

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), *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) 720-8958.

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Forest Service

Title: Evaluating Community Knowledge, Beliefs, Attitudes, and Preference Concerning Fire and Fuels Management in Southwestern Forest, Woodland and Grassland Ecosystems.

OMB Control Number: 0596-NEW.

Summary of Collection: Although fire is increasingly recommended as a fuels reduction tool on both public and private lands, controversy often inhibits its use. Insufficient communication and understanding between land managers and the public frequently contribute to these difficulties. If managers do not have adequate information concerning public attitudes and action concerning wildfire risk reduction behavior, then managers may not make well-informed decisions concerning appropriate communication techniques and needed public education information. In order to design and implement successful, socially acceptable fire and fuels management policies and programs, managers need to better understand the public's knowledge, attitudes and practices concerning wildfire.

Need and Use of the Information: The Forest Service will collect information from the general public residing in Arizona and New Mexico. The information will be collected using a mail survey to randomly selected households. The collected information will include: (1) Attitudes and

preferences toward wildfire and fire management alternatives for public lands, (2) risk reduction behaviors that homeowners and individual have undertaken to minimize wildfire risk, (3) sources of information regarding wildfires and wildfires risk reduction, and (4) socioeconomic information.

Description of Respondents:

Individuals or households.

Number of Respondents: 2,000.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 667.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

November 3, 2005.

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), *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.

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Rural Housing Service

Title: 7 CFR 3550—Direct Single Family Housing Loan and Grant Program, HB-1-3550, HB-2-3550.

OMB Control Number: 0575-0172.

Summary of Collection: The Rural Housing Service (RHS) is a credit agency for rural housing and community development within the Rural Development mission area of the Department of Agriculture. Section 501 of Title V of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended, authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to administer such programs and to prescribe regulations to ensure that these loans and grants provided with Federal Funds are made to eligible applicants for authorized purposes, and that subsequent servicing and benefits provided to borrowers are consistent with the authorizing statute. RHS offers a supervised credit program to extend financial assistance to construct, improve, alter, repair, replace or rehabilitate dwellings, which will provide modest, decent, safe, and sanitary housing to eligible individuals living in rural areas. To assist individuals in obtaining affordable housing, a borrower's house payment may be subsidized to an interest rate as low as 1%. The information requested by RHS is vital to be able to process applications for RHS assistance and make prudent credit and program decisions. RHS will collect information using several forms.

Need and Use of the Information: RHS will collect information to verify program eligibility requirements; continued eligibility requirements for borrower assistance; servicing of loans; eligibility for special servicing assistance such as: payment subsidies, moratorium (stop) on payments, delinquency workout agreements; liquidation of loans; and, debt settlement. The information is used to ensure that the direct Single Family Housing Programs are administered in a manner consistent with legislative and administrative requirements. Without the information RHS would be unable to determine if a borrower would qualify for services or if assistance has been granted to which the customer would not be eligible under current regulations and statutes.

Description of Respondents:

Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit

institutions; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 300,000.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion; Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 454,539.

Charlene Parker,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Title: Importation of Pork-Filled Pasta.

OMB Control Number: 0579-0214.

Summary of Collection: The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is responsible for protecting the health of our Nation's livestock and poultry populations by preventing the introduction and interstate spread of serious diseases and pests of livestock and for eradicating such diseases from the United States when feasible. 9 CFR 94 Section 94-12 contains, among other things, specific processing, recordkeeping, and certification requirements for pork-filled pasta products exported to the United States from regions affected with swine vesicular disease. The regulations require that a certificate stating that the product has been handled and processed according to the requirements set forth in the regulations accompany the pork-filled pasta products.

Need and Use of the Information: The certificate must be completed and signed by the issuing official, and contains such information as the origin of the meat used in the product, the name and location of the facility that processed the product, and the product's intended destination. Without the information, it would significantly cripple APHIS' ability to ensure that pork-filled pasta from certain regions pose a minimal risk of introducing swine vesicular disease into the United States.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 5.

Frequency of Responses:

Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 125.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Commodity Credit Corporation

Information Collection: Assignments of Payment and Joint Payment Authorization

AGENCY: Commodity Credit Corporation, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) is seeking comments from all interested individuals and organizations on the

extension of an approved information collection. The information collection is supporting the regulation of 7 CFR Part 1404, which provides for the voluntary assignment of cash payments made by Farm Service Agency or CCC to a third party. In addition, a payment recipient may voluntarily elect to have a cash payment made jointly to the payment recipient and a third party.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received on or before January 9, 2006 to be assured consideration.

Addresses: Comments must be sent to Farm Service Agency, USDA, Attn: Deborah Simmons, Financial Specialist, FMD, Stop 0561, 1400 Independence Ave, SW., Washington, DC and to the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503. Comments may be also submitted by e-mail to:

Debbie.Simmons@wdc.usda.gov or by fax to: (703) 305-1144. Copies of the information collection may be requested from Ms. Simmons at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Deborah Simmons, Financial Specialist, (703) 305-1309.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Assignment of Payments and Joint Payment Authorization.

Forms: CCC-36, "Assignment of Payment", CCC-37, "Joint Payment Authorization", CCC-251, "Notice of Assignment", and CCC-252, "Instrument of Assignment".

OMB Control Number: 0560-0183.

Type of Request: Extension.

Abstract: Section 4 (j) of the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act (15 U.S.C. 714b (j)) authorizes CCC to determine the character of and the necessity for its obligations and expenditures and the manner in which they shall be incurred, allowed, and paid. Pursuant to this authority, CCC allows producers to assign certain payments. Any such assignment must be made in accordance with the regulations of 7 CFR Part 1404. There are no regulations governing joint payments, but this service is offered as a result of public requests for this type of payment option.

Estimate of Respondent Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 10 minutes per response for CCC-36, CCC-37, or CCC-251, or 5 minutes per response for CCC-252.

Respondents: Participants in FSA or CCC farm programs.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 50,000 for CCC-36; 20,000 for CCC-37, and 450 for CCC-251 or CCC-252.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 30 minutes (this estimate