

Signed at Washington, D.C., on October 12, 2000.

Parks Shackelford,

Executive Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation.

Exhibit 1

State FSA Office Addresses

Alabama State FSA Office, 4121 Carmichael Road, Suite 600, Montgomery, AL 36106-2872
 Alaska State FSA Office, 800 West Evergreen, Suite 216, Palmer, AK 99645-6389
 Arizona State FSA Office, 77 East Thomas Road, Suite 240, Phoenix, AZ 85012-3318
 Arkansas State FSA Office, Federal Building, Room 3416, 700 West Capitol, Little Rock, AR 72201-3225
 California State FSA Office, 430 G Street # 4161, Davis, CA 95616
 Colorado State FSA Office, 655 Parfet St., Suite E-305, Lakewood, CO 80215-5517
 Connecticut State FSA Office, 88 Day Hill Road, Windsor, CT 06095
 Delaware State FSA Office, 1201 College Park Drive, Suite 101, Dover, DE 19904-8713
 Florida State FSA Office, 4440 N.W. 25th Pl., Suite 1, Gainesville, FL 32606
 Georgia State FSA Office, Federal Building, Room 102, 355 East Hancock Ave., Athens, GA 30603-1907
 Hawaii State FSA Office, 300 Ala Moana Blvd., Room 5-112, P.O. Box 50008, Honolulu, HI 96850
 Idaho State FSA Office, 9173 W. Barnes, Suite B, Boise, ID 83709-1555
 Illinois State FSA Office, 3500 Wabash, P.O. Box 19273, Springfield, IL 62794-9273
 Indiana State FSA Office, 5981 Lakeside Blvd., Indianapolis, IN 46278
 Iowa State FSA Office, 10500 Buena Vista Court, Des Moines, IA 50322
 Kansas State FSA Office, 3600 Anderson Ave., Manhattan, KS 66503-2511
 Kentucky State FSA Office, 771 Corporate Dr., Suite 100, Lexington, KY 40503-5478
 Louisiana State FSA Office, 3737 Government Street, Alexandria, LA 71302-3395
 Maine State FSA Office, 967 Illinois Ave., Bangor, ME 04401
 Maryland State FSA Office, 8335 Guilford Rd., Suite E, Columbia, MD 21046
 Massachusetts State FSA Office, 445 West Street, Amherst, MA 01002-2994
 Michigan State FSA Office, 3001 Coolidge Rd., Suite 350, East Lansing, MI 48823-6321

Minnesota State FSA Office, 375 Jackson Street, Suite 400, St. Paul, MN 55101-1852
 Mississippi State FSA Office, 6310 I-55 North, Jackson, MS 39211
 Missouri State FSA Office, Suite 225, Parkade Plaza, 601 Bus. Loop 70 West, Columbia, MO 65203
 Montana State FSA Office, 10 East Babcock Street, P.O. Box 670, Bozeman, MT 59771-0670
 Nebraska State FSA Office, 7131 A Street, Lincoln, NE 68501-7975
 Nevada State FSA Office, 1755 E. Plumb Lane, Suite 202, Reno, NV 89502
 New Hampshire State FSA Office, 22 Bride St., 4th Floor, Concord, NH 03301-4987
 New Jersey State FSA Office, Mastoris Professional Plaza, 163 Rt. 130, Bldg. 2, Suite E, Bordentown, NJ 08505-2249
 New Mexico State FSA Office, 6200 Jefferson St., NE, Room 211, Albuquerque, NM 87109
 New York State FSA Office, 441 S. Saline St., Suite, 356, 5th Floor, Syracuse, NY 13202-2455
 North Carolina State FSA Office, 4407 Bland Road, Suite 175, Raleigh, NC 27609-6296
 North Dakota State FSA Office, 1025 28th St., SW, Fargo, ND 58103
 Ohio State FSA Office, 540 Federal Building, 200 N. High Street, Columbus, OH 43215
 Oklahoma State FSA Office, 100 USDA, Suite 102, Farm Rd. & McFarland St., Stillwater, OK 74074-2653
 Oregon State FSA Office, 7620 S.W. Mohawk, Tualatin, OR 97062-8121
 Pennsylvania State FSA Office, One Credit Union Place, Suite 320, Harrisburg, PA 17110-2994
 Puerto Rico FSA Office, Cobian's Plaza Building—Rm. 301, 1607 Ponce de Leon Ave., Santurce, Puerto Rico 00909-1815
 Rhode Island State FSA Office, 60 Quaker Lane, Suite 40, Warwick, RI 02886-0111
 South Carolina State FSA Office, 1927 Thurmond Mall, Suite 100, Columbia, SC 29201-2375
 South Dakota State FSA Office, 200 Fourth St., SW, Room 308, Huron, SD 57350-2478
 Tennessee State FSA Office, 579 U.S. Courthouse, 801 Broadway, Nashville, TN 37203-3816
 Texas State FSA Office, 2405 Texas Ave. South, College Station, TX 77840
 Utah State FSA Office, P.O. Box 11350, 125 South State Street., 346 Shelburne St., Salt Lake City, UT 84147-0350
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Information Collection; Request for Comments; Fuelwood and Post Assessment in Selected States

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Forest Service announces its intention to reinstate a previously approved information collection. The collected information will help the Forest Service project and meet demands for renewable resources as a source for fuelwood and fence posts. Information will be collected from a selected number of residential households and logging contractors in selected States.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing on or before December 19, 2000.

