

exceeding 0.3 percent is considered marijuana, which remains classified as a schedule I controlled substance regulated by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) under the Controlled Substances Act (CSA). Under the Agricultural Act of 2014 (2014 Farm Bill), Public Law 113–79, State departments of agriculture and institutions of higher education were permitted to produce hemp as part of a pilot program for research purposes. The authority for hemp production provided in the 2014 Farm Bill was extended by the 2018 Farm Bill, which was signed into law on December 20, 2018.

Hemp is a commodity that can be used for numerous industrial and horticultural purposes including fabric, paper, construction materials, food products, cosmetics, production of cannabinoids (such as cannabidiol or CBD), and other products.

In determining the type of data that would need to be collected and the frequency of the data collections, NASS management attended a joint meeting with representatives from the USDA's Economic Research Service (ERS), Farm Service Agency (FSA), Risk Management Agency (RMA), Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), and the Office of the Secretary.

Need and Use of the Information: The data will be collected under the authority of the Domestic Hemp Production Program, which is mandated by the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (2018 Farm Bill). In addition the data will be collected under the authority of Title 7 U.S.C. 2204(a). Individually identifiable data collected under this authority are governed by Section 1770 of the Food Security Act of 1985 as amended, 7 U.S.C. 2276, which requires USDA to afford strict confidentiality to non-aggregated data provided by respondents. This Notice is submitted in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13 (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*), and Office of Management and Budget regulations at 5 CFR part 1320.

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

Number of Respondents: 8,525.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 2,918.

Levi S. Harrell,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS–2024–0018]

Notice of Request for Extension of Approval of an Information Collection; Control and Eradication of African Swine Fever; Conditions for Payment of Indemnity Claims

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Extension of approval of an information collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's intention to request an extension of approval of an information collection associated with the payment of indemnity claims related to African swine fever.

DATES: We will consider all comments that we receive on or before August 5, 2024.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by either of the following methods:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** Go to www.regulations.gov. Enter APHIS–2024–0018 in the Search field. Select the Documents tab, then select the Comment button in the list of documents.
- **Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery:** Send your comment to Docket No. APHIS–2024–0018, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3A–03.8, 4700 River Road, Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737–1238.

Supporting documents and any comments we receive on this docket may be viewed at www.regulations.gov or in our reading room, which is located in room 1620 of the USDA South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC. Normal reading room hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 799–7039 before coming.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information on foreign quarantine notices, contact Ms. Lecresha King, Program Analyst, National Preparedness and Incident Coordination, Strategy and Policy, VS, APHIS, 920 Main Campus Drive, Raleigh, NC 27606; email: FAD.PReP.Comments@usda.gov; phone: (515) 380–5535. For more detailed information on the information collection process, contact Mr. Joseph Moxey, APHIS' Paperwork Reduction Act Coordinator, at (301) 851–2533.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Control and Eradication of African Swine Fever; Conditions for Payment of Indemnity Claims.

OMB Control Number: 0579–0491.

Type of Request: Extension of approval of an information collection.

Abstract: Under the Animal Health Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 8301 *et seq.*), the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is authorized to protect the health of the livestock, poultry, and aquaculture populations in the United States by preventing the introduction and interstate spread of serious diseases and pests of livestock, poultry, and aquaculture, and for eradicating such diseases and pests from the United States, when feasible. Within the USDA, this authority and mission is delegated to the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS).

Part of the mission of the Veterinary Services (VS) business unit of APHIS is preventing foreign animal disease outbreaks in the United States, and monitoring, controlling, and eliminating a disease outbreak should one occur. In the past several years, there have been significant worldwide outbreaks of African swine fever (ASF). ASF is a highly contagious and deadly viral disease affecting both domestic and feral (wild) pigs. Herd mortality can reach 100 percent and animals contracting the disease can die in as little as a week, necessitating a rapid response. The disease is also highly resistant to the environment, meaning it can easily be spread by being on clothes, shoes, wheels, or other materials, or in pork products. If ASF entered the United States, it could halt U.S. pork exports, as trading partners would not accept products from a country with ASF; cut pork and hog prices by up to 50 percent; and cause widespread disruptions in hog and pork production.

The disease has not been detected in the United States; however, USDA is committed to working with State and industry partners to keep the virus out of the country. In the event of an ASF detection, USDA will declare an extraordinary emergency and establish an animal movement standstill to coordinate a national control and eradication approach. USDA will work with States and industry to depopulate infected premises, compensate affected owners, and institute herd plans.

