

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 and other forms of information technology.

Comments regarding this information collection received by September 8, 2015 will be considered. Written comments should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), New Executive Office Building, 725—17th Street NW., Washington, DC, 20503. Commentors are encouraged to submit their comments to OMB via email to: OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov or fax (202) 395-5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250-7602. 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.

Forest Service

Title: Community Forest and Open Space Conservation Program.

OMB Control Number: 0596-0227.

Summary of Collection: The Forest Service (FS) is authorized to implement the Community Forest and Open Space Program (CFP) under Section 8003 of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (Pub. L. 110-234; 122 Stat. 2043), which amends the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2103d). The purpose of the CFP is to achieve community benefits through grants to local governments, Indian Tribes, and nonprofit organizations to establish community forests by acquiring and protecting private forestlands.

Need and Use of the Information: The applicant will need to provide

information as outlined in the rule and the request for proposal. Applicants representing local governments or non-profits will submit CFP applications to their State Foresters. Indian Tribes submit applications directly to the Forest Service. The State Forester or the equivalent Indian Tribe official, per section § 230.03 of the rule, will forward all applications to the FS. The FS would not be able to implement the program effectively or at all if the collection was conducted less frequently or not at all.

Description of Respondents: Non-profit Organizations; State, Local and Tribal Governments.

Number of Respondents: 75.

Frequency of Responses: Annually; Quarterly; Reporting and Record Keeping.

Total Burden Hours: 5,343.

Charlene Parker,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of Tribal Relations; Council for Native American Farming and Ranching

AGENCY: Office of Tribal Relations, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a forthcoming meeting of The Council for Native American Farming and Ranching (CNAFR), a public advisory committee of the Office of Tribal Relations (OTR). Notice of the meetings are provided in accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2). This will be the fourth meeting of the 2014–2016 CNAFR and will consist of, but not limited to: Hearing public comments, update of USDA programs and activities, and discussion of committee priorities. This meeting will be open to the public.

DATES: The meeting will be held on September 21st, 2014 from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and September 22th, 2014 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The meeting will be open to the public on both days. Note that a period for public comment will be held on September 22th, from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Whitten Building; 1400 Independence Avenue SW.; Washington, DC 20250. The public comment period and CNAFR meeting will take place within Room 107-A, Whitten Building.

Written Comments: Written comments may be submitted to: Dana Richey, Designated Federal Officer, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of the Administrator Farm Service Agency, 1400 Independence Ave. SW., Whitten Bldg., 501-A, Washington, DC 20250; by Fax: (202) 720-1058; or by email: Dana.Richey@wdc.usda.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions should be directed to Dana Richey, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of the Administrator, FSA, 1400 Independence Ave. SW., Whitten Bldg., 501-A, Washington, DC 20250; by Fax: (202) 720-1058 or email: Dana.Richey@wdc.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended (5 U.S.C. App. 2), USDA established an advisory council for Native American farmers and ranchers. The CNAFR is a discretionary advisory committee established under the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture, in furtherance of the *Keepseagle v. Vilsack* settlement agreement that was granted final approval by the District Court for the District of Columbia on April 28, 2011.

The CNAFR will operate under the provisions of the FACA and report to the Secretary of Agriculture. The purpose of the CNAFR is (1) to advise the Secretary of Agriculture on issues related to the participation of Native American farmers and ranchers in USDA farm loan programs; (2) to transmit recommendations concerning any changes to FSA regulations or internal guidance or other measures that would eliminate barriers to program participation for Native American farmers and ranchers; (3) to examine methods of maximizing the number of new farming and ranching opportunities created by USDA farm loan programs through enhanced extension and financial literacy services; (4) to examine methods of encouraging intergovernmental cooperation to mitigate the effects of land tenure and probate issues on the delivery of USDA farm loan programs; (5) to evaluate other methods of creating new farming or ranching opportunities for Native American producers; and (6) to address other related issues as deemed appropriate.

The Secretary of Agriculture selected a diverse group of members representing a broad spectrum of persons interested in providing solutions to the challenges of the aforementioned purposes. Equal opportunity practices were considered in all appointments to the CNAFR in accordance with USDA policies. The

Secretary selected the members in August 2014. Interested persons may present views, orally or in writing, on issues relating to agenda topics before the CNAFR.

Written submissions may be submitted to the contact person on or before September 15th, 2015. Oral presentations from the public will be heard between approximately 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on September 22th, 2015. Those individuals interested in making formal oral presentations should notify the contact person and submit a brief statement of the general nature of the issue they wish to present and the names and addresses of proposed participants by September 15th, 2015. All oral presentations will be given three (3) to five (5) minutes depending on the number of participants.

