

from all interested individuals and organizations on a new information collection, Homeowner Response to Wildfire Hazard Mitigation Incentives: What Works and What Doesn't.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing on or before July 6, 2007 to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: Comments concerning this notice should be addressed to Lynne M. Westphal, PhD, Project Leader & Research Social Scientist Natural Environments for Urban Populations, Northern Research Station, USDA Forest Service, 1033 University Place, Ste 360, Evanston, IL 60201.

Comments also may be submitted via facsimile to 847-866-9506 or by e-mail to: lwestphal@fs.fed.us.

The public may inspect comments received at Northern Research Station, USDA Forest Service, 1033 University Place, Ste 360, Evanston, IL during normal business hours. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead to 847-866-9311 to facilitate entry to the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lynne M. Westphal, PhD, Project Leader & Research Social Scientist Natural Environments for Urban Populations, Northern Research Station, USDA Forest Service, 847-866-9311 extension 11. Individuals who use TDD may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339, 24 hours a day, every day of the year, including holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Homeowner Response to Wildfire Hazard Mitigation Incentives: What Works and What Doesn't.

OMB Number: 0596-NEW.

Type of Request: New.

Abstract: The cost of protecting private property in areas near public forests, the wildland-urban interface (WUI), is growing rapidly. Rising costs are largely due to efforts of the Forest Service and other Federal agencies to protect private property, even when the fires pose little threat to public land. The Forest Service would like to find ways to help local communities share responsibility for community fire protection. Some local communities have programs designed to encourage homeowners to create fire-safe landscapes. In this way, these communities and homeowners help protect private property.

The Forest Service is requesting Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval to study a range of current community programs designed to encourage homeowner participation in wildfire protection. Researchers will collect information from community

residents living in high-risk wildfire areas in four communities: Grand Haven, Michigan; Ruidoso, New Mexico; Larimer County, Colorado; and Oakland, California. These sites were chosen based on differences in defensible space policy approaches and wildfire risk levels.

Two researchers (one from a university and one from the Forest Service Northern Research Station) will analyze the data collected. These researchers are experts in applied social psychology and survey research.

A random sample of homeowners who live in high-risk wildfire areas in the four communities will be mailed survey questionnaires. The homeowners will be told that the participation in the survey is voluntary.

Participating homeowners will first complete a questionnaire, sharing perceptions and beliefs about the local wildfire hazard and local government response. Specifically, homeowners will be asked about their knowledge and understanding of local wildfire programs, their own efforts to protect their homes from wildfires, and reasons why they do or do not comply with local wildfire guidelines and laws. In addition, homeowners will be asked for their opinions about the risk of wildfires and the effectiveness and fairness of local wildfire protection programs and programs used by other communities.

This information will assist the Forest Service in its efforts to implement the Healthy Forest Restoration Act by supporting development of Community Wildfire Protection Plans as required under this Act (Pub. L. 108-148). The Agency will use the collected information to help communities develop wildfire protection programs most appropriate for local conditions. Development of programs by local homeowners may increase local support, participation, and compliance with the programs. Local community and homeowner participation in wildfire protection activities are critical components of a comprehensive strategy to protect private property.

Estimate of Annual Burden: 15 minutes.

Type of Respondents: Individuals.
Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 2,000.

Estimated Annual Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 500 hours.

Comment is invited on: (1) Whether this collection of information is necessary for the stated purposes and the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical or

scientific utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

All comments received in response to this notice, including names and addresses when provided, will be a matter of public record. Comments will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval.

Dated: May 1, 2007.

Ann M. Bartuska,

Deputy Chief, Research and Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.

ACTION: Proposed collection; comments requested.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Rural Business-Cooperative Service's (RBS) intention to request an extension for a currently approved information collection in support of the program for 7 CFR Part 4284, subpart G.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by July 6, 2007 to be assured of consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cindy Mason, Loan Specialist, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA, STOP 3225, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250, Telephone: (202) 690-1433.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Rural Business Opportunity Grants.

OMB Number: 0570-0024.

