

direction of and supervision of the Farm Service Agency (FSA) through its State and County Committees. The LMAAP is authorized by the Act of August 24, 1935, clause (3) of section 32, and are implemented by regulations at 7 CFR Part 748, which provide for the reestablishment of farmers' purchasing power by making payments in connection with the normal production of any agricultural commodity for domestic consumption. Recently the surge of low-priced, imported lamb-meat causes the threat of injury to U.S. producers in the sheep and lamb industry. The objective of the program is to make direct payments to producers of sheep and lamb operations to help them weather the current economic crisis, as well as, help improve their production efficiencies and the marketability of lamb meat during the 3 year period from July 21, 1999, through July 31, 2002. FSA will collect information using forms FSA-382 and 383.

Need and Use of the Information: FSA will collect the following information: (1) Sheep and lamb operation name; (2) each related producer's name; (3) ID number and shares; (4) the number of rams purchased for the intended purpose of breeding; (5) the number of eligible sheep enrolled in and eligible sheep improvement program; and/or (6) the type and cost of the facility improvement. The information is needed to verify commodity and producer eligibility and calculate payment amounts. Without the information from the producers, FSA would be unable to administer the program to provide direct payments to the sheep and lamb operations.

Description of Respondents: Farm; Individuals or households; Business or other-for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 60,000.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 25,000.

Agency is requesting and emergency approval by May 20, 2000.

William McAndrew,

Departmental Clearance Officer.

[FR Doc. 00-13236 Filed 5-25-00; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 3410-01-M

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[TB-00-09]

Flue-Cured Tobacco Advisory Committee—Notice of Committee Renewal

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of committee renewal.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Secretary of Agriculture has renewed the Flue-Cured Tobacco Advisory Committee for an additional period of 2 years.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John P. Duncan III, Deputy Administrator, Tobacco Programs, AMS, USDA, 300 12th Street, S.W., Stop 0280, Room 502 Annex Building, P.O. Box 96456, Washington, D.C. 20090-6456, (202) 205-0567.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Committee, which reports to the Secretary through the Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs, recommends opening dates and selling schedules for the flue-cured marketing area which aid the Secretary in making an equitable apportionment and assignment of tobacco inspectors. The Committee consists of 39 members; 21 producer representatives, 10 warehouse representatives, and 8 buyer representatives, representing all segments of the flue-cured tobacco industry and meets at the call of the Secretary. The Secretary has determined that renewal of this Committee is in the public interest.

To ensure that recommendations of the Committee take into account the needs of diverse groups served by the Department, membership should include, to the extent practicable, persons with demonstrated ability to represent minorities, women, and persons with disabilities.

This notice is given in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.).

Dated: May 22, 2000.

Paul W. Fiddick,

Assistant Secretary for Administration.

[FR Doc. 00-13239 Filed 5-25-00; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 3410-02-P

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Plantation Lakes Project; Ottawa National Forest, Houghton County, Michigan

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

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

SUMMARY: The USDA-Forest Service will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Plantation Lakes Project to disclose the effects of timber harvest, site preparation for natural and artificial regeneration, planting, road management including: road construction, reconstruction, temporary road construction, obliteration, and motorized vehicle closure; dispersed parking area installation and improvement, trail construction, maintenance of permanent openings for wildlife habitat, and classification of old growth, in the Frost Opportunity Area on the Ontonagon Ranger District, and the Connors, Kenton, Plantation Lakes, and Richard Lake Opportunity Areas on the Kenton Ranger District, located approximately 7 air miles northeast of Kenton, Michigan. The purpose and need for action is to: (1) Promote and maintain processes which would enhance natural species diversity, manage to reduce insect and disease potential below epidemic levels, and decrease fire hazard in the long term while providing a supply of wood products for regional and local needs to help support a stable economic base within the dependent geographical area. (2) Maintain and enhance habitat capable of sustaining long-term populations of a variety of wildlife species. (3) Maintain a road system that allows for management of National Forest lands and provides for public access while meeting other resource needs, and (4) Provide dispersed recreation opportunities to meet public needs.

The DEIS is expected to be filed with the EPA and available for public review by September, 2000.

DATES: Written comments and suggestions should be received on or before June 26, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and suggestions concerning the scope of the analysis should be sent to Leanne Marten, District Ranger, Ontonagon District, 1209 Rockland Road, Ontonagon, MI 49953.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact Allen Nicholson, Interdisciplinary Team Leader, Iron