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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Information Collection; Pesticide-Use Proposal.

AGENCY: Forest Service, Agriculture (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 the renewal of a currently approved information collection, Pesticide-Use Proposal.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing on or before August 25, 2025 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 Eric C. Sprague, USDA Forest Service, Forest Health Protection, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250. Comments also may be submitted by email to eric.sprague@usda.gov.

Please do not include in your comments information of a confidential nature, such as sensitive personal information or proprietary information. If you send an email comment, your email address will be automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the public docket and made available on the internet. Please note that responses to this public comment request containing any routine notice about the confidentiality of the communication will be treated as public comments that may be made available to the public notwithstanding the inclusion of the routine notice.

The public may request an electronic copy of the draft supporting statement and/or any comments received be sent via return email. Requests should be emailed to eric.sprague@usda.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Eric C. Sprague, State, Private, and Tribal Forestry, Forest Health Protection, by email eric.sprague@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Pesticide-Use Proposal.

OMB Number: 0596-0241.

Expiration Date of Approval: May 31, 2025.

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

Abstract: The Forest Service has Federal land stewardship responsibilities for approximately 193 million acres. Forest Service land management responsibilities require use of integrated pest management, which in certain circumstances includes use of pesticides. The Forest Service currently uses form FS-2100-2, Pesticide-Use Proposal (PUP), internally to collect and review pesticide-applications intended to control pests of grasslands and forests under its administrative responsibility (under FSM 2150, and FSH 2109.14). The Forest Service anticipates requests from outside entities for application of pesticides upon Forest Service administered lands within rights-of-way easements, permitted lands, and under similar circumstances.

The Forest Service proposes to use the PUP form to collect pesticide project information from those outside entities to facilitate authorization of selected activities. Completion of the PUP form includes identification of pests to be controlled, pesticide to be applied, and other regulatory compliance information, such as use of certified applicators. Because pesticide-use projects are designed for local conditions, it is appropriate for the PUP form to be used to ensure that essential details are uniformly assembled for review.

Proposals will be evaluated by Forest Service pesticide use coordinators and other administrative personnel to safeguard human health and ecological protection consistent with Forest Service land use management programs. Form and instructions will be posted on a Forest Service website for ready public availability.

Affected Public: Individuals and Households, Businesses and Organizations, and State, Local, or Tribal Governments responsible for pest control, including vegetation

management along rights-of-way, upon lands administered by the Forest Service.

Estimate of Burden per response: 12 hours.

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 36.

Estimated Annual Number of Responses: 50.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 600 hours.

Public Comment is Invited: 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 or scientific 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 request toward Office of Management and Budget approval.

John Crockett,

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