

(d) Procedures for the Recipient to prevent any of its personnel, invitees, or agents or subrecipient at any tier and at any dollar value from engaging in or tolerating exploitation, sexual abuse, child abuse, and neglect. The Recipient must also have procedures to monitor, detect, and terminate, or take any other actions as may be appropriate, for any of its personnel, invitees, or agents, subrecipients or subrecipient personnel that have engaged in such activities.

B. Annual Burden

There will be a small, but measurable reporting burden for the notification of any credible information of exploitation, sexual abuse, child abuse, or neglect and any actions taken in response by any Recipient. Information in the notifications should include: The award title and number, the location of the program, name of the organization, a point of contact, the type of allegation, and the position(s) of those involved, and if beneficiaries or minors were involved. The notification may also identify any actions taken to investigate or respond to the allegation, including referral to local authorities. If known or available, next steps to address the perpetrator and/or the survivor's and whistleblower's safety, resources and information available to the survivor, and any established organizational procedures or framework to respond may also be provided. The notifications should include: Any interim or final measures taken or planned to ensure accountability of the alleged perpetrator, as well as protective measures or reforms, such as changes to applicable policies and procedures, in order to assess, address, or mitigate factors that contributed to the incident. USAID expects reporting to increase as awareness for this requirement increases in the short-term. Therefore, the annual reporting burden for notification to USAID is estimated as follows:

Respondents: 253.

Responses per respondent: 2.

Preparation hours per response: 4 hours.

Total response burden hours: 2,024.

Public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 24 hours to prepare a compliance plan, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. The number below includes all grants and estimated subawards over \$500,000 required to be performed outside the United States.

The annual recordkeeping burden for the compliance plan is estimated as follows:

Recordkeepers: 2,365.

Records per recordkeeper: 1.

Preparation hours per response: 24.

Total recordkeeping burden hours: 56,760.

For Recipients that meet the \$500,000 threshold to maintain a compliance plan, there will be a small but measurable reporting burden for submission of that compliance plan, but only when it is requested by the Agreement Officer. We anticipate that requests to submit the compliance plan will only occur in circumstances where the Agreement Officer has reason to believe that there may be exploitation, sexual abuse, child abuse, or neglect in USAID funded programming. Therefore, the annual reporting burden for submission of the compliance plan to USAID is estimated as follows:

Respondents: 200.

Responses per respondent: 1.

Preparation hours per response: 1.

Total response burden hours: 200.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Information Collection: Forest Industries and Logging Operations Data Collection Systems

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 the extension with revision of a currently approved information collection, Forest Industries and Logging Operations Data Collection Systems.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing on or before October 12, 2021 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:

Email: consuelo.brandeis@usda.gov.

Mail: Consuelo Brandeis, Southern Research Station, Forest Inventory and Analysis, Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, 4700 Old Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN 37919.

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Comments submitted in response to this notice may be made available to the public through relevant websites and upon request. For this reason, please do not include any 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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Consuelo Brandeis, Southern Research Station, at 865-862-2028. 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: Forest Industries and Logging Operations Data Collection Systems.

OMB Number: 0596-0010.

Expiration Date of Approval: February 28, 2022.

Type of Request: Extension with revision of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: The Forest and Range Renewable Resources Planning Act of 1974 and the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Research Act of 1978 require the Forest Service to evaluate trends in the use of roundwood (logs in whole or chipped form), to forecast anticipated levels of roundwood use and availability, and to analyze changes in the harvest of these resources from the United States' forests. This data collection effort has been conducted since the mid-1970s, with various adjustments through time to accommodate new questions, sampling approaches, and/or data collection needs. Data collection is performed by Forest Service personnel and cooperators from State natural resource agencies and universities. Currently, the data collection gathers information from two groups: Primary wood industry and logging operations.

Primary Wood Industry

Questionnaire: This questionnaire is used by the Forest Service to collect and evaluate information from primary wood-using mills, including small, part-time mills, as well as large corporate

entities. Primary wood-using mills are facilities that use roundwood to manufacture a primary product, such as lumber, wood pulp, veneer, etc. Forest Service personnel evaluate the information collected and use it to monitor volume of roundwood harvested throughout the Nation by primary product type, tree species, and origin. The information gathered is not available from other sources and provides baseline data for resource analyses, which are a key component in the formulation of forestry programs, industrial expansion decisions, and forest policy. Primary wood industry questionnaires are delivered to mills via regular mail or through email. Responses are collected through email, regular mail, phone interviews, or personal mill visits.

