

and local firefighting agencies. The FS works cooperatively with State and local fire fighting agencies to support their fire suppression efforts. FS will collect information using form FS 3100–8, Annual Wildfire Summary Report.

**Need and Use of the Information:** FS will collect information using form FS–3100–8 to determine if the Cooperative Fire Program funds, provided to the State and local fire fighting agencies have been used by State and local agencies to improve their fire suppression capabilities. The information collected includes the numbers of fires and acres burned on State and private land by cause, such as lightning, campfires, smoking, debris burning, arson, equipment, railroads, children and miscellaneous activities. Information about the importance of the State and Private Cooperative Fire Program will be shared with the public. The form also collects information on numbers of fires and acres burned by size classes. FS would be unable to assess the effectiveness of the State and Private Forestry Cooperative Fire Program if the information provided on FS–3100–8, were not collected.

**Description of Respondents:** State, Local or Tribal Government.

**Number of Respondents:** 56.

**Frequency of Responses:** Reporting: Annually.

**Total Burden Hours:** 28.

**Levi S. Harrell,**

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Information Collection: Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Financial Assistance to Facilities That Purchase and Process Byproducts for Ecosystem Restoration (CFDA 10.725) Wood Products Infrastructure Assistance (WPIA)

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, Agriculture (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, Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Financial Assistance to Facilities that Purchase and Process Byproducts for Ecosystem

Restoration (CFDA 10.725) Wood Products Infrastructure Assistance (WPIA).

**DATES:** Comments must be received in writing on or before February 21, 2023 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 the contact listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Comments submitted in response to this notice may be made available to the public through relevant websites and upon request. For this reason, please do not include in your comments information of a confidential nature, such as sensitive personal information or proprietary information. If you send an email comment, your email address will be automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the public docket and made available on the internet. Please note that responses to this public comment request containing any routine notice about the confidentiality of the communication will be treated as public comments that may be made available to the public notwithstanding the inclusion of the routine notice.

The public may inspect the draft supporting statement and/or comments received at Superior National Forest Supervisor's Office, 8901 Grand Ave. Place, Duluth, MN 55808 during normal business hours. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead to 218–626–4300 to facilitate entry to the building. The public may request an electronic copy of the draft supporting statement and/or any comments received be sent via return email. Requests should be emailed to the contact listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Brian Brashaw, Cooperative Forestry, Wood Innovations, 608–334–5819. Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 800–877–8339 twenty-four hours a day, every day of the year, including holidays.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Title:** Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Financial Assistance to Facilities that Purchase and Process Byproducts for Ecosystem Restoration (CFDA 10.725) Wood Products Infrastructure Assistance (WPIA).

**OMB Number:** 0596–0254.

**Expiration Date of Approval:** 05/31/2023.

**Type of Request:** Extension with no revision of a currently approved information collection.

**Abstract:** The grants and agreements awarded under this announcement will support the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), 2021. Section 40804(b)3 directs the USDA Forest Service Forest Service to provide financial assistance to an entity seeking to establish, reopen, expand, or improve a sawmill or other wood processing facility in close proximity to a unit of federal or Indian land that has been identified as high or very high priority for ecological restoration. Eligible applicants are for-profit entities; state, local governments; Indian Tribes; school districts; community, not-for-profit organizations; institutions of higher education; and special purpose districts (e.g., public utilities districts, fire districts, conservation districts, and ports). The need and process to collect information from applicants is detailed in 2 CFR part 200 and Forest Service Handbook 1509.11, Chapter 20, which prescribes administrative requirements and processes applicable to all Forest Service domestic Federal Financial Assistance awards. In particular, collection of information is necessary to assist in accelerating the pace and scale of ecosystem restoration on federal and Indian lands. Information collected will be reviewed by Forest Service staff to evaluate eligibility and proposed activities of the applicant.

**Affected Public:** Individuals and Households, the Private Sector (Businesses and Non-Profit Organizations, and/or State, Local or Tribal Government).

**Estimate of Burden per Response:** 8.25 hours.

**Estimated Annual Number of Respondents:** 78.

**Estimated Annual Number of Responses per Respondent:** 1.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:** 643.50 hours.

**Comment is Invited:** 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.

**Jaelith Hall-Rivera,**

*Deputy Chief, State & Private Forestry.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Information Collection; National Woodland Owner Survey

**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 revision of the National Woodland Owner Survey information collection.

