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This section of the FEDERAL REGISTER contains documents other than rules or proposed rules that are applicable to the public. Notices of hearings and investigations, committee meetings, agency decisions and rulings, delegations of authority, filing of petitions and applications and agency statements of organization and functions are examples of documents appearing in this section.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

November 18, 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), *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

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Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service

Title: CSREES Proposal Review Process.

OMB Control Number: 0524-0041.

Summary of Collection: The Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES) is responsible for performing a review of proposals submitted to CSREES competitive awards programs in accordance with section 103(a) of the Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act, of 1998, 7 U.S.C. 7613(a). Reviews are undertaken to ensure that projects supported by CSREES are of high quality and are consistent with the goals and requirements of the funding program. Proposals submitted to CSREES undergo a programmatic evaluation to determine worthiness of Federal support. The evaluations consist of a peer panel review and may also entail an assessment by Federal employees and mail-in (ad-hoc) reviews. CSREES will collect information using the "Proposal Review Sheet" or the "Reviewer Worksheet", Questionnaire, and a Conflict of Interest and Confidentiality Certification Form.

Need and Use of the Information: The collected information from the evaluations is used to support CSREES grant programs. CSREES uses the results of each proposal to determine whether a proposal should be declined or recommended for award. If this information was not collected and documented, the decision to fund a particular application could be questioned.

Description of Respondents: Not-for-profit institutions; Business or other for-profit; Individuals or households; Federal Government; State, Local or Tribal Government; Farms.

Number of Respondents: 50,000.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion; Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 100,497.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 05-084-1]

Black-Tailed Prairie Dog Conservation and Management on the Nebraska National Forest and Associated Units; Record of Decision

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's Wildlife Services program (APHIS-WS) has prepared a record of decision based on the Black-Tailed Prairie Dog Conservation and Management on the Nebraska National Forest and Associated Units final environmental impact statement.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the APHIS-WS record of decision may be viewed on the Wildlife Services Web site at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ws/pubs.html> or obtained from the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. The final environmental impact statement on which this APHIS-WS record of decision is based and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service (USDA-FS) record of decision may be found on the Nebraska National Forest Web site at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r2/nebraska/> and are also available for public inspection at the USDA-FS offices and public libraries listed in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Gary A. Littauer, Environmental Manager, Operational Support Staff, WS, APHIS, 8441 Washington NE., Albuquerque, NM 87113; (505) 346-2632.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice advises the public that the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's Wildlife Services program (APHIS-WS) has prepared a record of decision based on the Black-Tailed Prairie Dog Conservation and Management on the Nebraska National Forest and Associated Units final environmental impact statement (EIS) prepared by the Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture. APHIS-WS was a cooperating agency in the preparation of the EIS.

A notice announcing the availability of the Forest Service's final EIS was published in the **Federal Register** on August 12, 2005 (70 FR 47199), and a notice announcing that the Forest Service's record of decision had been signed on August 3, 2005, was published in the **Federal Register** on August 26, 2005 (70 FR 50297). APHIS has independently reviewed the EIS and has concluded its comments and suggestions have been satisfied. APHIS has adopted the final EIS and has prepared a record of decision that is now available to the public. In addition to the Web site location provided in **ADDRESSES** above, the final EIS and Forest Service's record of decision are available for viewing at the following locations between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays:

- Nebraska National Forest Supervisor's Office, 125 North Main St., Chadron, NE;
 - Pine Ridge Ranger District, 1240 W. 16th St., Chadron, NE;
 - Bessey Ranger District, State Spur 86B off Hwy 2, Halsey, NE;
 - Buffalo Gap National Grassland, Fall River Ranger District, 1801 Highway 18 Truck Bypass, Hot Springs, SD;
 - Buffalo Gap National Grassland, Wall Ranger District, 708 Main Street, Wall, SD; and
 - Fort Pierre National Grassland, 1020 N. Deadwood St., Ft. Pierre, SD.
- CDs of the final EIS are available for viewing at the following area public libraries:

- Rawlins Municipal Library, 1000 East Church St., Pierre SD;
- Wall City Community Library, 407 Main St., Wall, SD;
- Oglala Lakota College Library, Piya Wiconi Center, Kyle, SD;
- Pine Ridge College Center Library, Pine Ridge, SD;
- Lower Brule Tribal Office, 187 Oyate Circle, Lower Brule, SD;
- Rapid City Public Library, 610 Quincy St., Rapid City, SD;
- Rapid City Public Library, 300 6th St., Rapid City, SD;
- Hot Springs Public Library, 1543 Baltimore St., Hot Springs, SD; and
- Chadron Public Library, 507 Bordeaux St., Chadron, NE.

