

technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Use of Comments

All comments received in response to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval. Those who submit comments should be aware that all comments, including names and addresses when provided, are placed in the record and are available for public inspection.

Dated: August 20, 1997.

Ronald E. Stewart,

Acting Associate Chief.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

California Spotted Owl Federal Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The California Spotted Owl Federal Advisory Committee will meet on September 11-13, 1997, in Visalia, California. This is the third meeting of the committee. The three day meeting will be a working session for the advisory committee; the public is invited to observe.

Those needing California Spotted Owl RDEIS documents should contact Mike Skinner at (415) 705-1870.

DATES: The meeting will be held September 11-13, 1997, as follows: Thursday, September 11, 8:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M., 7:00-10:00 P.M.; Friday, September 12, 8:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M., 7:00-10:00 P.M.; Saturday, September 13, 8:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Radisson Hotel, 300 South Court, Visalia, California, 93291, phone (209) 636-1111.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Charles Philpot, Committee Chair, (503) 808-2113; or Jonathan Stephens, Forest Service, (202) 205-0948; or Katherine Clement, (415) 705-1834.

Dated: August 21, 1997.

Michael D. Srago,

Acting Assistant Regional Forester, Ecosystem Conservation.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Housing Service

Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Rural Housing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Proposed collection, comments requested.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Rural Housing Service's (RHS) intention to request an extension for a currently approved information collection in support of the program for Fire and Rescue Loans.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by October 27, 1997 to be assured of consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Yoonie MacDonald, Loan Specialist, Community Programs Division, RHS, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Stop 3222, 1400 Independence, SW., Washington, DC 20250-3222. Telephone (202) 720-1501.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Fire and Rescue Loans.

OMB Number: 0575-0120.

Expiration Date of Approval: January 31, 1998.

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

Abstract: The Fire and Rescue Loan program is authorized by Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1926) to make loans to public entities, nonprofit corporations, and Indian tribes for the development of community facilities for public use in rural areas and is covered by 7 CFR 1942-C. The primary regulation for administering the Community Facilities program is 7 CFR 1942-A (OMB Number 0575-0015) which outlines eligibility, project feasibility, security, and monitoring requirements.

The Community Facilities fire and rescue program has been in existence for many years. This program has financed a wide range of fire and rescue projects varying in size and complexity from construction of a fire station with firefighting and rescue equipment to financing a 911 emergency system. These facilities are designed to provide fire protection and emergency rescue services to rural communities.

Information will be collected by the field offices from applicants, borrowers, and consultants. This information will be used to determine applicant/borrower eligibility, project feasibility, and to ensure borrowers operate on a

sound basis and use funds for authorized purposes. Failure to collect proper information could result in improper determination of eligibility, improper use of funds, and/or unsound loans.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 2.16 hours per response.

Respondents: Not-for-profit institutions, state, local or Tribal governments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,130.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 2.73.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 6,695.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Barbara Williams, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, (202) 720-9734.

Comments: Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of RHS, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of RHS's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (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. Comments may be sent to Barbara Williams, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, Support Services Division, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., STOP 0743, Washington, DC 20250-0743. 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.

Dated: August 19, 1997.

Jan E. Shadburn,

Acting Administrator, Rural Housing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB; 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 of 1995, Pub.L. 104-13.

Agency: International Trade Administration (ITA).

Title: Trade Events/Mission Application and Participation Agreement.

Form Number: ITA-4008P, ITA-4008P-1 and ITA-4008P-A.

OMB Number: 0625-0147.

Type of Review: Revision—Regular Submission.

Burden: 2,625 hours.

Number of Respondents: 7,500.

Avg. Hour Per Response: 20-50 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The ITA-4008P "Participation Agreement," is the vehicle by which individual firms agree to participate in any of ITA's trade promotion programs, and record their required participation fee to the U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC). Together with the relevant ITA-4008P "Conditions of Participation," it forms a contract between an individual firm and the DOC. The Trade Mission Application is used to solicit information from firms seeking to participate in DOC overseas trade missions covered by the Statement of Policy Governing Overseas Trade Missions of the Department of Commerce issued by Secretary Daley on March 3, 1997. The Secretary's statement of policy provides that each company seeking to take part in overseas trade missions must certify that:

(a) the export of the products and services that the company wishes to sell would be in compliance with U.S. export controls and regulations;

(b) the company has identified to the Department of Commerce for its evaluation any business pending before the Department of Commerce that may present the appearance of a conflict of interest;

(c) the company has identified any pending litigation (including any administrative proceedings) to which it is a party that involves the Department of Commerce; and

(d) the company agrees that it and its affiliates (1) have not and will not engage in the bribery of foreign officials in connection with the applicant's involvement in this event, and (2) maintain and enforce a policy that prohibits the bribery of foreign officials.

The revisions to Form 4008P involve the collection of additional information about the products or services that a company wishes to export, and modification of several questions based on comments received from DOC trade

event managers and participants. In April 1997, ITA obtained OMB approval for a combined trade mission application and participation agreement form which would be used for all trade events and ITA services. Since that time, ITA has determined that it is more appropriate and effective to have two separate forms—a one-page Participation Agreement and a separate ITA-4008P-1 "Trade Mission Application," form. In addition the Participation Agreement and Trade Mission Application collection of information is being simplified to ask only for information that is absolutely necessary to provide the requested service and collect the participation fee. Trade mission participants will be required to complete the Forms ITA-4008P, ITA-4008P-1 and ITA-4008P-A. Other DOC trade event participants will complete Forms ITA-4008P and ITA-4008P-A.

Affected Public: Companies seeking to apply to participate in overseas Commerce Department trade promotion events and missions.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain a benefit.

OMB Desk Officer: Victoria Baecher-Wassmer, (202) 395-7340.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, DOC Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3272, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days to Victoria Baecher-Wassmer, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: August 21, 1997.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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 35).

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Title: Bluefin Tuna Statistical Document.

Agency Form Number: None.

OMB Control Number: 0648-0040.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 315 hours.

Avg. Hours Per Response: 20 minutes for Bluefin Tuna Statistical Document and 2 hours for validation authority.

Needs and Uses: U.S. tuna dealers who import or export bluefin tuna are required to complete and transmit to the National Marine Fisheries Service a Bluefin Tuna Statistical Document (BSD) as required by the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT). Foreign tuna dealers who export to the United States must ensure that an original validated BSD accompanies imports.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: On occasion, recordkeeping.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, DOC Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3272, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, 725 17th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20503.

Dated: August 21, 1997.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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 35).

Agency: National Institute of Standards and Technology.

Title: Manufacturing Extension Partnership Program Evaluation Survey.

Agency Form Number: None.

OMB Approval Number: 0693-0021.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.