

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Agricultural Research Service****Notice of Intent To Request an Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection**

AGENCY: Agricultural Research Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–13) and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations at 5 CFR Part 1320 (60 FR 44978, August 29, 1995), this notice announces the Agricultural Research Service's (ARS's) intention to request an extension of a currently approved information collection, Information Collection For Document Delivery Services at the National Agricultural Library (NAL), that expires March 31, 2009.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before January 14, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to: ARS–NAL, Collection Services Branch, 10301 Baltimore Ave., Room 300, Beltsville, Maryland 20705–2351.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wayne Thompson, Access Services Librarian, telephone: 301–504–6503; fax: 301–504–7593; e-mail: access@nal.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Title:* Information Collection For Document Delivery Services.

OMB Number: 0518–0027.

Expiration Date of Approval: March 31, 2009.

Type of Request: To extend a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: In its role as both a preeminent agricultural research library and a National Library of the United States, NAL (part of the Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Research Service) provides loans and photocopies of materials from its collections to libraries and other institutions and organizations. NAL follows applicable copyright laws and interlibrary loan guidelines, standards, codes, and practices when providing loans and photocopies and charges a fee, if applicable, for this service. To request a loan or photocopy, institutions must provide a written request to NAL using either NAL's Web-based online request system or an interlibrary loan request system such as the Online Computer Library Center (OCLC) or the National Library of Medicine's Docline. Information provided in these requests

include the name, address, and telephone number of the party requesting the material, and depending on the method of delivery of the material to the party, may include either a fax number, e-mail address, or Ariel IP address. The requestor must also provide a statement acknowledging copyright compliance, bibliographic information for the material they are requesting, and the maximum dollar amount they are willing to pay for the material. The collected information is used to deliver the material to the requesting party, bill for and track payment of applicable fees, monitor the return to NAL of loaned material, identify and locate the requested material in NAL collections, and determine whether the requesting party consents to the fees charged by NAL.

Estimate of Burden: Average 1.00 minute per response.

Description of Respondents: Respondents to the collection of information are those libraries, institutions, or organizations that request interlibrary loans or copies of material in the NAL collections. Each respondent must furnish the information for each loan or copying request.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1525.

Frequency of Responses: Average 11 per respondent.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 280 hours.

Comments: Comments are invited on (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have a practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, such as through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques. Comments may be sent to Wayne Thompson at the address listed above within 65 days after date of publication. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: October 22, 2008.

Antoinette A. Betschart,
Associate Administrator, ARS.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Forest Service****Fee Schedule for Linear Rights-of-Way Authorized on National Forest System Lands**

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Adoption of Mandatory Right-of-Way Land Use Fee Schedule.

SUMMARY: The Forest Service is hereby adopting the Bureau of Land Management (BLM)'s revised linear right-of-way fee schedule in 43 CFR 2806.20 for linear rights-of-way authorized on National Forest System (NFS) lands under Title V of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA), 43 U.S.C. 1761–1771, and Section 28 of the Mineral Leasing Act (MLA), 30 U.S.C. 185, as required by Section 367, Subtitle F, Title III, of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, Public Law 109–58, 119 Stat. 685 (August 8, 2005). Additionally, the Forest Service is adopting this fee schedule for linear rights-of-way authorized on NFS lands under other statutes.

DATES: The revised linear right-of-way fee schedule applies to linear rights-of-way on NFS lands on December 1, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Glen Parker, (202) 205–1196, or Julett Denton, (202) 205–1256.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Like BLM, the Forest Service is required to charge fees based on market value for the commercial use and occupancy of lands under its jurisdiction, including use and occupancy for linear rights-of-way for facilities such as power lines, fiber optic lines, pipelines, roads, and ditches. Both agencies authorize these uses under Title V of FLPMA and Section 28 of the MLA. Since 1987, the two agencies have shared a fee schedule for rights-of-way across the lands they manage. This joint fee schedule established eight fee zones based on the distribution of average land values by county in each state, except Alaska and Hawaii, and Puerto Rico.

