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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Federal Crop Insurance Corporation

Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, USDA.

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

SUMMARY: This notice announces a public comment period on the information collection requests (ICRs) associated with the interpretation of statutory and regulatory provisions administered by Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC).

DATES: Written comments on this notice will be accepted until close of business October 15, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments to Craig Witt, Acting Deputy Administrator Insurance Services Division, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, United States Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Ave. SW., Stop 0805, Washington, DC 20250-0805. Comments titled "Information Collection OMB 0563-0055" may be sent via the Internet to: Craig_Witt@usda.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Anne Jenkins, Insurance Management Specialist, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, at the above address, telephone (814) 624-0737.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: General Administrative Regulations; Interpretations of Statutory and Regulatory Provisions.

OMB Number: 0563-0055.

Expiration Date of Approval: August 31, 2002.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: FCIC is proposing to renew the currently approved information collection, OMB Number 0563-0055. It is currently up for renewal and extension for three years. FCIC is conducting a thorough review of information collections associated with providing an interpretation of statutory and regulatory provisions under this collection. The information collection requirements for this renewal package are necessary for FCIC to provide an interpretation of statutory and regulatory provisions upon request. This data is used to administer the provisions of 7 CFR part 400, subpart X in accordance with the Federal Crop Insurance Act, as amended.

We are asking the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to extend its approval of our use of this information collection activity for an additional 3 years.

The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments from the public concerning this information collection activity. These comments will help us:

- (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information has practical utility;
- (2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information;
- (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 reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.5 hours per response.

Respondents/Affected Entities: Parties affected by the information collection requirements included in this Notice are any applicant for crop insurance, a producer with a valid crop insurance policy, or a private insurance company with a reinsurance agreement with FCIC or their agents, loss adjusters, employees or contractors.

Estimated annual number of respondents: 45.

Estimated annual number of responses per respondent: 3.5.

Estimated annual number of responses: 156.

Estimated total annual burden hours on respondents: 78.

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 in Washington DC, on August 7, 2002.

Ross J. Davidson, Jr.,

Manager, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Forest Counties Payments Committee Meeting; Cancellation

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Due to the conflicting schedules of committee members, the Forest Counties Payments Committee meeting that was scheduled for August 23, 2002, in Rhinelander, WI, is cancelled. The meeting will be rescheduled for sometime in September. Date and location for the September meeting will be published in the **Federal Register** within the next two weeks.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Randle G. Phillips, Executive Director, Forest Counties Payments Committee, (202) 208-6574 or via e-mail at rphillips01@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Forest Counties Payments Committee was created by the 2001 Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act (Pub. L. 106-291). The committee meets periodically in different locations to discuss and make recommendations to Congress on a long term solution for making Federal payments to eligible States and counties in which Federal lands are situated.

Notice of the now-cancelled Rhinelander, WI, meeting was published in the **Federal Register** on August 1, 2002 (67FR49903).

Dated: August 8, 2002.

Mary H. Davis,

Acting Deputy Chief, Programs and Legislation.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Notice of Resource Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Crook County Resource Advisory Committee, Sundance, Wyoming, USDA, Forest Service.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the authorities in the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463) and under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-393) the Black Hills National Forests' Crook County Resource Advisory Committee will meet Monday, September 16, 2002, in Sundance, Wyoming for a business meeting. The meeting is open to the public.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The business meeting on September 16, begins at 6:30 PM, at Crook County Courthouse Community Room, 309 Cleveland St, Sundance, Wyoming. Agenda topics will include an overview of the committee's enabling legislation, the committee charter, development of operating guidelines, election of chairperson, and scheduling of future meetings. A public forum will begin at 8:30 PM (MT).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steve Kozel, Bearlodge District Ranger and Designated Federal Officer, at (307) 283-1361.

Dated: August 8, 2002.

John Twiss,

Forest Supervisor.

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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: 2003 National Census Test.

Form Number(s): DA-11A

Questionnaires: DA-1B, DA-1C, DA-

1D, DA-1DD, DA-1(RH-1), DA-1(RH-2), DA-1(RH-3), DA-1(RH-4), DA-1(RH-5), DA-1(RH-6), DA-1(RH-7)
Guides: DA-3IVR, DA 3I/IVR.

Agency Approval Number: None.

Type of Request: New collection.

Burden: 40,000 hours.

Number of Respondents: 240,000.

Avg Hours Per Response: 10 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The U.S. Census

Bureau requests authorization from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to conduct the two-part 2003 National Census Test. The first part, which tests self-response options, is planned to take advantage of evolving technology. The Census Bureau needs to research various self-response options in order to develop a strategy that encourages the public to respond to the census using either paper or electronic means before Nonresponse Followup (NRFU) occurs. This part will examine the impact of offering various options on overall response rates and data quality. These options include mail, Internet, Telephone Interactive Voice Response (IVR), and a combination of Internet and IVR. Also, part of this test is designed to address questions about the effectiveness of various types of contacts with respondents.

In part one of this test, we hope to answer the following questions:

1. What is the effect of offering alternative data collection modes on response (e.g., increase, decrease, shift)?

2. What is the effect of new or additional contact strategies on overall response?

3. Do any of the alternative panels offer a gain over the Census 2000 approach?

The goal of the self-response options part of the test is to identify for further testing, in 2004, the best strategy for increasing self-enumerated response to the census, thus reducing the NRFU workload. Successful accomplishment of this goal will greatly reduce the cost of data collection while improving the data quality of Census 2010.

The second part of the test will examine revisions to the question on Hispanic origin and race. The goal of this portion of the test is to develop question wording and content that will lead to improved self-reporting of both race and Hispanic origin in the census and surveys. In order to obtain more complete reporting of these detailed groups, the revisions will include additional examples of "Other Hispanic," "Other Asian", and "Other Pacific Islander" groups for these response categories. Adding examples of these groups may improve comparability between the decennial census and survey data.

In addition, we will examine the effect of dropping the "Some other race" (SOR) response option to the question on race. Although the Census Bureau received an exception from the OMB which allowed it to include a SOR category in past decennial censuses, this category is a source of non-comparability between the decennial census and survey data produced by other agencies.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Frequency: One time.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

Legal Authority: Title 13 U.S.C., Sections 141 and 193.

OMB Desk Officer: Susan Schechter, (202) 395-5103.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Madeleine Clayton, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3129, Department of Commerce, room 6608, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at mclayton@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Susan Schechter, OMB Desk Officer, room 10201, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: August 8, 2002.

Madeleine Clayton,

Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Economic Development Administration

Revolving Loan Fund Reporting Requirements—Request for Comments; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce (DoC) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 5).

Agency: Economic Development Administration (EDA).

Title: Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Reporting Requirements (includes RLF Standards Terms and Conditions, RLF Plan, RLF Annual Report, RLF Semiannual Report, RLF Income and Expense Statement and RLF Audit Requirements).

Agency Form Number: ED-209A, ED-209S and ED-209I.