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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Notice of Resource Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Lassen Resource Advisory Committee, Susanville, California, USDA Forest Service.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the authorities in the Federal Advisory Committees Act (Public Law 92-463) and under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-393) the Lassen National Forest's Lassen County Resource Advisory Committee will meet Thursday, January 8, 2004, in Susanville, California for business meetings. The meetings are open to the public.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting begins at 9 a.m., at the Forest Supervisor's Office, 2550 Riverside Drive, Susanville, CA 96130. The meeting objectives are for RAC members and the public to hear project presentations from proponents. Agenda topics will include: Presentations of four proposed projects, continuation of selection of projects, develop February meeting agenda, and meeting calendar for 2004. Time will also be set aside for public comments at the end of the meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: contact Robert Andrews, Eagle Lake District Ranger and Designated Federal Officer, at (530) 257-4188; or RAC Coordinator, Heidi Perry, at (530) 252-6604.

Jack T. Walton,

Acting Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Financing for Household Water Well Systems

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of inquiry; technical correction.

SUMMARY: The Water and Environmental Program within the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) published in the **Federal Register** on February 10, 2004, a notice of inquiry seeking written comments about the prospective grant program to an entity that will establish a lending program for the construction, refurbishing, and servicing of individually-owned household water well systems in rural areas that are or will be owned by the eligible individuals. Inadvertently the amount of funding available for fiscal year 2004 was incorrect.

DATES: Effective on February 19, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gary Morgan, Assistant Administrator, Water and Environmental Programs, Rural Utilities Service, United States Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., stop 1548 room 5145-S, Washington, DC 20250-1548. Phone: 202-690-2670. Fax: 202-720-0718. E-mail: gary.morgan@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Water and Environmental Program within the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) published a document in the **Federal Register** on February 10, 2004 (69 FR 6251) to seek written comments about the prospective grant program to an entity that will establish a lending program for the construction, refurbishing, and servicing of individually-owned household water well systems in rural areas that are or will be owned by the eligible individuals. Inadvertently, the amount of funding available for fiscal year 2004 was incorrect. In the notice published on February 10, 2004 (69 FR 6251) make the following correction. On page 6251, in the second column, in the seventh paragraph of the "Background" section, change the amount "\$500,000" to "1,000,000."

Dated: February 12, 2004.

Curtis M. Anderson,

Acting Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

DOC has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

Agency: Census Bureau.

Title: Information and

Communication Technology Survey (ICTS).

Form Number(s): ICT-1(S), ICT-1(M), and ICT-1(L).

Agency Approval Number: None.

Type of Request: New collection.

Burden: 74,900 hours.

Number of Respondents: 46,000.

Avg Hours Per Response: 1 hour and 38 minutes.

Needs and Uses: For several years, economic data users and policymakers have been concerned about the lack of available data related to e-business infrastructure investment. Such data are critical for evaluating productivity growth, changes in industrial capacity, measures of economic performance, and current economic developments. Rapid changes and advances in Information and Communication Technology (ICT) equipment have resulted in these assets having short useful lives and a tendency to be replaced much quicker than other types of equipment. Companies are expensing the full cost of such assets during the current annual period rather than capitalizing the value of such assets and expensing the cost over two or more years. In some cases this is due to the short useful life of the asset, and in other cases this is because companies have varying dollar levels for capitalization.

The Annual Capital Expenditures Survey (ACES) (OMB # 0607-0782) currently collects annual data on business capital expenditures and detailed types of structures and equipment data every five years with the next such collection in the 2003 ACES. This infrequent collection of types of structures and equipment detail

and the fact that the ACES does not include non-capitalized expenditures for e-business infrastructure investment creates serious data gaps.

As a result of the data gaps cited above, we are requesting approval to conduct the Information and Communication Technology Survey (ICTS) as a supplement to the ACES. For the ICTS, we plan to use the ACES sampling, follow-up and estimation methodologies including mailing to the same employer companies as the ACES. This data collection will supplement the current source of comprehensive statistics on business investment in equipment and software for private nonfarm businesses in the United States.

The proposed ICTS will annually collect industry-level data for two categories of non-capitalized expenses (purchases, and operating leases and rental payments) for four types of ICT equipment and software (computers and peripheral equipment; ICT equipment, excluding computers and peripherals; electromedical and electrotherapeutic apparatus; and, computer software, including payroll associated with software development). This collection will represent non-capitalized expenditure activity of all employer firms and provide comprehensive control estimates of total non-capitalized expense for each type of equipment and software by industry.

The ICT survey will be an important part of the Federal Government statistical program to improve and supplement ongoing statistical programs. The BEA will use this data to refine annual estimates of investment in equipment and software in the national income and product accounts and to improve estimates of capital stocks. The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) will use the data to improve estimates of capital stocks for productivity analysis. The Federal Reserve Board (FRB) will use the data to improve estimates of investment indicators for monetary policy.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions.

Frequency: Annually.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

Legal Authority: Title 13 U.S.C., Sections 182, 224, & 225.

OMB Desk Officer: Susan Schechter, (202) 395-5103.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by

calling or writing Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-0266, Department of Commerce, room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dhynek@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Susan Schechter, OMB Desk Officer either by fax (202-395-7245) or e-mail (susan_schechter@omb.eop.gov).

Dated: February 12, 2004.

Madeleine Clayton,

Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

Current Industrial Reports Surveys—WAVE II (Mandatory and Voluntary Surveys)

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before April 19, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dhynek@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to: Judy Dodds, Assistant Chief for Census and Related Programs, (301) 763-4587, Census Bureau, Manufacturing and Construction Division, Room 2101, Building #4,

Washington, DC 20233 (or via the Internet at judy.m.dodds@census.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Census Bureau conducts a series of monthly, quarterly, and annual surveys as part of the Current Industrial Reports (CIR) program. The CIR surveys deal mainly with the quantity and value of shipments of particular products and occasionally with data on production and inventories; unfilled orders, receipts, stocks and consumption; and comparative data on domestic production, exports, and imports of the products they cover. These surveys provide continuing and timely national statistical data on manufacturing. The results of these surveys are used extensively by individual firms, trade associations, and market analysts in planning or recommending marketing and legislative strategies.

The CIR program includes both mandatory and voluntary surveys. Typically, the monthly and quarterly surveys are conducted on a voluntary basis and annual collections are mandatory. The collection frequency of individual CIR surveys is determined by the cyclical nature of production, the need for frequent trade monitoring, or the use of data in Government economic indicator series. Some monthly and quarterly CIR surveys have an annual "counterpart" collection. The annual counterpart collects annual data on a mandatory basis from those firms not participating in the more frequent collection.

Due to the large number of surveys in the CIR program, for clearance purposes, the CIR surveys are divided into "waves." One wave is resubmitted for clearance each year. Mandatory and voluntary surveys historically have been divided into separate clearance requests, making two separate clearance requests each year and six clearance requests in total for the CIR program. We are now combining the mandatory and voluntary surveys of each wave into one clearance request, reducing the total number of clearance requests from six to three, and the number of OMB submissions annually from two to one. This year the Census Bureau plans to submit mandatory and voluntary surveys of Wave II for clearance. The surveys in Wave II are:

Mandatory surveys	Voluntary survey
M311J—Oilseeds, Beans and Nuts (Primary Producers)	*M327G—Glass Containers.
M313N—Cotton in Public Storage	*M331J—Inventories of Steel Producing Mills.
M313P—Consumption on the Cotton System and Stocks	*MQ311A—Flour Milling Products.
MQ314X—Bed and Bath Furnishings	*MQ325A—Inorganic Chemicals.