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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

March 23, 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

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Forest Service

Title: Information Collection Pursuant to the Cabin User Fee Fairness Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 6201-13).

OMB Control Number: 0596-NEW.

Summary of Collection: The Cabin User Fee Fairness Act (CUFFA) of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 6201-13) directs the Forest Service (FS) to promulgate regulations and adopt policies for assessing a base cabin user fee for recreation residence on National Forest System lands. Section 614 of CUFFA establishes a "transition period", defines how long the transition period will last, and provides guidelines on how the annual cabin user fees should be assessed and adjusted during the transition period. Upon adoption of the final regulations and agency directives, recreation resident permit holders will have 2 years to request that the FS take one of the following actions to establish a new base cabin user fee: (1) Conduct a new appraisal pursuant to the final regulations and policies; (2) commission a peer review of an existing appraisal report; or (3) establish a new fee based on the market value of the typical lot identified in an existing appraisal report that was completed and approved after September 30, 1995.

Need and Use of the Information: The information request is necessary for the FS to collect the permit holder's request, agreement, and accompanying signatures. The information will also assist the FS in establishing an accurate base cabin user fee during the transition period prescribed in CUFFA. Failure to collect this information could prevent the FS from complying with the provision of CUFFA and deny holders the opportunity to exercise one of the three options provided under CUFFA.

Description of Respondents: Individuals or households.

Number of Responses: 305.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Other (One Time Collection).

Total Burden Hours: 81.25.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Tongass National Forest Plan Amendment Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: The Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) that evaluates a potential significant amendment to the 1997 Tongass National Forest Plan. The Record of Decision will consider and identify changes, if any, to the current 1997 Forest Plan.

DATES: A specific proposed action is expected to be identified and posted on the Web site, <http://tongass-fpadjust.net>, in May 2006. The Draft EIS is expected to be mailed in November 2006, which will begin a 90-day public comment period. Public meetings and subsistence hearings will be scheduled during the 90-day comment period. The Record of Decision is expected to be signed in July 2007.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Additional information is available on the Tongass Forest Plan Adjustment Internet site at <http://www.tongass-fpadjust.net>. General and specific comments on the amendment can be submitted online at this Internet site. Questions about the project can be also directed to Lee Kramer, Forest Plan Project Manager, (Telephone 907-586-8811, ext. 225 or e-mail lkramer@fs.fed.us). Written inquiries can be directed to: Forest Supervisor, Tongass National Forest, Attn: Forest Plan Amendment, 648 Mission Street, Ketchikan, AK 99901.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Forest Management Act of 1976 requires the Forest Service to develop land and resource management plans for each unit of the National Forest System. These plans are often referred to as forest plans. The Tongass National Forest adopted its first forest plan in 1979. The Tongass National Forest issued a Record of Decision (ROD), which revised its forest plan in 1997. A new Forest Plan Record of Decision was issued in 1999, which was set aside in 2001 as a result of litigation. Other litigation, occurring at the same