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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency

Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection—Operating Loans; Policies, Procedures, Authorizations and Closings

AGENCY: Farm Service Agency, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Farm Service Agency (FSA) is seeking comments from all interested individuals and entities on the extension and revision of a currently approved information collection used in support of the Farm Loan Programs (FLP). The collection of information from FLP applicants and commercial lenders is used to determine eligibility; financial feasibility and security positions when the applicant applies for direct loan assistance.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received on or before September 29, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Comments concerning this notice should be addressed to: Cathy Quayle, Senior Loan Officer, USDA, Farm Service Agency, Loan Making Division, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Stop 0522, Washington, DC 20250-0522, and to: the Desk Office for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503. Comments may be submitted by email to: cathyquayle@wdc.usda.gov. Copies of the information collection may be obtained by contacting Cathy Quayle.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cathy Quayle, Loan Making Division, (202) 690-4018.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Operating Loans; Policies, Procedures, Authorizations and Closings

OMB Control Number: 0560-0162

Expiration Date of Approval: February 29, 2004

Type of Request: Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection.

Abstract: The information collected under OMB Control Number is 0560-0162 is necessary to effectively administer the operating loan program in accordance with the requirements in 7 CFR part 1941 as authorized by the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act. Specifically, the Agency uses the information to evaluate loan making or loan servicing proposals, and to process loan closings. The information is needed to evaluate an applicant's eligibility, and to determine if the operation is economically feasible and if the security offered in support of the loan is adequate.

Estimate of Respondent Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .12 hours per response

Respondents: Individuals or households, businesses or other for profit and farms

Estimated Number of Respondents: 51,466

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 6,176

Comment is invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the above stated purposes and the proper performance of FSA, 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 being collected; and (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.

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

Office of Management and Budget Approval.

Signed in Washington, DC on July 16, 2003.

James R. Little,

Administrator, Farm Service Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Sawtooth National Forest, Idaho; Fisher Creek, Smiley Creek, Baker Creek, & North Fork-Boulder Allotments Management Plans Analysis

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Revised notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement for sheep allotments located on the Sawtooth national Recreation Area and Ketchum Ranger District, Sawtooth National Forest, in Custer and Blaine Counties, Idaho.

SUMMARY: On May 6, 2003, the USDA Forest Service filed a notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement for the Fisher Creek and Smiley Creek sheep & goat allotments (**Federal Register** Volume 68, Number 87, Page 23950-23951). Also on May 6, 2003, the Forest Service filed a notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement for the Baker Creek and North Fork-Boulder Creek sheep & goat allotments (**Federal Register** Volume 68, Number 87, Page 23951-23952). The May 6th notice for both environmental impact statements describe the "Purpose and Need for Action", the proposed action, possible alternatives, environmental issues considered, estimated dates for filing the environmental impact statements, identified the responsible officials, and provided information concerning public participation. This information remains unchanged. This notice combines the Fisher Creek and Smiley Creek environmental impact statement with the environmental impact statement for the Baker Creek and North Fork-Boulder Creek sheep & goat allotments. Only one environmental impact statement will be prepared for the four livestock allotments and it will be known as the "North Sheep Allotment Management Plans". Publication of the Draft and

Final Environmental Impact Statements will be under that name. The livestock allotments are adjacent to one another and connected by a common sheep driveway. It is cost effective to combine them and will enhance the cumulative effects analysis for both. This notice also changes the names and addresses of the agency officials who can provide additional information for the combined environmental impact statement. Questions about the proposed project and scope of analysis should be directed to Mike O'Farrell, Team Leader, at Ketchum Ranger Station; P.O. Box 2356; Ketchum, Idaho, 83340. Faxes should be sent to 208-622-3923 and e-mails to: comments-intermtm-sawtoot@ketchum@fs.fed.us.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions about this revised notice or the proposed project and scope of analysis should be directed to Mike O'Farrell, Team Leader, at the above address, or phone at (208) 622-5371.

