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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

July 12, 2006.

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.

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

the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Rural Utilities Service

Title: 7 CFR Part 1786, Prepayment of RUS Guaranteed and Insured Loans to Electric and Telephone Borrowers.

OMB Control Number: 0572-0088.

Summary of Collection: The Rural Electrification (RE) Act of 1936, as amended, authorizes and empowers the Administrator of RUS to make loans in the several States and Territories of the United States for rural electrification and for the purpose of furnishing and improving electric and telephone service in rural areas and to assist electric borrowers to implement demand side management, energy conservation programs, and on-grid and off-grid renewable energy systems. 7 CFR part 1786, subparts E and F are authorized by this section.

Need and Use of the Information: The information will be collected from borrowers requesting to prepay their notes and to determine that the borrower is qualified to prepay under the authorizing statutes. The overall goal of subparts E and F is to allow RUS borrowers to prepay their RUS loan and the overall goal of subpart G is to refinance.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions.

Number of Respondents: 5.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 16.

Rural Utilities Service

Title: 7 CFR 1717 Subpart Y, Settlement of Debt Owed by Electric Borrowers.

OMB Control Number: 0572-0116.

Summary of Collection: The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) makes mortgage loans and loan guarantees to electric systems to provide and improve electric service in rural areas pursuant to the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, as amended (7 U.S.C. 901 et. seq.) (RE Act). Only those electric borrowers that are unable to fully repay their debts to the government and who apply to RUS for relief will be affected by this collection of information. The information collected will be similar to that which any prudent lender would require to determine whether debt settlement is

required and the amount of relief that is needed.

Need and Use of the Information: RUS will collect information to determine the need for debt settlement; the amount of debt the borrower can repay; the future scheduling of debt repayment; and, the range of opportunities for enhancing the amount of debt that can be recovered.

Description of Respondents: Not-for-profit institutions; Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 1.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 3,000.

Charlene Parker,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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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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Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Title: National Animal ID System; Information Requirements for Animal ID Number Tag Manufacturers, Managers, and Resellers.

OMB Control Number: 0579-0283.

Summary of Collection: The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) initiated implementation of the National Animal Identification System (NAIS) in 2004. NAIS is a cooperative State-Federal-industry partnership to standardize and expand animal identification programs and practices to all livestock species and poultry. The first priority of NAIS is to identify locations that hold and manage livestock with the nationally unique, 7-character Premises Identification Number (PIN). States and Tribes administer premises registration. Once producers have registered their premises, they may obtain official identification devices that are encoded or imprinted with an animal identification number (AIN). As producers acquire AIN devices, a NAIS record will be created, linking the devices to the receiving premises. USDA is implementing the AIN Management System—a Web-based system that administers AINs. Animal health officials will have critical information needed during a disease traceback to determine the origin of an animal or where it was first tagged.

Need and Use of the Information: In order to develop and implement an effective national animal identification system, USDA needs to be able to identify animals using compatible, uniform technology and information standards. The AIN Management System, AIN Tag Manufacturer agreements, and having approved AIN Tags, Managers and Resellers will ensure that the animal identification information is gathered, collected, and maintained in an effective, uniform system. Without this animal

identification component, an effective NAIS would be impossible, and without the national system, animal disease outbreaks will be more difficult to trace and contain.

Description of Respondents: State, local or tribal government; business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 2,125.

Frequency of Responses:

Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 3,053.

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Title: National Animal Identification System; Information Requirements for State, Tribal, and Private Animal Tracking Database Owner.

OMB Control Number: 0579-0288.

Summary of Collection: The National Animal Identification System (NAIS) is a cooperative State-Federal-industry partnership to standardize and expand animal identification programs and practices to all livestock species and poultry. NAIS is comprised of three key components: Premises registration, animal identification and animal tracking. The long-term goal of the NAIS is to provide animal health officials with the capability to identify all livestock and premises that have had direct contact with a disease of concern within 48 hours after discovery. NAIS is currently a voluntary program.

Need and Use of the Information: In order to develop and implement an effective national animal identification system, USDA needs to be able to access animal tracking information in cases of animal health events. The animal-tracking component will help USDA conduct efficient and effective trace backs and trace forwards. Without this animal-tracking component, an effective NAIS would be impossible, and without this national system, animal disease outbreaks (whether naturally occurring or the result of an act of terrorism) will be more difficult to trace and contain. The longer the trace-back takes, the greater the spread of the disease that in turns increases the economic losses. Organizations that wish to participate in the animal tracking phase must complete the "Request for Evaluation of Interim Private/State Animal Tracking Database" to initiate an APHIS review of its animal tracking database.

Description of Respondents: State, local or tribal government; business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 30.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 210.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Information Collection; Request for Comment; Objections to New Land Management Plans, Plan Amendments, and Plan Revisions

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Forest Service is seeking comments from all interested individuals and organizations on the extension of a currently approved information collection, Objections to New Land Management Plans, Plan Amendments, and Plan Revisions.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing on or before September 18, 2006 to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: Comments concerning this notice should be addressed to Forest Service, USDA, Assistant Director for Planning, Ecosystem Management Coordination, Mail Stop 1104, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-1104.

Comments also may be submitted via facsimile to (202) 205-1012 or by e-mail to: aerba@fs.fed.us.

The public may inspect comments received at the Ecosystem Management Coordination Office, 201 14th St., SW., Washington, DC, during normal business hours. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead to (202) 205-0895 to facilitate entry into the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Anthony Erba, Ecosystem Management Coordination, at (202) 205-0895 or e-mail to: aerba@fs.fed.us. Individuals who use TDD may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339, 24 hours a day, every day of the year, including holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Objection to New Land Management Plans, Plan Amendments, and Plan Revisions.

OMB Number: 0596-0158.

Expiration Date of Approval: December 31, 2006.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.