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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

May 18, 2006.

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) 720-8681.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to

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Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Title: Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant Program.

OMB Control Number: 0570-0012.

Summary of Collection: Section 313 of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 (7 U.S.C. 940 (c)) established a loan and grant program. The program provides zero interest loans and grants to electric and telecommunications utilities that have repaid or prepaid an insured, direct or guaranteed loan or any not-for-profit utility that is eligible to receive an insured or direct loan under the Rural Electrification Act (RUS Borrowers/Intermediary) for the purpose of promoting rural economic development and job creation projects. The loans and grants under this program may be provided to approximately 1,700 electric and telecommunications utilities across the country that has borrowed funds from RUS. Under this program, the RUS borrowers/Intermediary may receive the loan funds and pass them on to businesses or other organizations.

Need and Use of the Information: Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS) will collect information to evaluate applications for funding consideration, conduct an environmental review, prepare legal documents, receive loan payments, oversee the operation of a revolving loan fund, monitor the use of RBS funds, enforce other government requirements such as compliance with civil rights regulations. If the information were not collected, RBS would be unable to select the projects that will receive loan or grant funds.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions.

Number of Respondents: 120.

Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion; Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 5,376.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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Agricultural Marketing Service

Title: Application for Plant Variety Protection Certificate and Objective Description of Variety.

OMB Control Number: 0581-0055.

Summary of Collection: The Plant Variety Protection Act (PVPA)

(December 24, 1970; 84 Stat. 1542, 7 U.S.C. 2321 *et seq.*) was established to encourage the development of novel varieties of sexually-reproduced plants and make them available to the public, providing intellectual property rights (IPR) protection to those who breed, develop, or discover such novel varieties, and thereby promote progress in agriculture in the public interest. The PVPA is a voluntary user funded program that grants intellectual property ownership rights to breeders of new and novel seed- and tuber-reproduced plant varieties. To obtain these rights the applicant must provide information that shows the variety is eligible for protection and that it is indeed new, distinct, uniform, and stable, as the law requires. Applicants are provided with applications to identify the information that is required to issue a certificate of protection.

Need and Use of the Information: The Agricultural Marketing Service will collect information from the applicant to be evaluated by examiners to determine if the variety is eligible for protection under the PVPA. If this information were not collected there will be no basis for issuing certificate of protection, and no way for applicants to request protection.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; Federal Government.

Number of Respondents: 110.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion; Other (varies).

Total Burden Hours: 1,671.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Deschutes Provincial Advisory Committee (DPAC)

AGENCY: Forest Service.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Deschutes Provincial Advisory Committee will meet for a field trip on June 7, 2006 starting at 9 a.m. at the Sisters Ranger District, Pine Street and Hwy 20, Sisters, Oregon. Topics for discussion include Glaze Meadow Old Growth Restoration Project, the Sisters Area Fuels Reduction Project, Invasive Plants, B&B Fire Restoration Project, and Metolius Basin Vegetation Management Stewardship. A Public Forum will be available from 12:30 p.m. till 13 p.m. All Deschutes Province Advisory

Committee Meetings are open to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Chris Mickle, Province Liaison, Deschutes NF, Crescent RD, P.O. Box 208, Crescent, OR 97754, Phone (541) 433-3216.

Cecilia R. Seesholtz,

Deputy Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Notice of New Recreation Fee Site; Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act, (Title VIII, Pub. L. 108-447)

AGENCY: Cherokee National Forest, USDA Forest Service.

ACTION: Notice of new recreation fee site.

SUMMARY: Cherokee National Forest will begin charging a fee for overnight use at three campgrounds presently under construction at dispersed campsites 6, 7 and 8 in the Tellico River Corridor. Birch Branch Campground and Holder Cove Campground will be \$10.00 per campsite per day. Rough Ridge Campground, which will accommodate small groups, will be \$20.00 campsite per day. These developed campgrounds will facilitate overnight use along the Tellico River on the Tellico Ranger District of Cherokee National Forest. Fee revenue will support maintenance and operation of the campgrounds and future site improvements.

DATES: Construction of the three campgrounds is scheduled to be completed and the facilities opened to the public at different times in 2006. Overnight fees at all three sites will be initiated January 1, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Forest Supervisor, Cherokee National Forest, 2800 Ocoee Street N, Cleveland, TN 37312.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Doug Byerly, Recreation Fee Coordinator, 423-476-9748.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Recreation Lands Enhancement Act (Title VII, Pub. L. 108-447) directed the Secretary of Agriculture to publish advance notice in the **Federal Register** whenever new recreation fee areas are established. Cherokee National Forest presently manages ten overnight recreation fee sites on the Tellico Ranger District. Recreation fees for overnight use range from \$5.00 to \$20.00 per campsite per day based on the level of

development. Birch Branch, Holder Cove and Rough Ridge campgrounds will each offer a vault toilet facility, visitor information board, self-service fee collection site, bear resistant trash containers, developed campsites with a picnic table, fire ring and lantern post. Campsites will be available on a first come, first served basis.

Dated: May 17, 2006.

H. Thomas Speaks, Jr.,

Cherokee National Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Housing Service

Notice of Availability of Hurricane Disaster Assistance—Section 502 Guaranteed Loan Program

AGENCY: Rural Housing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of funding availability.

SUMMARY: The Rural Housing Service, an agency within the USDA Rural Development mission area, provides housing loan guarantees to rural residents through its Section 502 Guaranteed Loan Program. The Department of Defense, Emergency Supplemental Appropriations to Address Hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico and Pandemic Influenza Act, 2006 (Act), Pub. L. 109-148 (12/30/05) provides USDA Rural Development with additional authorities and resources to address the damage caused by hurricanes that occurred during the 2005 calendar year. The intent of this NOFA is to introduce a temporary Mortgage Recovery Advance Program for existing Section 502 Guaranteed Loan Program borrowers impacted by certain 2005 hurricanes.

DATES: *Effective Date:* May 24, 2006 to April 30, 2007.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Stuart Walden, Senior Loan Specialist, Section 502 Guaranteed Loan Program—STOP 0784 (Room 2250), U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Housing Service, 1400 Independence Ave. SW., Washington, DC 20250-0784.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Paperwork Reduction Act

The paperwork burden has been cleared by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under OMB Control Number 0575-0078.

Overview

Based upon the extensiveness and the magnitude of the damage to housing in the Gulf Coast Region, USDA Rural