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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

March 15, 2010.

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.

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Forest Service

Title: Public Attitudes, Beliefs, and Values about National Forest System Land Management.

OMB Control Number: 0596-0205.
Summary of Collection: The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321-4347), the National Forest Management Act of 1976, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1600) and the 2005 NFMA Planning Guide (36 CFR, Part 219) give legal authority for information collection in support of the forest plan revision process in the Southwestern Region. The purpose of this survey is to provide Southwestern Region natural forest land managers and planners with scientifically credible information from a broad and diverse representation of the public, as well as from specific stakeholder groups.

Need and Use of the Information: Information collected will focus on public attitudes, beliefs, and values that people have for public land and public land use, how those values are affected by public land management, and acceptable tradeoffs in developing alternative management plans. This information is critical to planning and implementing public policy related to national forests in the Southwestern Region. Data collected with these survey instruments will provide a baseline from which to monitor national forest use and management as affected by changes in social and economic conditions.

Description of Respondents: Individuals or households.

Number of Respondents: 20,202.

Frequency of Responses/Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 6,734.

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Agricultural Marketing Service

Title: Data Collection Applicable to Cranberries Not Subject to the Cranberry Marketing Order, 7 CFR part 926.

OMB Control Number: 0581-0222.

Summary of Collection: The Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 7 CFR part 926 was established to require producer-handlers, second-handlers, processors, brokers and importers of cranberries and cranberry products not subject to the Federal cranberry marketing order (7 CFR part 929) to report sales, acquisitions and inventory information to the Cranberry Marketing Committee

(Committee) and to maintain adequate records on such activities. The establishment of the data collection, reporting and recordkeeping requirements for entities not subject to the order is required pursuant to the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937, as amended; 7 U.S.C. 601–674, and as further amended by Public Law 106–78, 113 Stat. 1171 (Act).

Need and Use of the Information: The Committee has developed forms ICIR A–D “Importer Cranberry Inventory Report” and HPCIR A–D “Second-Handler/Processor Cranberry Inventory Report” as a convenience to persons who are required to file information with the Committee relating to sales, acquisition, and inventory information needed to effectively carry out the administration of the program. These forms require the minimum information necessary (name, address, variety imported, variety acquired, amount sold to and received by brokers, processors, and handlers, domestic/foreign sales, acquisitions, and the beginning and ending inventories of cranberries held by the importer) to effectively carry out the requirements and fulfill the intent of the Act as expressed in Part 926.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 6.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting.

Total Burden Hours: 1.

Agricultural Marketing Service

Title: Almonds Grown in California (7 CFR part 981).

OMB Control Number: 0581–0242.

Summary of Collection: Marketing Order No. 981 (7 CFR part 981) regulates the handling of almonds grown in California and emanates from the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937, (Act) Secs. 1–19, 48 Stat. 31, as amended (7 U.S.C. 601–674) to provide the respondents the type of service they request, and to administer the California almond marketing order program. The board has developed forms as a means for persons to file required information with the board relating to the treatment of almonds to reduce the potential for Salmonella bacteria prior to shipment.

Need and Use of the Information: Almond handlers are required to submit annual treatment plans to the board and inspection agency to ensure such plans are complete and auditable regarding how they plan to treat their almonds to reduce the potential for Salmonella. The plan will be approved by the Board and must address specific parameters for the handler to ship almonds. The Board also gathers information from entities interested in being almond process authorities that validate technologies, to

accept and further process untreated almonds and entities interested in being auditors. The information collected would be used only by authorized representatives of USDA, including the Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs’ regional and headquarters’ staff, and authorized employees and agents of the board.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; Individuals.

Number of Respondents: 175.

Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping; Reporting: Annually; On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 4,200.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Announcement of Funds Availability and Grant Application Deadlines

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of funds availability.

SUMMARY: The Rural Utilities Service (RUS), an agency of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), announces its Distance Learning and Telemedicine (DLT) grant program application window for Fiscal Year (FY) 2010. In addition to announcing the application window, RUS announces the anticipated amount of funding available, the minimum and maximum amounts for DLT grants applicable for the fiscal year, and a change in scoring necessitated by the expiration of the Empowerment Zone and Enterprise Community (EZ/EC) designations. Finally, the Agency notes that the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (Pub. L. 110–234) expressly added the category of libraries under Sec. 2333 (c)(1) of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. S950aaa-2(a)(1)) in order to clearly establish that libraries are eligible to be recipients of DLT Loans and Grants. This confirms the longstanding Agency policy of considering libraries to be eligible entities under the DLT Program. The regulation for the DLT Grant Program can be found at 7 CFR 1703, subpart E.

DATES: You may submit completed applications for grants on paper or electronically in accordance with the following deadlines:

- **Paper submissions:** Paper copies must be postmarked and mailed,

shipped, or sent overnight *no later* than May 18, 2010 to be eligible for FY 2010 grant funding. Late or incomplete applications will not be eligible for FY 2010 grant funding.

Electronic submissions: Electronic copies must be received by May 18, 2010 to be eligible for FY 2010 grant funding. Late or incomplete applications will not be eligible for FY 2010 grant funding.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the FY 2010 Application Guides and materials for the DLT grant program may be obtained at the following sources:

(1) The DLT Web site: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/telecom/dlt/dlt.htm>, and

(2) You may also request application guides and materials from RUS by contacting the DLT Program at 202–720–0413.

Completed applications may be submitted the following ways:

(1) **Paper:** Paper applications are to be submitted to the Rural Utilities Service, Telecommunications Program, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Room 2845, STOP 1550, Washington, DC 20250–1550. Applications should be marked “Attention: Acting Director, Advanced Services Division.”

(2) **Electronic:** Electronic applications may be submitted through Grants.gov. Information on how to submit applications electronically is available on the Grants.gov Web site (<http://www.grants.gov>). Applicants must successfully pre-register with Grants.gov to use the electronic applications option. Application information may be downloaded from Grants.gov without preregistration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Acting Director, Advanced Services Division, Telecommunications Programs, Rural Utilities Service.
Telephone: 202–720–0413, **fax:** 202–720–1051.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Overview

Federal Agency: Rural Utilities Service (RUS)

Funding Opportunity Title: Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grants.

Announcement Type: Notice of Funds Availability.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 10.855.

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