Expiration Date of Approval: October 31, 2007.

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

Abstract: The objective of the Rural Business Opportunity Grant (RBOG)

program is to promote sustainable economic development in rural areas. This purpose is achieved through grants made by the RBS to public and private non-profit organizations and cooperatives to pay costs of economic development planning and technical assistance for rural businesses. The regulations contain various requirements for information from the grant applicants and recipients. The information requested is necessary for RBS to be able to process applications in a responsible manner, make prudent program decisions, and effectively monitor the grantees' activities to ensure that funds obtained from the Government are used appropriately. Objectives include gathering information to identify the applicant, describe the applicant's experience and expertise, describe the project and how the applicant will operate it, and other material necessary for prudent Agency decisions and reasonable program monitoring.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 9 hours per response.

Respondents: Non-profit corporations, public agencies, and cooperatives.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 248.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 8.

Estimated Number of Responses: 1863.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 17,104.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Cheryl Thompson, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, Support Services Division at (202) 692-0043.

Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of RBS, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of RBS' estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the 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 Cheryl Thompson, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, Support Services

Division, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, STOP 0742, Washington, DC 20250. 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: April 27, 2007.

Jackie J. Gleason,

Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Maximum Dollar Amount on Awards Under the Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant Program for Fiscal Year 2007; Correction

AGENCY: Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; correction.

SUMMARY: The Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS) published a document in the **Federal Register** of Friday, December 8, 2006, [71 FR 71128] concerning the announcement of the maximum dollar amount under the Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant Program (REDLG). This document announces the actual amount available and the expanded eligibility requirements.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Cindy Mason, Loan Specialist, USDA Rural Development, STOP 3225, Room 6866, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-3225. Telephone: (202) 690-1433, FAX: (202) 720-2213.

Correction

In the **Federal Register** of December 8, 2006, in FR Doc. E6-20871, on page 71128, in the third column, correct the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** caption to read: RBS published a Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA) on December 8, 2006. Based on the Revised Continuing Appropriations Resolution, 2007 (2007 Appropriation), (Public Law 110-5), the total amount available for zero-interest loans is \$24,752,477. As stated in the NOFA, the maximum loan and grant awards pursuant to 7 CFR 1703.28 is 3.0 percent of the program level rounded to the nearest \$10,000, but no less than \$200,000. Thus, the maximum dollar amount available per loan is \$740,000. Total amount available for grants is \$10,000,000. Thus, the maximum amount available per grant is \$300,000.

Additionally, the 2007 Appropriation continued the REDLG eligibility requirements implemented in FY 2006. Therefore, an organization is considered to be eligible to participate in the REDLG program if it can be described as:

1. Any former Rural Utilities Service borrower that has repaid or prepaid an insured, direct, or guaranteed loan under the Rural Electrification Act;

2. Any not-for-profit utility that is eligible to receive an insured or direct loan under such act; or

3. Any borrower under such act.

The Regulations for these programs are at 7 CFR part 1703, subpart B. The maximum loan and grant awards are determined in accordance with 7 CFR 1703.28. The maximum loan and grant awards are calculated at 3.0 percent of the projected program levels, rounded to the nearest \$10,000; however, as specified in 7 CFR 1703.28(b), regardless of the projected total amount that will be available, the maximum size may not be lower than \$200,000. The projected program level during FY 2007 for zero-interest loans is \$25,215,484.47, and the projected level for grants is \$10,000,000. Applying the 3.0 percent to the program level for loans, rounded to the nearest \$10,000, results in a projected maximum loan award of \$740,000. Applying the specified 3.0 percent to the program level for grants results in an amount higher than \$200,000. Therefore, the projected grant award for FY 2007 is \$300,000.

Dated: May 1, 2007.

Jackie J. Gleason,

Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit 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: Office of the Secretary, Office of Civil Rights (OCR).

Title: Reasonable Accommodation for Employees and Applicants with Disabilities.

Form Number(s): CD-575.

OMB Approval Number: 0690-0022.

Type of Request: Regular submission.

Burden Hours: 17.