**DATES:** Comments must be received in writing on or before February 21, 2023 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 Brett Butler, USDA Forest Service, 160 Holdsworth Way, Amherst, MA 01003. Comments also may be submitted by email to: [brett.butler2@usda.gov](mailto:brett.butler2@usda.gov).

Comments submitted in response to this notice may be made available to the public through relevant websites and upon request. For this reason, please do not include in your comments information of a confidential nature, such as sensitive personal information or proprietary information. If you send an email comment, your email address will be automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the public docket and made available on the internet. Please note that responses to this public comment request containing any routine notice about the confidentiality of the communication will be treated as public comments that may be made available to the public notwithstanding the inclusion of the routine notice.

The public may inspect the draft supporting statement and/or comments received at 160 Holdsworth Way, Room 201, Amherst, MA 01003 during normal business hours. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead to 413-545-1387 to facilitate entry to the building. The public may request an electronic copy of

the draft supporting statement and/or any comments received be sent via return email. Requests should be emailed to [brett.butler2@usda.gov](mailto:brett.butler2@usda.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Brett Butler, Northern Research Station, 413-545-1387. Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 twenty-four hours a day, every day of the year, including holidays.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* National Woodland Owner Survey.

*OMB Number:* 0596-0078.

*Type of Request:* Revision.

*Abstract:* There are an estimated 704 million acres of forestland across the United States, excluding interior Alaska. Of this forestland, over half is owned by millions of corporations, families, individuals, and other private groups with the remaining managed by over a thousand different federal, state, and local government agencies and tribal organizations. Understanding the attitudes and behaviors of the owners and managers of the forestland is critical for understanding the current and future state of the nation's forests. The Forest Service conducts the National Woodland Owner Survey (NWOS) to increase our understanding of:

- Who owns and manages the forestland of the United States;
- Why they own/manage it;
- How they have used it; and
- How they intend to use it.

This information is used by policy analysts, foresters, educators, and researchers to facilitate the planning and implementation of forest policies and programs and provides landowners, managers, and the public a better understanding of the social context of forests.

The Forest Service's direction and authority to conduct the NWOS is from the Forest and Range Land Renewable Resources Planning Act of 1974 and the Forest and Range Land Renewable Resources Act of 1978. These acts assign responsibility for the inventory and assessment of forest and related renewable resources to the Forest Service. Additionally, the importance of an ownership survey in this inventory and assessment process is highlighted in the 2014 Farm Bill, the Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act of 1998, and the recommendations of the Second Blue Ribbon Panel on the Forest Inventory and Analysis program (FIA).

Previous iterations of the NWOS were conducted in 1978, 1993, 2002-2006, 2011-2013, 2017-2018, and 2019-2023.

Approval for the current iteration of the NWOS expires on March 31, 2025. Data collection for the next iteration is slated for 2024-2028. In order to implement changes and expansions made in the survey instruments for the entire cycle, we are seeking approval of this revision in time for the start of the cycle in 2024. If this revision is approved, the NWOS will be permitted to complete the first three years of the 2024-2028 cycle and will submit a renewal for completing the final two years of data collection at the appropriate time.

Changes proposed for this revision include minor survey answer choice formatting changes on all survey modules, a simplified large corporate ownership survey, a new small corporate ownership survey, a new tribal module, additional science modules, and additional question choices on the state form. Information will be collected related to:

- The characteristics of the land holdings;
- Attitudes and perceptions of the owners and managers;
- Resource uses and management activities; and
- Where applicable, landowner demographics.

Separate survey instruments are being developed for different target populations, including family forest ownerships, corporate and other private forest ownerships, private forest ownerships on selected U.S. affiliated protectorates and territories, residential urban landowners, tribal lands, and public lands. For the families and individuals, the dominant ownership group of forestland owners, a subset of ownerships will be sent survey instruments addressing the following topics, in addition to the core questions from the base survey instrument:

- Afforestation
- Agroforestry
- Carbon
- Climate change
- Cross-boundary cooperation
- Decision making
- Energy (solar/wind)
- Heirs' properties
- Invasive species
- Land transfer
- Landowner values
- Sense of place
- Timber
- Wellbeing
- Wildfire

The NWOS provides widely cited benchmarks for the number, extent, and characteristics of owners of forestland in the United States. These results have been used to assess the sustainability of forest resources at national, regional,