ADDRESSES: All comments should be addressed to Ronald Piva, Forest Inventory and Analysis, North Central Research Station, Forest Service, USDA, 1992 Folwell Ave., St. Paul, MN 55108.

Comments also may be submitted via facsimile to (651) 649-5140 or by email to rpiva@fs.fed.us

The public may inspect comments received at the Forest Service, USDA, North Central Research Station, Room 507, 1992 Folwell Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ronald Piva, North Central Research Station, at (651) 649-5150.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resource Research Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 1600), (as amended by the Energy Security Act of 1980 (42 U.S.C. 8701)), requires the Secretary of Agriculture to make and keep current a comprehensive survey and analysis of the present and prospective conditions of and requirements for renewable resources from forests and range lands of the United States and of the supplies of such resources, including determination of facts necessary in determination of means to balance demand for and supply of these resources.

Wood was the major source of energy for households in the United States until the 1880s when use of wood for heating fuel began to decline. In 1970, less than 2 percent of households were using wood as a primary source of heating fuel. In order to monitor availability of renewable resources for fuel and energy, the Forest Service monitored production of wood for

household fuel by interviewing residents in rural areas to determine the amount of wood they used for fuel and the frequency of wood harvests from farm woodlots to supply the demand for fuelwood. These surveys were conducted about every 5 to 10 years.

In 1973, fossil fuel prices began to increase and, as a result, in the 1970s and 1980s, more households began to use wood as a source for primary or secondary heating. In 1986, an estimated 5 million households (6 percent) had a working wood stove and 19 million (21 percent) had a working fireplace. Overall, the use of wood as a residential and industrial energy source in the United States tripled in the last 25 years. The frequency of the surveys and the survey data did not reflect the actual use of wood for heating and energy purposes.

Similarly, production of round and split wood posts for farm fencing and other purposes declined from an estimated 900 million posts in 1920 to less than 60 million today. Even though use of round and split wood posts has declined, it is important to continue to monitor the demand for these products and to assess the impact the demand for the products has on the renewable forest resources.

Description of Information Collection

The following describes the information collection to be reinstated:

Title: Residential Fuelwood and Post Assessment, Any State, Year.

OMB Number: 0596-0009.

Expiration Date of Approval: July 2000.

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

Abstract: Forest Service personnel at the Northeastern Forest Experiment Station (Connecticut, Delaware, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, and West Virginia) and North Central Research Station (Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin) will evaluate the collected information to determine the level of renewable resources used for fuelwood and fence posts by residential households and logging contractors. The collected information will enable land managers to determine what timber to sell for use as fuelwood or fence posts, how well the local forested land will meet the demand for these timber products, and how to project future

demands on these renewable natural resources for fuelwood and fence posts.

This survey also will enable Forest Service personnel to determine the types of facilities households use to heat their homes with wood, such as wood burning stoves or fireplaces; the types of land from which the wood will be cut (forestland, such as private forests, State forests, National Forests, or non-forestland, such as wooded strips, narrow windbreaks, urban areas, or yard trees); the condition of the wood that will be cut, that is whether the trees will be dead or alive.

The Forest Inventory and Analysis Work Units at the Northeastern and North Central Research Stations of the Forest Service will collect the information about the quantities and types of trees cut for fuelwood and fence posts in a given year from a sampling of residential and logging contractors located within the geographical area of the Stations. The agency will conduct the survey through telephone interviews.

Respondents will be asked questions that include an estimate of the annual fuelwood consumption in a specific State; the types of burning facilities in the State, such as wood burning stoves or fireplaces; the annual fuelwood and post production in the State; the annual fuelwood and post production from growing stock (forestland trees of commercial value) and non-growing stock sources (cull trees on forest land or trees from non forestland); the annual fuelwood and post production by tree species; the county from which the fuelwood or posts come; and the landowner class from which the fuelwood or posts come, such as public, private, or forest industry lands.

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

Estimate of Annual Burden: 0.07 hours.

Type of Respondents: Residential households and logging contractors.

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 2,919.

Estimated Annual Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 204.

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: October 11, 2000.

Robert Lewis, Jr.,

Deputy Chief for Research & Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Southwest Oregon Province Interagency Executive Committee (PIEC) Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Southwest Oregon PIEC Advisory Committee will meet on October 31, 2000 in North Bend, Oregon, at the Coos Bay Bureau of Land Management Office at 1300 Airport Lane. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. and continue until 4:30 p.m. Agenda items to be covered include: (1) Province Implementation Monitoring 2000; (2) Public Comment; (3) Province Large Wood Implementation; (4) Rogue Basin Technical Team Update; (5) BLM Third-Year Monitoring Evaluation; and (6) Current issues as perceived by Advisory Committee members.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Direct questions regarding this meeting to Roger Evenson, Province Advisory Committee Coordinator, USDA, Forest Service, Umpqua National Forest, 2900 NW Stewart Parkway, Roseburg, Oregon 97470, phone (541) 957-3344.

Dated: October 16, 2000.

Don Ostby,

Designated Federal Official.

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