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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Information Collection; Request for Comments; Woodsy Owl Official Licensee Royalty Statement

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Forest Service announces its intention to reinstate an information collection. The information will enable the Forest Service to collect royalty fees for the commercial use of the Woodsy Owl symbol and to assess the effectiveness of licensing the Woodsy Owl symbol for commercial use. Information will be collected from individuals and from for-profit businesses and non-profit organizations.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing on or before August 7, 2000.

ADDRESSES: All comments should be addressed to the Office of Education Conservation, National Symbols Coordinator, Forest Service, USDA, P.O. Box 96090, Washington, D.C. 20090-6090.

Comments also may be submitted via facsimile to (202) 690-5658 or by email to: Education_Conervation/wo@fs.fed.us.

The public may inspect comments received at the Office of Education Conservation, Room 1SE, Forest Service, USDA, 201 14th Street SW., Washington, D.C. Visitors are urged to call ahead to (202) 205-5681 to facilitate entrance into the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Roberta Hilbruner, Conservation Education, at (202) 205-5681.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Woodsy Owl-Smoky Bear Act of 1974 established the Woodsy Owl

symbol and slogan, authorized the Forest Service to manage the use of the slogan and symbol, authorized the licensing of the symbol for commercial use, and provided for continued protection of the symbol by stating that Woodsy Owl may only be used by permission of the Forest Service. Part 272 of Title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations authorizes the Chief of the Forest Service to approve commercial use of the Woodsy Owl symbol and to collect of royalty fees for such use. Woodsy Owl may be replicated as a plush toy and the Woodsy Owl symbol or logo may be replicated on items such as tee shirts, mugs, pins, figurines, ornaments, storybooks, stickers, and toys.

The message to the public inherent with the Woodsy Owl symbol is about caring for the environment (Thus the slogans "Give a Hoot, Don't Pollute" and "Lend a Hand, Care for the Land"). The goal of Woodsy Owl is to inspire children to observe the natural world around them, teach children ecological principles, and motivate children to join in specific actions to help care for the environment.

Description of Information Collection

The following describes the information collection to be reinstated:

Title: Woodsy Owl Official Licensee Royalty Statement.

OMB Number: 0596-0087.

Expiration Date of Approval: October 31, 1999.

Type of Request: Reinstatement of an information collection previously approved by the Office of Management and Budget.

Abstract: The Forest Service National Symbols Coordinator will evaluate the data to determine if an individual, corporation, or organization, requesting a license to use the Woodsy Owl symbol commercially, should be granted a license or, if currently licensed, to determine the royalty fee the licensed entity must pay to the agency based on a percentage of the licensee's total sales and whether the licensed entity has met its stated objectives.

An individual or corporation may apply for a Woodsy Owl license by contacting Forest Service personnel by telephone, fax, e-mail, or by writing to the address listed in the address section of this notice. In the course of communicating with the potential applicant, the agency will learn how

long the individual, corporation, or organization has been in business; the products the individual, corporation or organization sells or plans to sell; the geographical location from which the products will be sold; the projected sales volume; and how the individual, corporation, or organization plans to market the products.

If Forest Service personnel determine that granting a license to the individual, corporation, or organization for the purpose of using the Woodsy Owl symbol for commercial use would be in the best interest of the agency and would promote the Woodsy Owl messages, a license contract would be mailed to the individual, corporation or organization. The contract would have to be completed and returned to the Forest Service. Once the contract has been signed by an authorized Forest Service employee and by the individual or the corporate or organizational representative, the newly licensed entity will have to submit to the Forest Service the agreed upon advanced guaranteed royalty payment. The individual, corporation, or organization also will submit a quarterly report to the agency, using the Woodsy Owl Licensee Royalty Statement Form, along with any royalty fees garnered from sales that have exceeded the advanced guaranteed royalty payment.

