

(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 (such as, through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of responses).

Estimate of burden: The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .1818 hours per response.

Respondents: Wheat growers, handlers, owners of grain storage facilities, flour millers, seed companies, and Farm Service Administration personnel.

Estimated annual number of respondents: 1,261.

Estimated annual number of responses per respondent: 9.26407.

Estimated annual number of responses: 11,682.

Estimated total annual burden on respondents: 2,124 hours. (Due to rounding, the total annual burden hours may not equal the product of the annual number of responses multiplied by the average 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 16th day of March 2000.

Bobby R. Acord,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Commodity Credit Corporation

Notice of Request for Extension and Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Commodity Credit Corporation, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Commodity Credit Corporation's (CCC) intention to request an extension for and revision to currently approved information collections in support of the CCC's Export Enhancement Program (EEP) and the CCC's Dairy Export Incentive Program (DEIP) based on re-estimates.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by May 22, 2000, to be assured of consideration.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS:

Contact Merle Brown, Director, Program Administration Division, Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, AgBox 1031, Washington, DC 20250-1031, telephone (202) 720-3573. Persons with disabilities who require an alternative means for communication of information (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact USDA's Target Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TDD).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Title:* CCC's Export Enhancement Program (EEP) and CCC's Dairy Export Incentive Program (DEIP).

OMB Numbers: 0551-0028 (EEP) and 0551-0029 (DEIP). These will be combined into OMB Number 0551-0028 if this request is approved.

Expiration Date of Approval: July 31, 2000.

Type of Request: Extension and revision of currently approved information collections, with change to combine 0551-0028 (CCC's Export Enhancement Program) and 0551-0029 (CCC's Dairy Export Incentive Program).

Abstract: The major objective of the EEP and DEIP is to expand U.S. agricultural exports by paying cash to exporters as bonuses, allowing them to sell U.S. agricultural products in targeted countries at competitive prices. Currently, 120 countries and 3 country regions are targeted export destinations and 820 exporters are eligible to participate under either or both programs. Under 7 CFR part 1494, exporters are required to submit the following: (1) information required for program participation (section 1494.301), (2) performance security (section 1494.401), (3) export sales information in connection with applying for a CCC bonus (section 1494.501), and (4) evidence of export and related information (section 1494.701). In addition, each exporter must maintain accurate records showing sales and deliveries of the eligible commodity exported in connection with an agreement made under the EEP or DEIP as outlined in section 1494.1001. The information collected is used by CCC to manage, plan for, evaluate the use of, and account for Government resources. The reports and records are required to ensure the proper and judicious use of public funds.

Estimate of Burden: The public reporting burden for these collections is estimated to average 0.45 hours per response.

Respondents: Exporters of U.S. agricultural commodities, banks or other

financial institutions, producer associations, export trade associations, and U.S. Government agencies.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 40 per annum.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 90 per annum.

Estimated Total Annual Burden of Responses: 1,636 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Kimberly Chisley, the Agency Information Collection Coordinator, at (202) 720-2568.

Requests for Comments

Send comments regarding (a) 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; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to Merle Brown, Director, Program Administration Division, Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, AgBox 1031, Washington, DC 20250-1031, or to the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503.

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.

Signed at Washington, D.C. on March 16, 2000.

Richard Fritz,

General Sales Manager, Foreign Agricultural Service, and Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency

Notice of Request for Revision and Extension of Currently Approved Information Collection

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 revision and extension of currently approved information collections used in support of FSA's Farm Loan Programs (FLP). The renewal includes revisions to information collections resulting from the new Low-Documentation Direct Operating Loan application process which will be published under a separate **Federal Register** publication titled, "Implementation of Lo-Documentation Direct Operating Loan (Lo-Doc) Regulations." Lo-Doc makes the Direct Operating Loan program application process more consistent with the guaranteed loan program and standard industry practices. Loan processing will be more efficient and less time consuming.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received on or before May 22, 2000 to be assured consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cathy Quayle, Senior Loan Officer, USDA, Farm Service Agency, Loan Making Division, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, STOP 0522, Washington, D.C. 20250-0522; Telephone (202) 690-4018; Electronic mail: cquayle@wdc.fsa.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Title:* Receiving and Processing Applications. *OMB Control Number:* 0560-0178. *Expiration Date of Approval:* April 30, 2000.

Type of Request: Revision and Extension of Currently Approved Information Collection.

Abstract: The information collected under OMB Control Number 0560-0178 is used in processing applications for direct FLP loans. Specifically, the Agency uses the information in making eligibility and financial feasibility determinations for direct operating, farm ownership, and emergency loans, as authorized under the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act. The specific information collected is business and entity supporting documentation on organizational structure and financial information, documentation of farm experience and training, verification that the applicant is unable to obtain credit elsewhere, historical financial and production records, and copies of any lease agreements or legal descriptions of real estate they own. Regulations are being revised under a separate **Federal Register** publication to implement a Lo-Doc application process which will decrease collections required from applicants requesting operating loans of \$50,000 or less, or recurring annual operating loans. Lo-Doc will decrease

the burden on both FSA employees and customers. Specifically, for Lo-Doc application processing only the entity supporting documentation information from this collection may be required.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 4.2 hours per response.

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

Estimated Number of Respondents: 34,970.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 5.03.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 147,551.

Comments are sought on these requirements including: (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 collections 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, D.C. 20503 and to Cathy Quayle, USDA, FSA, Farm Loan Programs, Loan Making Division, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, STOP 0522, Washington D.C. 20250-0522. Copies of the information collection may be obtained from Cathy Quayle at the above address.

Comments regarding paperwork burden will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval of the information collection. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Signed in Washington, D.C., on March 13, 2000.

Keith Kelly,

Administrator, Farm Service Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

East Side Project, McKean, Elk and Forest Counties, PA

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Revised notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: Reference is made to our notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement for the East Side Project (FR Document 98-10895 filed 4/23/98) published in the **Federal Register**, Volume 63, No. 79, Friday, April 24, 1998, pages 20368-69.

In accordance with Forest Service Environmental Policy and Procedures handbook 1909.15, part 21.2—*Revision of Notices of Intent*, we are revising the date that the Draft Environmental Impact Statement is expected to be filed with the Environmental Protection Agency and be available for public review and comment to April 10, 2000. Subsequently, the date the final EIS is scheduled to be completed is revised to be August 1, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gary W. Kell, Allegheny National Forest at P.O. Box 847, Warren, PA 16365 or by telephone at 814/723-5150.

Dated: March 14, 2000.

John E. Palmer,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Hidden Cedar Project, ID; Panhandle National Forests, Shoshone County, ID

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

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

SUMMARY: The St. Joe Ranger District of the Idaho Panhandle National Forest is considering vegetation, watershed restoration, and access management activities in the Hidden Cedar Project. The project area is located approximately 26 miles south of the town of St. Maries on the St. Maries River.

The proposed action was designed to meet the primary objectives listed below. The interdisciplinary team reviewed the Natural Resource Agenda, the Interior Columbia Basin Ecosystem Management Project, the Idaho Panhandle Forest Plan, and the St. Joe