The OTR will also make all agenda topics available to the public via the OTR Web site: <http://www.usda.gov/tribalrelations> no later than 10 business days before the meeting and at the meeting. In addition, the minutes from the meeting will be posted on the OTR Web site. OTR welcomes the attendance of the public at the CNAFR meetings and will make every effort to accommodate persons with physical disabilities or special needs. If you require special accommodations due to a disability, please contact Dana Richey, at least 10 business days in advance of the meeting.

Leslie Wheelock,

Director, Office of Tribal Relations.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS-2015-0056]

International Trade Data System Test Concerning the Electronic Submission to the Automated Commercial Environment of the Lacey Act Import Declaration Form Using the Partner Government Agency Message Set

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: We are announcing that U.S. Customs and Border Protection and the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) have developed a pilot plan to test and assess the International Trade Data System for the electronic submission of Lacey Act import declaration data. The pilot test will use

the APHIS Partner Government Agency (PGA) Message Set and the Automated Broker Interface to transmit, and the Automated Commercial Environment to process, trade data required by the Lacey Act for the importation of plant and paper products. Under this test, PGA Message Set data may be submitted only for Lacey Act import declarations filed at certain ports.

DATES: Comments will be accepted through the duration of the test. The test will commence no earlier than August 6, 2015, and will continue until concluded by publication of a notice ending the test. Participants should consult <http://www.cbp.gov/document/guidance/list-aceitds-pga-message-set-pilot-ports> to determine which ports are operational and the date they become operational.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=APHIS-2015-0056>.
- *Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery:* Send your comment to Docket No. APHIS-2015-0056, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3A-03.8, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238.
- *Email:* Send your comment to Ms. Josephine Baiamonte, ACE Business Office, Office of International Trade, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, DHS, 1400 L Street NW., 2nd floor, Washington, DC 20229-1225 at josephine.baiamonte@cbp.dhs.gov. In the subject line of the email, please indicate, "Comment on PGA Message Set Test FRN."

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For technical questions related to the Automated Commercial Environment or Automated Broker Interface transmissions, contact your assigned CBP client representative. Interested parties without an assigned client representative should direct their questions to Mr. Steven Zaccaro U.S. Customs and Border Protection, DHS, 1400 L Street NW., 2nd floor, Washington, DC 20229-1225; steven.j.zaccaro@cbp.dhs.gov.

For PGA-related questions, contact Ms. Emi Wallace (CBP), U.S. Customs and Border Protection, DHS, 1400 L Street NW., 2nd floor, Washington, DC 20229-1225; emi.r.wallace@cbp.dhs.gov.

For Lacey Act-related questions, contact Ms. Parul Patel, Senior Agriculturalist, Regulations, Permits, and Manuals, PPQ, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 150, Riverdale, MD 20737-1231; 301-851-2351; Parul.R.Patel@aphis.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

I. The National Customs Automation Program

The National Customs Automation Program (NCAP) was established in Subtitle B of Title VI—Customs Modernization, in the North American Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act (Pub. L. 103-182, 107 Stat. 2057, 2170, December 8, 1993; see 19 U.S.C. 1411). Through NCAP, the initial thrust of customs modernization was on trade compliance and the development of the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE), the planned successor to the Automated Commercial System (ACS). ACE is an automated and electronic system for commercial trade processing intended to streamline business processes, facilitate growth in trade, ensure cargo security, and foster participation in global commerce, while ensuring compliance with U.S. laws and regulations and reducing costs for U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and all of its communities of interest. The ability to meet these objectives depends on successfully modernizing CBP's business functions and the information technology that supports those functions.

CBP's modernization efforts are accomplished through phased releases of ACE component functionality designed to replace specific legacy ACS functions or test new automated procedures. Each release will begin with a test and will end with mandatory use of the new ACE feature and, where applicable, the retirement of the corresponding legacy ACS function. Each release builds on previous releases and sets the foundation for subsequent releases.

The Automated Broker Interface (ABI) allows participants to electronically file required import data with CBP and transfers that data into ACE.

International Trade Data System

This test is in furtherance of the International Trade Data System (ITDS), which is authorized by section 405 of the Security and Accountability For Every Port Act of 2006 (SAFE Port Act, Pub. L. 109-347). The purpose of ITDS, as defined by section 405 of the SAFE Port Act, is to eliminate redundant information filing requirements, efficiently regulate the flow of commerce, and effectively enforce laws and regulations relating to international trade, by establishing a single portal system, operated by CBP, for the collection and distribution of standard electronic import and export data