When making the quarterly reports, individuals, corporations, or organizations will be asked to provide information that includes the following: a list of each item that will be sold with the Woodsy Owl symbol; the projected sales of each item; the price at which each item will be sold; the total sales amount subject to the agency royalty fee; the royalty fee due based on sales quantity and price; a description and itemization of any deductions, such as fees waived or previously paid as part of the advance royalty payment which is their sales quantity guarantee; the new total royalty fee the business or organization must pay after deductions; the running total amount of royalties accrued in that fiscal year; and the typed name and signature of the business or organizational employee certifying the truth of the report.

Data gathered in this information collection are not available from other sources.

Estimate of Annual Burden: 30 minutes.

Type of Respondents: For-profit businesses and non-profit organizations currently holding a Woodsy Owl license or applying for such license.

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 10.

Estimated Annual Number of Responses per Respondent: 4.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 20 hours.

Comment Is Invited

The agency invites comments on the following: (a) Whether the proposed 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; (b) the accuracy of the agency's 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 respondents, including the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Use of Comments

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

Dated: June 1, 2000.

Robin L. Thompson,

Acting Deputy Chief, State and Private Forestry.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Upper Deckers Creek Watershed, Preston and Monongalia Counties, West Virginia

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service, Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice of a Finding of No Significant Impact.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969; the Council of Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR Part 1500); and the Natural

Resources Conservation Service Regulations (7 CFR Part 650); the Natural Resources Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, gives notice that an environmental impact statement is not being prepared for the Upper Deckers Creek Watershed Project, Preston and Monongalia Counties, West Virginia.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

William J. Hartman, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, 75 High Street, Room 301, Morgantown, West Virginia, 26505, telephone 304-284-7545.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The environmental assessment of this federally assisted action indicates that the project will not cause significant local, regional, or national impacts on the environment. As a result of these findings, William J. Hartman, State Conservationist, has determined that the preparation and review of an environmental impact statement are not needed for this project.

The project purpose is water quality improvement through acid mine drainage remediation. Planned actions include mine spoil regrading, highwall elimination, revegetation, limestone channels, passive treatment systems, grouting, and addition of limestone fines to streams.

The Finding Of No Significant Impact (FONSI) has been forwarded to the Environmental Protection Agency and to various Federal, State, and local agencies and interested parties. A limited number of copies of the FONSI are available to fill single copy requests at the above address. Basic data developed during the environmental assessment are on file and may be reviewed by contacting William J. Hartman.

No administrative action on implementation of the proposal will be taken until 30 days after the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**.

(This activity is listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance under NO. 10.904, Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention, and is subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372, which requires intergovernmental consultation with State and local officials.)

William J. Hartman,

State Conservationist.

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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: U.S. Census Bureau.

Title: 2001 Residential Finance Survey.

Form Number(s): D-2900, D-2900(L), D-2901, D-2901(L), D-2901(FE)(L), D-2902, D-2902(L), D-2904, D-2905(L).

Agency Approval Number: None.

Type of Request: New collection.

Burden: 77,500 hours.

Number of Respondents: 330,000.

Avg Hours Per Response: 14 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The Residential Finance Survey (RFS) provides data about the financing of nonfarm, privately-owned residential properties in the United States. RFS data, in conjunction with statistics from other sources, are used in assessing public policies affecting real estate, mortgage banking, economic policy, social welfare, and related areas of concern, and in developing and evaluating proposals about them. The data are particularly useful to economists and financial analysts who guide and counsel home and apartment builders, financial institutions and institutional investors, producers of building materials, real estate companies, community planners, and government planners at the Federal, state, and local levels.

The RFS has been conducted as part of the decennial census since 1950. A continuation of the RFS is necessary because the dramatic changes in the real estate finance market which have taken place in the 1990's give no indication of abating in the next decade. The changes in the next 5 to 10 years may be even more dramatic than those of the past decade. It is essential for policy planning and formulation within the government and for accurate market analysis in the private sector that timely, accurate, and comprehensive benchmark data be available on the financing of residential properties.

Affected Public: Individuals or households, Businesses or other for-profit organizations, Federal Government.

Frequency: One-time only.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

Legal Authority: Title 13 USC, Section 141.

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