

common elements from interested respondents such as name, organization, address, country, phone number, State, City or Town, payment options (cash, credit card, check) and special accommodations requests. The respondents are mainly individuals who are interested in attending the FSA-sponsored conferences or events. The information is used to collect payment from the respondents and make hotel reservations and other special arrangements as necessary.

*Estimate of Annual Burden:* 15 minutes.

*Type of Respondents:* Individuals.

*Estimated Annual Number of Respondents:* 900.

*Estimated Annual Number of Responses per Respondent:* 900.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 225.

Comment is invited on: (1) Whether this collection of information is necessary for the stated purposes and 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 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 respondents, including the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

All comments received in response to this notice, including names and addresses when provided, will be a matter of public record. Comments will be summarized and included in the submission for Office of Management and Budget approval.

Signed at Washington, DC, on July 28, 2003.

**James R. Little,**

*Administrator, Farm Service Agency.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Farm Service Agency

#### **Release of Georgia Tobacco Farmers' Social Security Numbers to the State of Georgia for Matching Payments Under the Tobacco Payment Program**

**AGENCY:** Farm Service Agency, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the Farm Service Agency's (FSA's) intent to

release the Social Security Numbers of those Georgia tobacco farmers who received 2003 Federal Tobacco Payment Program (TOPP) payments to the State of Georgia and instructs interested parties how to opt out of the release. Social Security Numbers will enable Georgia to distribute an identical sum of State funds to each Georgia farmer who received a Federal TOPP payment.

**DATES:** To be assured of consideration, requests for exemption from the release of Social Security information must be received in writing on or before August 22, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Mail or hand-deliver requests to opt out of the release of Social Security information to Director, Tobacco Division, FSA, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 5750-S, STOP 0514, Washington, DC 20250-0514. Also, requests may be sent by facsimile to (202) 720-9832 or by e-mail to [tob\\_comments@wdc.usda.gov](mailto:tob_comments@wdc.usda.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ann Wortham, Agricultural Program Specialist, Tobacco Division, FSA, USDA, STOP 0514, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-0514; Telephone—(202) 720-2715; e-mail—[ann\\_wortham@wdc.usda.gov](mailto:ann_wortham@wdc.usda.gov)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 205 of the Agricultural Assistance Act of 2003 (Pub. L. 108-7) (the Act) provides for Federal TOPP payments to be made to eligible persons for certain kinds of tobacco. Tobacco farmers who applied for Federal TOPP payments were required to provide their Social Security Numbers to the Farm Service Agency (FSA).

The Act includes a special rule for Georgia that requires that Federal payments would be made to farmers in Georgia only if the State of Georgia agreed to use \$13,000,000 of State funds to make payments concurrently, or subsequently, to the same persons and in the same manner as stipulated for the TOPP payments.

In order to efficiently and expeditiously make the matching payments to Georgia tobacco farmers, the State of Georgia has requested that FSA provide the names, addresses, Social Security Numbers, and the amount of money to be paid to each farmer. Precautions will be taken to ensure that the Social Security information will only be used by the State of Georgia to make matching payments and will not be released to outside entities or individuals. The matching State payments can provide much needed financial help to Georgia farmers and therefore the Secretary intends to release the Social Security Numbers to the State of Georgia.

However, because Social Security Numbers are private, the Secretary will not release the Social Security Numbers of Georgia tobacco farmers who request that they not be released. Farmers who want to opt out of the release must send written notice of their election to the Director of the Tobacco Division, as provided in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

Each farmer should understand that not releasing his or her Social Security Number to the State of Georgia could result in a delay in receiving a payment from the State or ineligibility for such a payment. FSA does not expect many farmers to opt out of the release.

Signed at Washington, DC, on August 1, 2003.

**James R. Little,**

*Administrator, Farm Service Agency.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### **Information Collection; Interpretive Services at Ancient Bristlecone Pine Forest in the Inyo National Forest**

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Forest Service is seeking comments from all interested individuals and organizations on a new information collection, Interpretive Services at Ancient Bristlecone Pine Forest in the Inyo National Forest. This study requires administration of a survey to a statistical sample of site visitors.

**DATES:** Comments must be received in writing on or before October 6, 2003 to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments concerning this notice should be addressed to Dr. James Absher, USDA Forest Service, Pacific Southwest Research Station, 4955 Canyon Crest Drive, Riverside, CA 92507. Comments also may be submitted via facsimile to (909) 680-1501 or by e-mail to [jabsher@fs.fed.us](mailto:jabsher@fs.fed.us). The public may inspect comments received at the address given previously during normal business hours. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead to (909) 680-1559 to facilitate entry to the building.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. James Absher, Pacific Southwest Research Station, at (909) 680-1501.