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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

December 1, 2004.

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments regarding (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 collection techniques or other forms of information technology should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), *Pamela_Beverly_OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV* or fax (202) 395-5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250-7602. Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-8681.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to

the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

National Agricultural Statistics Service

Title: Cold Storage.

OMB Control Number: 0535-0001.

Summary of Collection: The primary objective of the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) is to prepare and issue State and national estimates of crop and livestock production. The monthly Cold Storage Survey provides information on national supplies of food commodities in refrigerated storage facilities and is used as part of the country's preparedness in case of a national emergency. The data will be collected under the authority of 7 U.S.C. 2204. This statute specifies "The Secretary of Agriculture shall procure and preserve all information concerning agriculture which he can obtain * * * by the collection of statistics * * * and shall distribute them among agriculturists."

Need and Use of the Information: USDA agencies such as the World Agricultural Outlook Board, Economic Research Service, and Agricultural Marketing Service use the information from the Cold Storage Report in setting and administering government commodity programs and in supply and demand analysis. Included in the report are 100 food items and stock figures that are used by food processors, food brokers, and farmers in making production, marketing and pricing decisions. The timing and frequency of the surveys have evolved to meet the needs of producers, facilities, agribusinesses, and government agencies.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 3,920.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: monthly; annually; biennially.

Total Burden Hours: 6,341.

National Agricultural Statistics Service

Title: Field Crops Production.

OMB Control Number: 0535-0002.

Summary of Collection: One of the National Agricultural Statistics Services' (NASS) primary functions is to prepare and issue current State and national estimates of crop and livestock production. The general authority for collecting this information is granted under U.S. Code Title 7, Section 2204. NASS will conduct field crop surveys to

monitor agricultural developments across the country that may impact on the nation's food supply and to ensure that there are sufficient samples to provide accurate indications for NASS published estimates.

Need and Use of the Information: NASS will collect information through the use of mail, telephone, and personnel interviews surveys. The Secretary of Agriculture uses estimates of crop production to administer farm program legislation and to make decisions relative to the export-import programs. Collecting this information less frequently would eliminate the data needed to keep the Department abreast of changes at the State and national level.

Description of Respondents: Farms; business or other for-profits.

Number of Respondents: 605,951.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: weekly, monthly, quarterly, annually.

Total Burden Hours: 122,145.

National Agricultural Statistics Service

Title: Fruits, Nut, and Specialty Crops.

OMB Control Number: 0535-0039.

Summary of Collection: The primary function of the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) is to prepare and issue current official State and national estimates of crop and livestock production. Estimates of fruit, tree nuts, and specialty crops are an integral part of this program. These estimates support the NASS strategic plan to cover all agricultural cash receipts. The authority to collect these data is granted under U.S. Code Title 7, Section 2204. Information is collected on a voluntary basis from growers, processors, and handlers through surveys.

Need and Use of the Information: Data reported on fruit, nut, and Hawaii tropical crops are used by NASS to estimate acreage, yield, production, utilization, and crop value in states with significant commercial production. These estimates are essential to farmers, processors, and handlers in making production and marketing decisions. Estimates from these inquiries are used by market order administrators in their determination of expected supplies of crop under federal and state market orders as well as competitive fruits and nuts.

Description of Respondents: Farms; business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 70,086.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: on occasion; annually; quarterly; semi-annually; monthly.

Total Burden Hours: 10,117.

National Agriculture Statistics Service

Title: Childhood Injury and Adult Occupational Survey.

OMB Control Number: 0535-0235.

Summary of Collection: Primary function of the National Agricultural Statistics Services (NASS) is to prepare and issue state and national estimates of crop and livestock production under the authority of 7 U.S.C. 2204. NASS will conduct a national childhood agricultural injury survey and an adult occupational farm injury survey focusing on minority farm operators. The study will provide estimates of annual childhood and adult nonfatal injury incidence rates, annual injury frequencies, and descriptive injury information for children under the age of 20 living, working or visiting farm operations.

