carrying out this disease prevention mission.

Disease prevention is accomplished with an effective disease surveillance program, which is conducted by VS. The VS Form 10-4 and its supplemental sheet (VS Form 10-4A) are critical components of our disease surveillance mission. They are routinely used whenever specimens (such as blood, milk, tissue, or urine) from any animal (including cattle, swine, sheep, goats, horses, and poultry) are submitted to our National Veterinary Services Laboratories for disease testing.

We are asking the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve our use of these information collection activities for an additional 3 years.

The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments from the public (as well as

affected agencies) concerning our information collection. These comments will help us:

(1) Evaluate 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;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the information collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the information collection on those who are to respond, through use, as appropriate, of automated, electronic, mechanical, and other collection technologies, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Estimate of burden: The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.25 hours per response.

Respondents: State veterinary officials, accredited veterinarians, animal health technicians and other personnel who are qualified to collect and submit specimens for laboratory analysis, and herd owners.

Estimated annual number of respondents: 12,000.

Estimated annual number of responses per respondent: 3.

Estimated annual number of responses: 36,000.

Estimated total annual burden on respondents: 9,000 hours. (Due to averaging, the total annual burden hours may not equal the product of the annual number of responses multiplied by the reporting burden per response.)

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

Done in Washington, DC, this 17th day of July 2003.

Peter Fernandez,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

West Troy EIS; Kootenai National Forest, Lincoln County, MT

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

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

SUMMARY: The Forest Service will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for a proposal for urban interface fuels treatments, vegetation management, watershed rehabilitation activities, and access management changes, including road decommissioning. The project is located on the Three Rivers Ranger District, Kootenai National Forest, Lincoln County, Montana, west of Troy, Montana.

Scoping Comment Date

Comments concerning the scope of the analysis should be received by August 31, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and suggestions concerning the scope of the analysis should be sent to Michael L. Balboni, District Ranger, Three Rivers Ranger District, 1437 Hwy 2, Troy, MT 59935.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact Jim Benedict or Steve Straley, Team Leaders, Three Rivers Ranger District, 1437 Hwy 2, Troy, MT 59935. Phone: (406) 295-4693.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The project area is immediately west of Troy, Montana, within T31N, R34W; T32N, R34W; T32N, R35W; PMM, Lincoln County, Montana; T58N, R3E; T59N, R2E; T59N, R3E; PMM, Bonner County, Idaho, and T60N, R3E, PMM, Boundary County, Idaho. The project area runs from the Kootenai River west to the boundary between the Kootenai and Idaho Panhandle National Forests. The project area is 90,770 acres, of which 49,270 acres are in Montana and 41,500 acres are in Idaho. Callahan Creek, Brush Creek, Ruby Creek, and Star Creek are the major drainages in the project area.

The purpose and need for this project is to: (1) Reduce fuels in the urban interface and adjacent to private timberlands in accordance with the National Fire Plan; (2) Manage for vegetative conditions that are more suitable to a fire-dependent ecosystem and, in the long term, encourage more resilient and sustainable forest conditions; (3) Contribute forest products to the economy and provide employment opportunities; (4) Improve conditions in old growth habitat; (5) Improve growing conditions and long-term management options for overstocked sampling/pole stands; and (6) Reduce adverse effects of roads on fish and water quality in the Callahan Creek drainage by treating unneeded roads.

To meet this purpose and need this project proposes: