

administration of this project. Technical administration includes tasks pursuant to the NRCS nine-step planning process, and planning procedures outlined in the NRCS-National Planning Procedures Handbook. Examples of tasks completed by the Planning Team include, but are not limited to, Preliminary Investigations, Hydrologic Analysis, Reservoir Sedimentation Surveys, Economic Analysis, Formulating and Evaluating Alternatives, and Writing the Watershed Plan—Environmental Assessment. Data collected from partner agencies, databases, landowners, and others throughout the entire planning process, were presented at the public meeting on June 28, 2005. Informal discussions amongst planning team members, partner agencies, and landowners were conducted throughout the entire planning period.

Public Participation

A public meeting was held on June 28, 2005 to explain the Small Watershed Rehabilitation Program and to scope resource problems, issues, and concerns of local residents associated with the MPD No. 11 project area. Potential alternative solutions to bring MPD No. 11 into compliance with current dam safety criteria for a high-hazard dam were also presented. Twenty-one meeting participants heard summaries of planning accomplishments to date, provided input on issues and concerns to be considered in the planning process, and identified which planning alternative [*i.e.* No Action, Decommission, Structural, Non-Structural] was most desirable.

Conclusion

The Environmental Assessment summarized above indicates that this Federal action will not cause significant adverse local, regional, or national impacts on the environment. Therefore, based on the above findings, I have determined that an environmental impact statement for the recommended plan of action on Choccolocco Creek Watershed MPD No. 11 is not required.

Dated: May 22, 2006.

Gary Kobylski,

State Conservationist.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Housing Service

Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Rural Housing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Proposed collection; comments request.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Rural Housing Service's (RHS) intention to request an extension for the currently approved information collection in support of our program for Complaints and Compensation for Construction Defects.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by August 4, 2006 to be assured of consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nica Mathes, Loan Specialist, Single Family Housing Direct Loan Division, RHS, U.S. Department of Agriculture, STOP 0783, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-0783, Telephone (202) 205-3656.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: RD Instruction 1924-F, "Complaints and Compensation for Construction Defects."

OMB Number: 0575-0082.

Expiration Date of Approval: October 31, 2006.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: The Complaints and Compensation for Construction Defects program under section 509C of Title V of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended, provides eligible persons who have structural defects with their Agency financed homes to correct these problems. Structural defects are defects in the dwelling, installation of a manufactured home, or a related facility or a deficiency in the site or site development which directly and significantly reduces the useful life, habitability, or integrity of the dwelling or unit. The defect may be due to faulty material, poor workmanship, or latent causes that existed when the dwelling or unit was constructed. The period in which to place a claim for a defect is within 18 months after the date that financial assistance was granted. If the defect is determined to be structural and is covered by the builders/dealers-contractor's warranty, the contractor is expected to correct the defect. If the contractor cannot or will not correct the defect, the borrower may be compensated for having the defect corrected, under the Complaints and

Compensation for Construction Defects program. Provisions of this subpart do not apply to dwellings financed with guaranteed section 502 loans.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting for this collection of information is estimated to average .25 hours per response.

Respondents: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 500.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.00.

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Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 125 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Brigitte Sumter, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, at (202) 692-0042.

Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of RHS, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of RHS's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including a variety of 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 Brigitte Sumter, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, STOP 0742, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-0743. 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: May 26, 2006.

Russell T. Davis,

Administrator, Rural Housing Service.

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