Dated: July 23, 2003.

Ruth Monahan,

Sawtooth Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Tehama County Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Meeting.

SUMMARY: The Tehama County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will meet in Red Bluff, California. Agenda items to be covered include: (1) Introductions, (2) Approval of Minutes, (3) Public Comment, (4) Chairman Report/Maintenance, (5) Update on Approved Projects, (6) General Discussion, (7) Next Agenda.

DATES: The meeting will be held on August 14, 2003 from 9 a.m. and end at approximately 12 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Lincoln Street School, Conference Room A, 1135 Lincoln Street, Red Bluff, CA. Individuals wishing to speak or propose agenda items must send their names and proposals to Jim Giachino, DFO, 825 N. Humboldt Ave., Willows, CA 95988.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Bobbie Gaddini, Committee Coordinator, USDA, Mendocino National Forest, Grindstone Ranger District, PO Box 164, Elk Creek, CA

95939. (530) 968-5329; e-mail ggaddini@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public. Committee discussion is limited to Forest Service staff and Committee members. However, persons who wish to bring matters to the attention of the Committee may file written statements with the Committee staff before or after the meeting. Public input sessions will be provided and individuals who made written requests by August 11, 2003 will have the opportunity to address the committee at those sessions.

Dated: July 23, 2003.

James Fenwood,

Designated Federal Official.

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ARCTIC RESEARCH COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

July 14, 2003.

Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Arctic Research Commission will hold its 69th Meeting in Dutch Harbor, Alaska on August 4 and Anchorage, Alaska on August 5, 2003. The Business Session open to the public will convene at 9 a.m. Tuesday, August 4, in the Agenda items include:

(1) Call to order and approval of the Agenda.

(2) Approval of the Minutes of the 68th Meeting.

(3) Reports from Congressional Liaisons.

(4) Agency Reports.

The focus of the Meeting will be reports and updates on programs and research projects affecting the U.S. Arctic. Presentations include a review of the research needs for civil infrastructure in Alaska.

The Business Session will reconvene at 9 a.m. Wednesday, August 5, 2003. An Executive Session will follow adjournment of the Business Session.

Any person planning to attend this meeting who requires special accessibility features and/or auxiliary aids, such as sign language interpreters must inform the Commission in advance of those needs.

Contact Person for More Information: Dr. Garrett W. Brass, Executive Director, Arctic Research Commission, 703-525-0111 or TDD 703-306-0090.

Garrett W. Brass,

Executive Director.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Central Region Advisory Committees

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, that a conference call of the Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska and Oklahoma Advisory Committees will convene at 1:30 p.m. and adjourn at 3 p.m. on Thursday, August 14, 2003. The purpose of the conference call is to discuss strategic planning about meaningful/measurable outcomes.

This conference call is available to the public through the following call-in number: 1-800-473-8493, access code 17926130. Any interested member of the public may call this number and listen to the meeting. Callers can expect to incur charges for calls not initiated using the supplied call-in number or for those made over wireless lines and the Commission will not refund any incurred charges. Callers will incur no charge for calls using the call-in number over land-line connections. Persons with hearing impairments may also follow the proceedings by first calling the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-977-8339 and providing the Service with the conference call number and access code.

To ensure that the Commission secures an appropriate number of lines for the public, persons are asked to register by contacting Jo Ann Daniels of the Central Regional Office, 913-551-1400 and TDD number 913-551-1414, by 3 p.m. on Friday, August 8, 2003.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission.

Dated at Washington, DC, July 15, 2003.

Dawn Sweet,

Editor.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Alabama and Louisiana Advisory Committees

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, that a conference call of the Alabama and Louisiana Advisory Committees will convene at 1:30 p.m. and adjourn at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, August 12, 2003. The purpose of the conference call is to discuss the civil rights "Listening Tour" meeting to be held in November.