In 2005, Congress enacted the Energy Policy Act. Under section 367 of the Energy Policy Act, BLM is solely responsible for the linear right-of-way fee schedule used by the two agencies. Section 367, entitled "Fair Market Value

Determinations for Linear Rights-of-Way Across Public Lands and National Forests," directs the Secretary of the Interior to (1) update 43 CFR 2806.20, which contains the per-acre fee schedule for linear rights-of-way on public lands managed by BLM; and (2) revise the per-acre fee zone value schedule by state, county, and type of linear right-of-way uses to reflect current values of land in each zone. Section 367 also directs the Secretary of Agriculture to adopt the revisions to BLM's linear right-of-way fee schedule for linear rights-of-way granted, issued, or renewed on NFS lands under Title V of FLPMA or Section 28 of the MLA.

Accordingly, the Forest Service gave notice in the preamble to BLM's proposed and final rules updating and revising BLM's linear right-of-way fee schedule per section 367 (72 FR 70376; December 11, 2007; 73 FR 65040; October 31, 2008) that the Forest Service will adopt the fee schedule. In addition, the Forest Service is hereby giving notice of its adoption of the revisions to BLM's linear right-of-way fee schedule. Although not statutorily required, the Forest Service is adopting BLM's revised fee schedule for all linear rights-of-way authorized on NFS lands, including those authorized under statutes other than FLPMA and the MLA, such as the Forest Service's Organic Act, 16 U.S.C. 551, and Section 7 of the Granger-Thye Act, 16 U.S.C. 580d.

Dated: November 11, 2008.

Mark Rey,

Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended), the Rural Utilities Service, an agency delivering the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Utilities Programs, hereinafter referred to Rural Development and/or the Agency, invites comments on this information collection for which approval from the

Office of Management and Budget (OMB) will be requested.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by January 9, 2009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michele Brooks, Director, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, USDA Rural Development, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., STOP 1522, Room 5818 South Building, Washington, DC 20250-1522. Telephone: (202) 690-1078. Fax: (202) 720-8435.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) regulation (5 CFR 1320) implementing provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13) requires that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (see 5 CFR 1320.8(d)). This notice identifies an information collection that Rural Development is submitting to OMB for approval.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed 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 the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be 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. Comments may be sent to: Michele Brooks, Director, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, USDA Rural Development, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., STOP 1522, Room 5818 South Building, Washington, DC 20250-1522. Telephone: (202) 690-1078. Fax: (202) 720-8435.

Title: 7 CFR 1728, Electric Standards and Specifications for Materials and Construction.

OMB Control Number: 0572-0131.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Rural Development makes loans and loan guarantees in accordance with the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, 7 U.S.C. 901 *et seq.*, (RE Act). Section 4 of the RE Act requires that the Agency make or guarantee a loan only if there is reasonable assurance that the loan, together with all outstanding loans

and obligations of the borrower, will be repaid in full within the time agreed. In order to facilitate the programmatic interests of the RE Act, and, in order to assure that loans made or guaranteed by the Agency are adequately secure, Rural Development, as a secured lender, has established certain standards and specifications for materials, equipment, and the construction of electric systems. The use of standards and specifications for materials, equipment and construction units helps assure the Agency that: (1) Appropriate standards and specifications are maintained; (2) Rural Development loan security is not adversely affected; and (3) loan and loan guarantee funds are used effectively and for the intended purposes. 7 CFR 1728 establishes Agency policy that materials and equipment purchased by Agency electric borrowers or accepted as contractor-furnished material must conform to Agency standards and specifications where they have been established and, if included in Rural Development IP 202-1, "List of Materials Acceptable for Use on Systems of Agency Electrification Borrowers" (List of Materials), must be selected from that list or must have received technical acceptance from Rural Development.

Estimate of Burden: This collection of information is estimated to average 2.32 hours per response.

Respondents: Businesses or other for profits.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 38.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 2.30.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 1,760 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Gale Richardson, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, at (202) 720-0992. FAX: (202) 720-8435.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: November 4, 2008.

James R. Newby,

Acting Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.
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