Need and Use of the Information: Data from this survey will provide a source of consistent information that the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) can use to target funds appropriated by Congress for the prevention of childhood agricultural injuries and adult occupational injuries. No source of data on childhood injuries or adult occupational farm injuries exists that covers all aspects of the agricultural production sector. If this information is not collected, NIOSH's ability to track and evaluate the impact of its injury prevention efforts will decrease.

Description of Respondents: Farms.

Number of Respondents: 50,500.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: other.

Total Burden Hours: 12,111.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Information Collection; Request for Comment; Homeowner Risk Reduction Behaviors Concerning Wildfire Risks

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

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, one-time information collection, Homeowner Risk Reduction Behaviors Concerning Wildfire Risks. The information will be collected from homeowner groups, such as homeowners associations, that have been affected by wildfires.

The information collected will focus on homeowners who live in the wildland-urban interface and that were affected by the Hayman fire in Colorado, the B&B Complex fire in Oregon, and the Old and Cedar fires in California. The information provided by this study will allow Forest Service land managers to better understand which risk reduction behaviors homeowners choose to undertake, as well as ones they choose not to undertake, and factors that influence these choices. This information will assist the Forest Service in their risk communication efforts with "at risk" communities and individuals.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing on or before February 7, 2005 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. Brian Kent, Project Leader, Rocky Mountain Research Station, Forest Service, USDA, 2150 Centre Avenue, Building A, Fort Collins, CO 80526.

Comments also may be submitted via facsimile to (970)295-5959 or by e-mail to: bkent@fs.fed.us.

The public may inspect comments received at Rocky Mountain Research Station, Forest Service, USDA, 2150 Centre Avenue, Building A, Fort Collins, Colorado, during normal business hours. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead to (970) 295-5955 to facilitate entry to the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Brian Kent, Rocky Mountain Research Station, at (970) 295-5955. Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339 twenty-four hours a day, every day of the year, including holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Homeowner Risk Reduction Behaviors Concerning Wildfire Risks.

OMB Number: 0596-New.

Expiration Date of Approval: N/A.

Type of Request: New.

Abstract: The threat of wildfire to residents located in areas next to forested public lands has increased significantly during the last decade. As homeowners migrate to areas that are at increasing risk from wildfire they face important decisions regarding how much risk to accept from various

sources. An important component of making decisions regarding risk is to understand the behaviors that are effective at reducing the risk and the information sources that are considered reliable for risk reduction information. To gain a better insight into homeowners' perceptions of wildfire risk, behaviors that reduce wildfire risk, and most effective methods of communicating the risk of wildfire, it is important to collect information directly from the homeowners that are at risk. The results of the collection will provide important information for public land managers and private homeowners that will improve the understanding of the issues and options between both groups.

Homeowners, located in the wildland-urban interface in areas that were affected by wildfires, will be asked to return surveys. The homeowners will be members of organized homeowners associations and their participation is voluntary. The survey will be mailed to homeowners by Integrated Resource Solutions in Boulder, Colorado, operating under a Research Joint Venture with the Forest Service Rocky Mountain Research Station in Fort Collins, Colorado.

The type of information collected will include: (1) Risk perceptions regarding wildfire, (2) risk reduction behaviors associated with wildfire, (3) sources of information regarding wildfires and wildfire risk reduction, and (4) socio-economic information.

The data collected will be analyzed by Forest Service researchers at the Rocky Mountain Research Station and the following cooperators: Drs. Ingrid and Wade Martin of California State University of Long Beach, Long Beach, California, and Dr. Holly Bender of Integrated Resource Solutions, Boulder, Colorado. The results will be made available to Forest Service land managers, the respondents and other interested parties.

This information will enhance the ability of Forest Service land managers on National Forests to communicate and understand the public and their preferences regarding the management of wildfire risk. Without this type of information, Forest Service land managers and the public will continue to interact on the issues of wildfire risk without a broad-based understanding of the factors that lessen wildfire risk, factors that are important to homeowners.

Estimate of Annual Burden: 20 minutes.

Type of Respondents: Homeowners located in the wildland-urban interface in the western United States.