

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE****Farm Service Agency****Request for Revision and Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection****AGENCY:** Farm Service Agency, USDA.**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intent of the Farm Service Agency (FSA) to request renewal of the information collection currently approved and used in support of the FSA Farm Loan Programs (FLP). This information collection has been revised for clarification in conjunction with the request for extension of the burden package.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received on or before February 15, 2005 to be assured consideration.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sam Snyder, USDA, Farm Service Agency, Loan Making Division, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., STOP 0522, Washington, DC 20250-0522; Telephone (202) 720-0599; Electronic mail: [Sam.Snyder@wdc.usda.gov](mailto:Sam.Snyder@wdc.usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** Title: Form FSA 440-32, Verification of Debts and Assets.

OMB Control Number: 0560-0166.

Expiration Date: June 30, 2005.

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

**Abstract:** Form FSA 440-32 is necessary to ensure the accuracy of information obtained in connection with applications for FSA direct loan assistance. It is used to verify debt information provided by applicants in order to determine their suitability for an Operating, Farm Ownership or Emergency loan. Additionally, it is used by FSA to verify debts and assets of borrowers requesting primary and preservation loan servicing or debt settlement.

**Estimate of Burden:** Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 15 minutes per response.

**Respondents:** Individual farmers, farm or other business entities and financial institutions.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 24,031.

**Estimated Number of Responses Per Respondent:** 3.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:** 18,024.

**Comments are invited on the following:** (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. These comments should be sent to the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503 and to Sam Snyder, Senior Loan Officer, USDA, Farm Service Agency, Loan Making Division, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., STOP 0522, Washington, DC 20250-0522.

Comments will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Signed in Washington, DC on December 9, 2004.

**James R. Little,**

Administrator, Farm Service Agency.

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE****Forest Service****Hoosier National Forest, IN; Tell City Windthrow 2004 Project****AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.**ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, notice is hereby given that the Forest Service, Tell City Ranger District of the Hoosier National Forest will prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to disclose the environmental consequences of the proposed Tell City Windthrow 2004 Project. On July 13, 2004, a severe storm producing winds at 70 to 80 miles per hour moved across southern Indiana. Heavy rain and high winds altered the stand structure of the forest with down and damaged trees. In the EIS, the USDA Forest Service will address the potential environmental impacts of salvage harvesting and prescribed burning. See the

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for the purpose and need of the action.

**DATES:** The public comment period will be for 30 days from the date this notice is published in the **Federal Register**. Comments and suggestions concerning the scope of the analysis should be submitted (postmarked) 30 days following this publication to ensure timely consideration. The draft environmental impact statement is expected in the fall of 2005, and the final environmental impact statement is expected in the winter of 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written or e-mail comments by: Mail-Tell City Windthrow 2004 Project, Attn: Mary Schoepel, Tell City Ranger District, Tell City, IN 47586 or e-mail

[r9\\_hoosier\\_website@fs.fed.us](mailto:r9_hoosier_website@fs.fed.us). Please note: when commenting by e-mail, be sure to list Tell City Windthrow 2004 Project in the subject line and include a U.S. Postal Service address so we may add you to our mailing list.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Mary J. Schoepel, project team leader at 812-547-7051. See the address above under **ADDRESSES**. Copies of documents may be requested at the same address. Another means of obtaining information is to visit the Forest Web page at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/hoosier>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Purpose and Need for Action**

The primary purpose of this project is to implement management direction outlined in the Hoosier National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan while addressing site-specific needs and opportunities to move the project from the existing condition towards the desired condition. The following list describes the "needs for action" for the project to meet the purpose of implementing Forest Plan direction.

- Action is needed to address safety concerns along roads, trails, high use areas, and property boundaries.
- The risk of a wildland fire has increased as a result of the wind thrown timber. Many areas have down timber on greater than 50% of the identified area. Therefore, there is a need to improve public safety by reducing the potential for high-intensity fires to develop and spread. This can be accomplished by changing the horizontal continuity of fuels and reducing the amount of available fuel such as through prescribed burning.
- There is a need to salvage portions of the damaged area in a timely manner to capture timber product values that would be lost due to insect damage and decay with time.