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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.

ADVISORY COMMISSION ON ELECTRONIC COMMERCE

Meetings

The Advisory Commission on Electronic Commerce was established by Public Law 105-277 to conduct a thorough study of federal, state, local and international taxation and tariff treatment of transactions using the Internet and Internet access and other comparable intrastate, interstate or international sales activities. The Commission is to report its findings and recommendations to Congress no later than April 21, 2000. Notice is hereby given, that the Advisory Commission on Electronic Commerce will hold a meeting Monday, March 20, 2000, from 1 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., CST, and Tuesday, March 21, 2000, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. CST, in the International Ballroom of the Fairmont Hotel, 1717 North Akard Street, Dallas, Texas. The meetings of the Commission shall be open to the public. This meeting will be broadcast live on the World Wide Web. Instructions for accessing this broadcast can be found at the Commission Web site: www.ecommercecommission.org. A verbatim transcript of this meeting will be available on the same Web site.

Oral comments from the public will be excluded at this meeting.

Records shall be kept of all Commission proceedings and shall be available for public inspection, given adequate notice, at the Commission's offices at 3401 North Fairfax Dr., Arlington, Virginia 22201-4498.

A listing of the members of the commission and details concerning their appointment were published in the Federal Register on June 9, 1999, at 64 FR 30958. Additional information concerning the Commission can be found on its Web site. The agenda for

the Dallas meeting will also be published on the Web site.

Heather Rosenker,

Executive Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency

National Drought Policy Commission

AGENCY: Farm Service Agency, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Commission Meeting and Release of Draft Report.

SUMMARY: The National Drought Policy Commission (Commission) shall conduct a thorough study and submit a report to the President and Congress on national drought policy. This notice announces a meeting to be held on March 1, 2000, in Scottsdale, Arizona, and seeks comments on issues that the Commission should address and recommendations that the Commission should consider as part of its report. The meeting is open to the public.

This notice also announces that the Commission will make its draft report available on the Commission's web site, <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/drought/>, about the second week in March, to solicit public review and comments.

DATES: The Commission will conduct a meeting on March 1, 2000, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Tournament Players Club of Scottsdale, 17020 North Hayden Road, Scottsdale, Arizona. All times are Mountain Standard Time.

Persons with disabilities who require accommodations to attend or participate in this meeting should contact Leona Dittus, on 202-720-3168, Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339, or Internet: leona.dittus@usda.gov, by COB February 23, 2000.

COMMENTS: The public is invited to respond and/or to submit comments, concerns, and issues for consideration by the Commission no later than 21 days after release of the draft report.

ADDRESSES: Comments and statements should be sent to Leona Dittus, Executive Director, National Drought Policy Commission, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Room 6701-S, STOP 0501, Washington, DC 20250-0501.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Leona Dittus (202) 720-3168; FAX (202) 720-9688; Internet: leona.dittus@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the Commission is to provide advice and recommendations to the President and Congress on the creation of an integrated, coordinated Federal policy, designed to prepare for and respond to serious drought emergencies. Tasks for the Commission include developing recommendations that will (a) better integrate Federal laws and programs with ongoing State, local, and tribal programs, (b) improve public awareness of the need for drought mitigation, prevention, and response and (c) determine whether all Federal drought preparation and response programs should be consolidated under one existing Federal agency, and, if so, identify the agency.

The Commission's draft vision statement is of a well-informed, involved U. S. citizenry and its governments prepared for and capable of lessening the impacts of drought—consistently and timely. Drought policy should improve national security and foster economic prosperity, environmental quality, and social well being. It should also benefit future generations as well as our own.

In addition to your views and thoughts regarding a national drought policy, as you review the draft vision statement, the Commission would be interested in your thoughts regarding the following questions:

1. What is the best means for informing the public of Federal assistance for drought planning and mitigation?
2. What type of information do you need for responding to drought?
3. What needs do you or your organization presently have with respect to addressing drought conditions?
4. What do you see as the role of State, local, and Federal Governments and regional and tribal entities with respect to drought preparedness? Drought response? Should Federal emergency assistance be contingent on advance preparedness?
5. Are there any ways you feel that the Federal Government could better coordinate with State, regional, tribal, and local governments in mitigating or responding to droughts?

