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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Information Collection; Federal and Non-Federal Financial Assistant Instruments

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Forest Service is seeking comments from all interested individuals and organizations on the new information collection, Federal and Non-Federal Financial Assistant Instruments.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing on or before January 19, 2010 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 Chris Copenbarger, Director of Acquisitions Management, USDA Forest Service, 1400 Independence Ave. SW., Mailstop 1138, Washington, DC 20250.

Comments also may be submitted via facsimile to 720-605-5100 or by e-mail to: ccopenbarger@fs.fed.us.

The public may inspect comments received at Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1621 N. Kent Street, RPE 707, Arlington, VA during normal business hours. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead to 703-605-4719 to facilitate entry to the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Chris Copenbarger, Acquisitions Management at USDA Forest Service, 703-605-4719. Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339 twenty-four hours a day, every day of the year, including holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Federal and Non-Federal Financial Assistant Instruments.

OMB Number: 0596-NEW.

Type of Request: New.

Abstract: In order to carry out specific Forest Service activities, Congress created several authorities to assist the Agency in carrying out its mission. The Forest Service issues Federal Financial Assistance (FFA) awards (which are grants and cooperative agreements), as authorized by the Federal Grants and Cooperative Agreements Act (FGCAA), as well as agreements expressly exempted from FGCAA. In addition, Congress created specific authorizations for acts outside the scope of the FGCAA; as well as appropriations language conveying authority for the Forest Service to enter into relationships that are outside the scope of the FGCAA.

The Forest Service implements these authorizations using instruments such as collection agreements, FGCAA exempted agreements, memorandums of understanding, and other agreements (which contain mutual benefits for participating parties). These instruments fall outside the scope of the Federal Acquisition Regulations and often require financial plans and statements of work. To create, develop, and administer these funded and non-funded agreements, Forest Service employees collect information from cooperating parties from the pre-award to the closeout stage via telephone calls, e-mails, postal mail, and person-to-person meetings. Respondents usually have multiple options for responding, including forms, non-forms, electronically, face-to-face, over the telephone, and over the Internet. The scope of information collected varies, but typically includes project type, project scope, financial plan, statement of work, and cooperator's business information.

The information is collected from non-profit and for-profit institutions; institutions of higher education; State, local, and Native American tribal governments; individuals; foreign governments; and organizations. Without the collected information, the Forest Service would not be able to create, develop, and administer these funded and non-funded agreements. The Agency would be unable to develop or monitor projects, make or receive payments, or identify financial and accounting errors.

Estimate of Annual Burden: .1 to 4 hours annually per person.

Type of Respondents: Non-profit and for profit institutions; institutions of higher education; State, local, and Native American tribal governments, individuals; foreign governments; and organizations.

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 29,000.

Estimated Annual Number of Responses per Respondent: 1 to 4.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 23,101.9 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 submission request toward Office of Management and Budget approval.

Dated: November 13, 2009.

Charles L. Myers,
Deputy Chief.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Information Collection; Youth Conservation Corps Application and Medical History

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Forest Service is seeking comments from all interested individuals and organizations on the extension, with no revision, of a currently approved

information collection, Youth Conservation Corps Application and Medical History. The collected information will help the Forest Service evaluate the employment eligibility of youth 15 to 18 years old through the Youth Conservation Corps Program. Under the Program, the Forest Service cooperates with other Federal agencies to provide seasonal employment for youth.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing on or before January 19, 2010 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 Crystal Merica, USDA Forest Service, Recreation, Heritage, and Volunteer Resources, 201 14th Street, SW., Mailstop 1125, Washington, DC 20250.

Comments also may be submitted via facsimile to 202-205-1145 or by e-mail to: ckmerica@fs.fed.us.

The public may inspect comments received at USDA Forest Service, Yates Building, 201 14th Street, SW., Room 4 Central, Washington, DC, during normal business hours. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead to 202-205-1706 to facilitate entry to the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy Coyote, Recreation, Heritage, and Volunteer Resources staff, at 503-808-2816. Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339 twenty-four hours a day, every day of the year, including holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Youth Conservation Corps Application and Medical History.

OMB Number: 0596-0084.

Expiration Date of Approval: 2/2010.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Under the Youth Conservation Corps Act of August 13, 1970, as amended (U.S. 18701-1706), the Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture; the Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service; and the Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Department of the Interior, cooperate to provide seasonal employment for eligible youth 15 to 18 years old. The Youth Conservation Corps stresses three important objectives:

1. Accomplish needed conservation work on public lands;
2. Provide gainful employment for 15- to 18-year-old males and females from all social, economic, ethnic, and racial backgrounds; and
3. Foster, on the part of the 15- to 18-year-old youth, an understanding and

appreciation of the Nation's natural resources and heritage.

Youths seeking training and employment with the Youth Conservation Corps must complete the following forms: FS-1800-18, Youth Conservation Corps Application, and FS-1800-3, Youth Conservation Corps Medical History. The applicant's parent or guardian must sign both forms. The application and medical history form are evaluated by participating agencies to determine the eligibility of each youth for employment with the Youth Conservation Corps.

FS-1800-18, Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) Application: Applicants are asked to answer questions that include their name, Social Security number, date of birth, mailing address, and telephone number.

FS-1800-3, Youth Conservation Corps Medical History: Applicants are asked to answer questions regarding their personal health. The purpose of form FS-1800-3 is to certify the youth's physical fitness to work in the seasonal employment program.

Estimate of Annual Burden: 6 minutes.

Type of Respondents: Youth between the ages of 15 and 18 years old seeking seasonal employment with the Forest Service through the YCC program.

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 20,000.

Estimated Annual Number of Responses per Respondent: 2.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 2,000 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 submission request toward Office of Management and Budget approval.

Dated: November 13, 2009.

Gloria Manning,

Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest System.

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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: U.S. Census Bureau.

Title: The Boundary and Annexation Survey, Boundary Validation Program.

Form Number(s): BAS 1, BAS 2, BAS 3, BAS 4, BAS 5, BAS 6, BAS-ARF1, BAS-ARF2, BVP-1, BVP-2.

OMB Control Number: 0607-0151.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Burden Hours: 241,750.

Number of Respondents: 74,000.

Average Hours per Response: 3 hours and 16 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The U.S. Census Bureau is requesting an extension and revision to the Paperwork Reduction Act clearance for the Boundary and Annexation Survey (BAS) in order to continue the current BAS collection and conduct the Boundary Validation Program (BVP). The BAS is conducted annually to collect information about selected legally defined geographic areas, such as counties (and equivalent areas), incorporated places, minor civil divisions (MCDs), as well as federally recognized American Indian reservations, including off-reservation trust land and tribal subdivisions. The BVP is conducted every ten years to provide the highest elected or appointed official (HEO) an opportunity to review the boundary data collected during the BAS over the last decade. The 2010 BVP is conducted in parallel with the 2010 BAS.

The BVP validates the following actions by governmental units, as reported in the BAS:

- The creation of newly incorporated places and MCDs.
- The creation of new counties, and the addition of new federally recognized American Indian areas (AIAs).¹
- The dissolution of incorporated places and MCDs.

¹ AIAs American Indian Areas include reservations and/or off-reservation trust lands and tribal subdivisions