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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

May 9, 1997.

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments regarding (a) Whether the 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 burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; (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 should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Washington, DC 20503 and to Department Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250-7602. Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-6204 or (202) 720-6746.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it

displays a currently valid OMB control number.

National Agricultural Statistics Service

Title: June Agricultural Survey.
OMB Control Number: 0535-0089.

Summary: The June Agricultural Survey collects information on planted acreage for major crops, livestock inventories, and on-farm grain stocks. The June crops data establishes the base for estimating crop production and value for remainder of the crop year.

Need and Use of the Information: Indications from this survey are used to estimate the major crops grown, livestock inventories, on-farm grain stocks and agricultural land values and rents. Estimates are used throughout government and agriculture in policy, production, and marketing decisions.

Description of Respondents: Farms; Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 82,700.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 14,908.

Expedited clearance has been requested by May 31, 1997.

National Agricultural Statistics Service

Title: List Sampling Frame Survey.
OMB Control Number: 0535-0140.

Summary: Information is collected from farm operators on acres of crops and livestock inventory.

Need and Use of the Information: The information is used to build and maintain a list of farm operators. The list is used for drawing stratified samples for agricultural surveys.

Description of Respondents: Farms; business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 220,000.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On Occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 18,333.

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Services

Title: Prohibited and Restricted Importation of Meats, Animal Byproducts, Poultry, Organisms and Vectors into the U.S.

OMB Control Number: 0579-0015.

Summary: Information collection includes various certification statements, agreements, and product labeling requirements.

Need and Use of the Information: The information and requirements are designed to protect the United States against incursions of exotic diseases that

could cause significant harm to U.S. livestock and poultry populations.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; Individuals or households; Not-for-profit institutions; Federal Government; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 8,961.

Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 47,118.

Donald Hulcher,

Departmental Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Newspapers Used for Publication of Legal Notice of Appealable Decisions for the Northern Region; Idaho, Montana, North Dakota, and Portions of South Dakota and Eastern Washington

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice lists the newspapers that will be used by all Ranger Districts, Forests, and the Regional Office of the Northern Region to publish legal notice of all decisions subject to appeal under 36 CFR parts 215 and 217 and to publish notices for public comment and notice of decision subject to the provisions of 36 CFR part 215. The intended effect of this action is to inform interested members of the public which newspapers will be used to publish legal notices for public comment or decisions; thereby allowing them to receive constructive notice of a decision, to provide clear evidence of timely notice, and to achieve consistency in administering the appeals process.

DATES: Publication of legal notices in the listed newspapers will begin with decisions subject to appeal that are made on or after May 15, 1997. The list of newspapers will remain in effect until another notice is published in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kristine M. Lee; Regional Appeals and Litigation Coordinator; Northern Region; P.O. Box 7669; Missoula, Montana 59807. Phone: (406) 329-3647.

The newspapers to be used are as follows:

Northern Regional Office

Regional Forester decisions in Montana:

The Missoulian, Great Falls Tribune, and The Billings Gazette.

Regional Forester decisions in Northern Idaho and Eastern Washington: The Spokesman Review.

Regional Forester decisions in North Dakota: Bismarck Tribune.

Regional Forester decisions in South Dakota: Rapid City Journal.

Beaverhead/Deerlodge—Montana Standard

Bitterroot—Ravalli Republic

Clearwater—Lewiston Morning Tribune

Custer—Billings Gazette (Montana), Bismarck Tribune (North Dakota), Rapid City Journal (South Dakota)

Flathead—Daily Interlake

Gallatin—Bozeman Chronicle

Helena—Independent Record

Idaho Panhandle—Spokesman Review

Kootenai—Daily Interlake

Lewis & Clark—Great Falls Tribune

Lolo—Missoulian

Nez Perce—Lewiston Morning Tribune

Supplemental notices may be placed in any newspaper, but timeframes/ deadlines will be calculated based upon notices in newspapers of record listed above.

Dated: May 7, 1997.

Kathleen A. McCallister,

Deputy Regional Forester.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

National Agricultural Statistics Service

Intent To Request Approval of an Information Collection

AGENCY: National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13) and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations at 5 CFR Part 1320 (60 FR 44978, August 29, 1995), this notice announces the National Agricultural Statistics Service's (NASS) intention to request approval for a new information collection, the Census Evaluation Survey.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by July 18, 1997 to be assured of consideration.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS: Contact Rich Allen, Associate Administrator, National Agricultural

Statistics Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 4117 South Building, Washington, D.C. 20250-2000, (202) 720-4333.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Census Evaluation Survey.

Type of Request: To obtain approval to conduct an information collection.

Abstract: The Census Evaluation Survey estimates errors in the 1997 Census of Agriculture mail list and in farm classification that can lead to an undercount or overcount of farms. Results from the survey will provide the measures necessary to evaluate total coverage and identify procedures contributing to incomplete or erroneous data. The NASS June Agricultural Survey (0535-0089), will be used as the area sample to provide an independent check on census counts.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 24 minutes per response.

Respondents: Farms.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 20,000.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 7,200 hours.

Copies of this information collection and related instructions can be obtained without charge from Larry Gambrell, the Agency OMB Clearance Officer, at (202) 720-5778.

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, such as through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to: Larry Gambrell, Agency OMB Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Room 4162 South Building, Washington, DC 20250-2000.

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.

Signed at Washington, D.C., April 29, 1997.

Donald M. Bay,

Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Bear Creek Watershed, Tennessee and Kentucky

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service.

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 on Environmental Quality Guidelines (40 CFR part 1500); and the Natural Resources Conservation Service Guidelines (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 Bear Creek watershed, Scott County, Tennessee; McCreary County, Kentucky.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James W. Ford, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, 675 U.S. Courthouse, 801 Broadway, Nashville, Tennessee 37203, telephone (615) 736-5471.

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, James W. Ford, State Conservationist, has determined that the preparation and review of an environmental impact statement are not needed for this project.

Bear Creek Watershed, Tennessee and Kentucky; Notice of a Finding of No Significant Impact

The project concerns a plan for watershed protection and water quality improvement. The planned works of improvement include treatment of acid mine drainage and sedimentation from abandoned mine lands and treatment of eroding forestland. Federal financial assistance will be provided to accelerate financial and technical assistance for water quality improvement.

The Notice of a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) has been forwarded to the Environmental Protection Agency and to various