To accomplish this, APHIS will implement various information collection activities related to an outbreak such as processing appraisal and indemnity requests and appraisal and indemnity claims, assisting with preparing worksheets for calculating proceeds from animals or materials sold

for slaughter, approving domestic herd plans and financial plans, and administering an ASF response epidemiology questionnaire.

We are asking the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve our use of these information collection activities, as described, for an additional 3 years.

The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments from the public (as well as affected agencies) concerning our information collection. These comments will help us:

(1) Evaluate 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;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through use, as appropriate, of automated, electronic, mechanical, and other collection technologies; e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Estimate of burden: The public burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 4.882 hours per response.

Respondents: Agricultural producers, animal scientists and technicians, agricultural inspectors, and State animal health officials.

Estimated annual number of respondents: 40,050.

Estimated annual number of responses per respondent: 13.

Estimated annual number of responses: 519,950.

Estimated total annual burden on respondents: 2,538,300 hours. (Due to averaging, the total annual burden hours may not equal the product of the annual number of responses multiplied by the reporting burden per response.)

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 in Washington, DC, this 2nd day of May 2024.

Michael Watson,

Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Solicitation of Nominations for Membership for the Pacific Northwest Region Recreation Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, Agriculture (USDA).

ACTION: Solicitation of nominations for membership.

SUMMARY: The United States Department of Agriculture is seeking nominations for the Pacific Northwest Region Recreation Resource Advisory Committee (Pacific Northwest Region Recreation RAC) pursuant to the authority of the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended. The Pacific Northwest Region Recreation RAC will provide recommendations to the Secretary of Agriculture on recreation fees on lands and waters managed by the Forest Service and the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Land Management in the regions covered by each committee. The Pacific Northwest Region Recreation RAC will be governed by the provisions of FACA. Duration of the Pacific Northwest Region Recreation RAC is for two years unless renewed by the Secretary.

DATES: Nominations must be submitted via email or postmarked by June 28, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Nominations and resumes may be submitted to the Secretary of Agriculture through the Forest Service Recreation Resource Advisory Committee, Pacific Northwest Regional Office, Edith Green—Wendell Wyatt Federal Building, 1220 SW 3rd Ave., Portland, OR 97204 or via email to sm.fs.r6_rrac@usda.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Inquiries may be sent to Nicole LaGioia, Recreation Resource Advisory Committee, Pacific Northwest Region, Pacific Northwest Regional Office, Edith Green—Wendell Wyatt Federal Building, 1220 SW 3rd Ave., Portland, OR 97204; by phone at 360-765-2227 or via email to sm.fs.r6_rrac@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (Pub. L. 108-447) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. 10), notice is hereby given the Secretary of Agriculture's intent to solicit members. Additional information on the Pacific Northwest Region Recreation RAC can be found by visiting the committee website at [https://](https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/r6/workingtogether/advisorycommittees)

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Pacific Northwest Region Recreation RAC Membership

The Pacific Northwest Region Recreation RAC will be comprised of 11 members approved by the Secretary of Agriculture where each member will serve a two or three-year term. Memberships shall include representation from the following interest areas:

1. Five persons who represent:
 - a. Winter motorized recreation such as snowmobiling;
 - b. Winter non-motorized recreation such cross-country skiing or snowshoeing;
 - c. Summer motorized recreation such as motorcycling, boating, and off-highway vehicle driving;
 - d. Summer non-motorized recreation such as hiking, horseback riding, mountain biking, canoeing, and rafting; and
 - e. Hunting and fishing.
2. Three persons who represent:
 - a. Motorized outfitters and guides;
 - b. Non-motorized outfitters and guides; and
 - c. Local environmental groups.
3. Three persons who represent:
 - a. State tourism official representing the State;
 - b. A representative of affected Indian tribes; and
 - c. A representative of affected local government interests.

Membership Nomination Information

The appointment of members to the Pacific Northwest Region Recreation RAC will be made by the Secretary of Agriculture, or their designee. Any interested person or organization may nominate qualified individuals for membership. Interested candidates may nominate themselves. Individuals who wish to be considered for membership on the committee must submit a nomination with information, including a background disclosure form (Form AD-755; <https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/ad-755.pdf>). Nominations should be typed and include the following information:

1. If nominating an individual, a brief summary, no more than two pages, explaining the nominee's qualifications to serve on the committee and addressing the membership composition and criteria described above.
2. A resume providing the nominee's background, experience, and educational qualifications.
3. A completed background disclosure form (Form AD-755) signed by the nominee.