Logging Operations Questionnaire: This questionnaire is used by the Forest Service to collect and evaluate information from logging operations to help characterize the logging industry and its response to outside influences. The information is used to measure the 'health' of the logging industry as well as to provide background information for decision-making. The logging operations questionnaire is administered in person by field personnel during tree utilization data collection at sampled logging sites.

For this extension, we are proposing to revise the questionnaire for the primary wood industry survey to simplify the format and eliminate questions that are no longer needed. At the same time, we propose to test a few survey mechanisms that could help improve survey response and lower respondents' burden by piloting various survey structures including different questionnaire lengths (e.g., a three-question post-card or a short version of the traditional survey). We also propose using a cognitive survey to assess respondent's understanding of the survey questions and to identify areas of potential clarification. These proposed tests are in direct response to comments from data users, state partners, and other stakeholders indicating the need to adopt new approaches to motivate higher response rates. The logging operations survey will remain unchanged from the currently approved version.

In summary, this information collection will generate scientifically based, statistically reliable, up-to-date information about utilization of timber resources of the United States. Our testing efforts will allow us to improve the quality of data obtained. The results of these efforts contribute to the availability of reliable information on

timber resource use, facilitating more complete and accurate assessments of forest resources at state, regional, and national levels.

Affected Public: Individuals and the Private Sector (Businesses). In particular, mill owners and representatives, procurement foresters and loggers.

Estimate of Burden per Response: Accounting for the proposed tests, the primary wood industry questionnaire's estimated burdens are 41 minutes for the traditional format, to be delivered to a sample of 2,500 mills; 25 minutes for the short-form test version going to a sample of 98 mills; five minutes for the three-question post-card test to be sent to a sample of 2,500 mills; five minutes to a sample of 500 mills which will be screened for the cognitive interview; and 60 minutes for the cognitive interviews to be conducted for 20 mills identified during the screening process. Estimated time burden for the logging operations questionnaire is 11 minutes to be distributed to a sample of 150 logging operations.

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 5,768.

Estimated Annual Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 2,060 hours.

Comment is invited on: (1) Whether this collection of information is necessary for the stated purposes and 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 information collection, including 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 information collection 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.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Request for Applications: The Community Forest and Open Space Conservation Program

AGENCY: Forest Service, Agriculture (USDA).

ACTION: Request for applications.

SUMMARY: The Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), State and Private Forestry, and Cooperative Forestry staff requests applications for the Community Forest and Open Space Conservation Program (Community Forest Program or CFP). This is a competitive grant program whereby local governments, qualified nonprofit organizations, and Indian tribes are eligible to apply for grants to establish community forests through fee simple acquisition of private forest land from a willing seller. The purpose of the program is to establish community forests by protecting forest land from conversion to non-forest uses and provide community benefits such as sustainable forest management; environmental benefits including clean air, water, and wildlife habitat; benefits from forest-based educational programs; benefits from serving as models of effective forest stewardship; and recreational benefits secured with public access.

DATES: Interested local government and nonprofit applicants must submit applications to the State Forester. Tribal applicants must submit applications to the appropriate Tribal government officials. All applications, either hardcopy or electronic, must be received by State Foresters or Tribal governments by January 10th, 2022. State Foresters or Tribal government officials must forward applications to the appropriate Forest Service Regional office or International Institute of Tropical Forestry by February 7th, 2022.

ADDRESSES: All local government and qualified nonprofit organization applications must be submitted to the State Forester of the State where the property is located. All Tribal applications must be submitted to the equivalent Tribal government official. Applicants are encouraged to contact and work with the Forest Service Region or International Institute of Tropical Forestry, and State Forester or equivalent Tribal government official when developing their proposal. Applicants must consult with the State Forester and equivalent Tribal government official prior to requesting technical assistance for a project. The