6. What lessons have you or your organization learned from past drought experiences that would be beneficial in the creation of a national drought policy?

Signed at Washington, D.C., on February 10, 2000.

George Arredondo,

Administrator, Farm Service Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Information Collection; Request for Comments; Senior Community Service Employment Program

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Forest Service announces its intention to reinstate a previously approved information collection. The collected information will help the agency determine the eligibility of applicants who are 55 or older and who apply for employment with the Forest Service through the Senior Community Service Employment Program. Information will be collected from prospective applicants and/or enrollees 55 years of age or older.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing on or before April 17, 2000.

ADDRESSES: All comments should be addressed to Director, Senior, Youth, and Volunteer Programs Staff, (Mail Stop 1136), Forest Service, USDA, P.O. Box 96090, Washington, D.C. 20090-6090.

Comments also may be submitted via facsimile to (703) 605-5115 or by e-mail to: syvp/wo@fs.fed.us.

The public may inspect comments received at the Office of the Director, Senior, Youth, and Volunteer Programs Staff, Forest Service, USDA, Room 1010, 1621 North Kent Street, Arlington, Virginia. Visitors are asked to call ahead to facilitate entrance into the office.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Priscella McCray, Senior, Youth, and Volunteer Programs Staff, at (703) 605-4853.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Older Americans Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3056 *et seq.*) authorizes the Forest Service to provide part-time employment opportunities and training to low-income and disadvantaged persons 55 years of age or older through

the Senior Community Service Employment Program. Upon request, a Forest Service employee will provide the Application for the Senior Community Service Employment Program to potential applicants.

The application is divided into five sections. The first two sections will be completed by the prospective applicant or enrollee and will provide the information the agency will use to determine the applicant's eligibility to participate in the Program. The last three sections of the application will be completed by an authorized Forest Service employee and will provide information for a quarterly progress report the agency must provide to the Department of Labor. The description of the information collection will focus on the first two sections of the Application.

Description of Information Collection

The following describes the information collection to be reinstated:

Title: Application for the Senior Community Service Employment Program.

OMB Number: 0596-0099.

Expiration Date of Approval: August 31, 1994.

Type of Request: Reinstatement of an information collection previously approved by the Office of Management and Budget.

Abstract: An authorized Forest Service employee will evaluate the data to determine the eligibility of applicants to participate in the Senior Community Service Employment Program. The Program is designed to provide part-time employment opportunities and training to low-income and disadvantaged persons who meet the criteria for eligibility.

The Application for the Senior Community Service Employment Program is divided into five sections. Applicants must complete Sections I and II.

In Section I of the Application, individuals will provide information that includes the type of enrollment (first-time enrollment, re-certification for present enrollment, or re-enrollment), their name, date of birth, social security number, home address, and home telephone number.

In Section II, individuals will provide information that includes the name of their head of household, the number of people in their family, whether the family is receiving public assistance, their family income, their employment status, the date of their last physical examination, and if they have previously enrolled in this or other Senior Community Service Employment Programs.

Data gathered in this information collection are not available from other sources.

Estimate of Annual Burden: 10 minutes.

Type of Respondents: Economically disadvantaged individuals, including legal aliens, age 55 or older.

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 6,500.

Estimated Annual Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 1,083 hours.

Comment is Invited

The agency invites comments on the following: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the stated purposes and the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical or scientific 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 respondents, including the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Use of Comments

All comments received in response to this notice, including names and addresses when provided, will become a matter of public record. Comments will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval.

Dated: February 10, 2000.

Ronald E. Hooper,

Acting Deputy Chief for Business Operations.
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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request

ACTION: Request for OMB emergency approval.

The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, Office of Civil Rights Evaluation has submitted an emergency information collection request (ICR) utilizing emergency review procedures, to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with section