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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Intergovernmental Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Intergovernmental Advisory Committee (IAC) will meet on December 4, 2002, at the Doubletree Hotel-Lloyd Center, located at 1000 NE Multnomah in Portland, Oregon 97220. The primary purpose of the meeting is to continue with discussions on implementation of the Northwest Forest Plan (NWFP). IAC members are invited to meet at the hotel prior to the meeting for lunch at 12 noon. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. and continue until 5 p.m. Agenda items for the meeting include, but are not limited to: Introductions of new members, potential NWFP improvements, future IAC agenda topics, and recent court rulings related to the NWFP. The meeting is open to the public and is fully accessible for people with disabilities. Interpreters are available upon request at least 10 days in advance of the meeting. Written comments may be submitted for the record at the meeting. A time slot for oral public comments during the meeting is scheduled. Interested persons are encouraged to attend.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions regarding this meeting may be directed to Steve Odell, Executive Director, Regional Ecosystem Office, 333 SW First Avenue, PO Box 3623, Portland, OR 97208 (Phone: 503-808-2165).

Dated: November 12, 2002.

Stephen J. Odell,

Designated Federal Official.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Columbia County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC)

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the authorities in the Federal Advisory Committees Act (Pub. L. 92-463), the Southeast Washington Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will meet on November 20, 2002, in Pomeroy, Washington. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the selection of title II projects under Public Law 106-393, H.R. 2389, the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, also called the "Payments to States" Act, for Fiscal Year 2002 and outyears.

DATES: The meeting will be held on November 20, 2002, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Forest Service office located at 71 West Main Street, Pomeroy, Washington.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Monte Fujishin, Designated Federal Official, USDA, Umatilla National Forest, Pomeroy Ranger District, 71 West Main Street, Pomeroy, WA 99347. Phone: (509) 843-1891.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This will be the first meeting of the Committee for several months, so a review of duties and responsibilities will be needed before discussing title II projects.

The meeting is open to the public. Public input opportunity will be provided and individuals will have the opportunity to address the committee at that time.

Dated: November 12, 2002.

Monte Fujishin,

Designated Federal Official.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Notice of Proposed Changes to Section IV of the Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG) of the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Indiana

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability of proposed changes in section IV of the FOTG of the NRCS in Indiana for review and comment.

SUMMARY: It is the intention of NRCS in Indiana to issue three revised conservation practice standards in section IV of the FOTG. The revised standards are: Hedgerow Planting (422), Stream Crossing (578) and Heavy Use Area Protection (561). These practices may be used in conservation systems that treat highly erodible land and/or wetlands.

DATES: Comments will be received for a 30-day period commencing with this date of publication.

ADDRESSES: Address all requests and comments to Jane E. Hardisty, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), 6013 Lakeside Blvd., Indianapolis, Indiana 46278. Copies of this standard will be made available upon written request. You may submit your electronic requests and comments to darrell.brown@in.usda.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jane E. Hardisty, 317-290-3200.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 343 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 states that after enactment of the law, revisions made to NRCS state technical guides used to carry out highly erodible land and wetland provisions of the law, shall be made available for public review and comment. For the next 30 days, the NRCS in Indiana will receive comments relative to the proposed changes. Following that period, a determination will be made by the NRCS in Indiana regarding disposition of those comments and a final determination of changes will be made.

Dated: November 4, 2002.

Jane E. Hardisty,

State Conservationist, Indianapolis, Indiana.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

Questionnaire for Building Permit Official

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before January 21, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dhynek@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Erica Filipek, Census Bureau, Room 2105, FOB 4, Washington, DC 20233-6900, (301) 763-5161.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Census Bureau uses the Computer-Assisted Personal Interviewing (CAPI) electronic questionnaire SOC-QBPO to collect information from state and local building permit officials, such as (1) the types of permits they issue, (2) the length of time a permit is valid, (3) how they store permits, and (4) the geographic coverage of the permit system. We need this information to carry out the sampling for the Survey of Housing Starts, Sales, and Completions (OMB number 0607-0110), also known as Survey of Construction (SOC). The SOC provides widely used measures of construction activity, including the economic indicators Housing Starts, Housing Completions, and New Housing Sales.

We plan no changes to the information collection methodology. In addition, there are no plans to change the sample size.

II. Method of Collection

The Census Bureau uses its field representatives to obtain information on the operating procedures of a permit office. The field representative visits the permit office, conducts the interview, and completes the electronic form.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0607-0125.

Form Number: SOC-QBPO.

Type of Review: Regular review.

Affected Public: State and local governments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 900.

Estimated Time Per Response: 15 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 225 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: The estimated cost to the respondent is \$4,230 based on an average hourly salary of \$18.80 for state and local government employees. This estimate was taken from the Census Bureau's Annual Survey of State and Local Government Employment, 2001.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title 13, United States Code, section 182.

IV. Request for 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 shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (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 through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: November 14, 2002.

Madeleine Clayton,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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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: Quarterly Survey of the Finances Of Public-Employee Retirement Systems.

Form Number(s): F-10.

Agency Approval Number: 0607-0143.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 300 hours.

Number of Respondents: 100.

Avg Hours Per Response: 45 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The Census Bureau requests continued OMB clearance of the Quarterly Survey of the Finances of Public Employee Retirement Systems. Over 2.1 trillion dollars in public-employee retirement system assets in the financial markets are controlled by a small number of large systems. The 1997 Census of Governments identified 2,276 state and local government administered public-employee retirement systems. The 100 largest systems, as measured by the system assets, account for about 90 percent of the total assets of all systems. This survey is used to collect financial data from these 100 systems for policy makers and economists to follow the changing characteristics of these funds.

We are proposing significant revisions to the survey form to make the form easier to complete. These changes pertain to decreasing the number of data items for the respondent to complete from forty-one to nineteen and the use of market value of assets. Previously, data on market and book values was collected but in light of the fact that most retirement systems use market in keeping with General Accounting Board Standards (GASB) rules, book has been removed from form F-10.

This survey was initiated by the Census Bureau at the request of both the Council of Economic Advisors and the Federal Reserve Board. The most important information this survey provides is the quarterly change in composition of the securities holdings of the public employee retirement systems component of the economy. The Federal Reserve Board uses these data to track the public sector portion of the flow of funds accounts. The Bureau of Economic Analysis uses the quarterly retirement information on corporate