The APHIS-WS record of decision has been prepared in accordance with: (1) The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*); (2) regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality for implementing the procedural provisions of NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500–1508); (3) USDA regulations implementing NEPA (7 CFR part 1), and

(4) APHIS' NEPA Implementing Procedures (7 CFR part 372).

Done in Washington, DC, this 21st day of November, 2005.

W. Ron DeHaven,

Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Wrangell-Petersburg Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: The Wrangell-Petersburg Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) has scheduled its next two regular meetings. The first meeting will take place Friday, December 9, 2005 from 1 p.m. until 5:15 p.m. (or until the conclusion of public testimony), and Saturday, December 10, 2005 from 8 a.m. until 12 p.m. This meeting will be held in Petersburg, Alaska. The second meeting will take place on Friday, January 13, 2006 from 8 a.m. until 5:15 p.m. (or until the conclusion of public testimony), and on Saturday, January 14, 2006 from 8 a.m. until 9 a.m. This meeting will take place in Wrangell, Alaska. The purpose of both of these meetings is in review submitted projects and potentially make funding recommendations pursuant to title II, Public Law 106–363, H.R. 2389, the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, also called the “Payments to States” Act. Public testimony regarding the proposals will also be taken at each meeting.

DATES: The first meeting will take place in Petersburg, Alaska, on Friday, December 9, 2005 from 1 p.m. until 5:15 p.m. and Saturday, December 10, 2005 from 8 a.m. until 12 p.m. The second meeting will take place in Wrangell, Alaska on Friday, January 13, 2006 from 8 a.m. until 5:15 p.m., and on Saturday, January 14, 2006 from 8 a.m. until 9 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The December meeting will take place at the Scandia House Hotel Conference Room, 110 N. Nordic Drive, Petersburg, Alaska. The January meeting will take place at the James and Elsie Nolan Center, 1096 Outer Drive, Wrangell, Alaska.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patty Grantham, Petersburg District Ranger, P.O. Box 1328, Petersburg, AK

99833, Phone (907) 772–3871, e-mail pagrantham@fs.fed.us, or Mark Hummel, Wrangell District Ranger, P.O. Box 51, Wrangell, AK 99833, e-mail mhummel@fs.fed.us. Toll-free conference calling is available for each of these meetings; please call or e-mail for specific information. For further information on RAC history, operations, and the application process, a Web site is available at <http://www.fs.fed.us/payments>. Once in the Web site, follow the links to the Wrangell-Petersburg Resource Advisory Committee.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This meeting will focus on the review and discussion of proposals received by the RAC for funding under Title II of the Payments to States legislation (Pub. L. 106–393). New proposals (initial reading) may be discussed at the meetings. The committee may make recommendations for project funding during the meetings. A field trip to review proposals proximate to both the Wrangell and Petersburg, Alaska areas may take place in conjunction with the meetings. Both meetings are open to the public. Public input opportunity will be provided and individuals will have the opportunity to address the committee during that time.

Dated: November 10, 2005.

Forrest Cole,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Fremont and Winema Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Fremont and Winema Resource Advisory Committee will meet in Klamath Falls, Oregon, for the purpose of conducting business as it relates to the planning of RAC Project Proposal workshops in the winter of 2006. The RAC will also discuss budget and other outstanding business. The RAC is authorized under the provisions of Title II of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000.

DATES: The meeting will be held on December 14, 2005.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Klamath Ranger District Office located at 1936 California Avenue, Klamath Falls, Oregon 97603. Send written comments to Fremont and