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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service

Notice of Intent To Revise a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service's (CSREES) intention to revise a currently approved information collection in support of Form CSREES–665 "Assurance of Compliance with the Department of Agriculture Regulations Under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (as amended)", and Form CSREES–666 "Organizational Information".

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by no later than September 27, 1996, to be assured of consideration.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS:

Contact Dr. Sally J. Rockey, Acting Deputy Administrator, Competitive Research Grants and Awards Management, Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, AG Box 2240, 901 D Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250–2240, (202) 401–1761.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Assurance of Compliance with the Department of Agriculture Regulations Under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (as amended), and Organizational Information.

OMB Number: 0524-0026.

Expiration Date of Approval: August 31, 1996.

Type of Request: Intent to revise and extend currently approved information collection.

Abstract: This action is necessary to: (1) change the forms from a CSRS (Cooperative State Research Service) to a CSREES (Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service) designation in accordance with the 1994 reorganization of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and (2) obtain approval for use of the forms beyond the current expiration date. The collection of this information enables CSREES to determine that applicants recommended for awards are responsible recipients of Federal funds. The information pertains to organizational management and financial matters of the potential grantee, as well as a certification that it complies with the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended. This information is submitted to CSREES on a one-time basis. If sufficient changes occur within the organization, the grantee submits revised information. Form CSREESc665 documents that the grantee will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended. Form CSREES-666 and the documents which the applicant attaches to this form provide CSREES with information such as the legal name of the grantee, certification that the organization has the legal authority to accept Federal funding, identification and signatures of the key officials of the organization, the organization's practices in regard to compensation rates and benefits of employees, insurance for equipment, subcontracting with other organizations, etc., as well as the financial condition of the organization. All of this information is considered by CSREES prior to award to determine that grantees are both managerially and fiscally responsible.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 8½ hours per response.

Respondents: Individuals or households, business or other for profit, non-profit institutions and small businesses or organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents:

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondent: 680 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Dr. Sally Rockey,

 $\begin{array}{l} Acting\ Deputy\ Administrator,\ (202)\\ 401-1761. \end{array}$

Comments: Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed 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 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 Dr. Sally Rockey, Acting Deputy Administrator, Competitive Research Grants and Awards Management, Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, AG Box 2240, 901 D Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-2240, (202) 401–1761.

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.

Done at Washington, D.C., this 17th day of July 1996.

Louise Ebaugh,

Acting Deputy Administrator, Competitive Research Grants and Awards Management, Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service.

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Forest Service

Taneum/Peaches Road Access Project, Wenatchee National Forest, Kittitas County Washington

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA. **ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare a supplement to a draft environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: The Forest Service, USDA, will prepare a supplement to the draft environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Taneum/Peaches Road Access Project on the Wenatchee National Forest, which was released for public