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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

July 5, 2005.

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), OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV or fax (202) 395-5806 and to Departmental 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) 720-8958.

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Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Title: Endangered Species Regulations and Forfeiture Procedures.

OMB Control Number: 0579-0076.

Summary of Collection: The Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1513 *et seq.*) directs Federal departments to utilize their authorities under the Act to conserve endangered and threatened species. Section 3 of the Act specifies that the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to promulgate such regulations as may be appropriate to enforce the Act. The regulations contained in 7 CFR part 355 are intended to carry out the provisions of the Act. The Plant Protection and Quarantine (PPQ) division of USDA's Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is responsible for implementing these regulations. Specifically, Section 9 (d) of the Act authorizes 7 CFR 355.11, which requires a general permit to engage in the business of importing or exporting terrestrial plants listed in 50 CFR parts 17 and 23. APHIS will collect information using several PPQ forms.

Need and Use of the Information: APHIS will collect information on the applicant's name and address, whether the applicant is affiliated with a business, and the address of all the applicant's business locations in order for the applicant to obtain a general permit. Upon approval of the permit, any endangered species shipped via mail must be sent to an authorized port of entry and must be accompanied by appropriate supporting documentation.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 1,400.

Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping; reporting; on occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 4,738.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Chief Information Officer; Notice of Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Chief Information Officer, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to allow 60 days for public comment in the **Federal Register** preceding submission to OMB. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intention of the Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) to request approval for information collection necessary to allow USDA customers to securely and confidently share data and receive services electronically. Authority for obtaining information from customers is included in the Freedom to E-File Act, the Government Paperwork Elimination Act (GPEA), the Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act (E-SIGN), and the E-Government Act of 2002. Customer information is collected through the USDA eAuthentication Service, located at <http://www.eauth.egov.usda.gov>. USDA's eAuthentication Service plays a vital role in the Expanded Electronic Government (e-Government) initiative of the President's Management Agenda. The USDA eAuthentication Service provides the public and government businesses with a single sign-on capability for USDA applications, management of user credentials, and verification of identity, authorization, and electronic signatures. USDA's eAuthentication Service obtains customer information through an electronic self-registration process provided through the eAuthentication Web site. This voluntary online self-registration process enables USDA customers, as well as employees, to obtain accounts as authorized users that will provide single sign-on capability to access USDA Web applications and services via the Internet. The USDA eAuthentication system stems from the Web-based Centralized Authentication and Authorization Facility (WebCAAF), the former USDA authentication system.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by September 9, 2005 to be assured consideration.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title:

USDA eAuthentication Service
Customer Registration.

OMB Control Number: 0503–0014.

Type of Request: Revision of a
currently approved collection.

Abstract: The USDA OCIO has developed the eAuthentication Service as a management and technical process that addresses user authentication and authorization prerequisites for providing services electronically. The process requires a one-time electronic self-registration to obtain an eAuthentication account for each USDA customer desiring access to online services or applications that require user authentication. USDA customers can self-register for a Level 1 or Level 2 Access account. A Level 1 Access account provides users with limited access to USDA Web site portals and applications that have minimal security requirements. A Level 2 Access account enables users to conduct official electronic business transactions via the Internet, enter into a contract with the USDA, and submit forms electronically via the Internet to USDA Agencies. Due to the increased customer access associated with a Level 2 Access account, customers must be authenticated in person at a USDA Service Center by a local registration authority, in addition to an electronic self-registration. Once an account is activated, customers may use the associated user ID and password that they created to access USDA resources that are protected by eAuthentication. It is estimated to take 8 minutes to complete the self-registration process for a Level 1 Access account. A Level 2 Access account registration is estimated to be completed in 1 hour 10 minutes due to the travel time to the USDA Service Center.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for the collection of information is estimated to average 8 minutes for a Level 1 Access account and 1 hour 10 minutes for a Level 2 Access account per customer.

Respondents: Individual USDA Customers.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 38,604.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 18,909.

Proposed topics for comment include:

(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 agencies' 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; or (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of the information on those who respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments should be sent to the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov or Fax (202) 395–5806, and to Owen Unangst, Program Manager, Office of the Chief Information Officer, United States Department of Agriculture, NRCS Information Technology Center, 2150 Centre Avenue Building A, Fort Collins, CO 80526–1891, e-mail owen.unangst@ftc.usda.gov. All comments received will be available for public inspection during regular business hours at the same address. Copies of the information collection may be obtained from Mr. Unangst at the address above. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Dated: July 5, 2005.

Dave Combs,

Acting Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Submission for OMB Review;
Comment Request**

July 6, 2005.

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),

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Forest Service

Title: Hispanic Perception and Use of the Urban Forest in Gainesville, GA.

OMB Control Number: 0596–NEW.

Summary of Collection: The proposed study relates to the Forest Service's national Urban and Community Forestry Program that focuses on community involvement with the urban forest. This research examines Hispanic residents' perceptions of and use of the urban forest where they live. This space includes yards outside private homes; common space in an apartment complex or mobile home park; neighborhood streets; and city parks. Hispanic use of outdoor environments in the Southeast is an important consideration for U.S. Forest Service State and Private Forest managers because of the impact of a growing population on the region's finite natural resources. Federal statutes that authorize this information collection include the Food Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990; Executive Order 12898 (1994) relating to environmental justice; and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

Need and Use of the Information: FS will collect information focusing on (1) the perceptions Hispanics have of trees