

accommodated at one time would increase from 250 to 1,130.

Specific expansions proposed by Alpine Recreation include the following: additional ski runs (43 acres); a triple chair lift (approximately 5,600 feet in length); three new handle tows (ranging from 400 to 600 feet in length); a maintenance building (2,400 square feet); construction of a new Top Vista Lodge with composting restrooms (800 square feet); new parking facilities (75,000 square feet); construction of a new bases lodge (4,600 square feet) with additional outside deck seating (2,500 square feet); three new water impoundments (capacity of 24 acre-feet); infrastructure for snowmaking (2,000 subsurface distribution system for snowmaking on 7 acres); a new septic system; a summer trail which would generally follow runs 18, 18A, 12 and 7; a picnic area along the edge of run 12; implementation of a sky ride program during the summer recreation period; and expansion of the permit area from the current 37 acres to approximately 200 acres.

Preliminary Identification of Environmental and Cultural Issues: The USDA, FS has identified the following preliminary issues for analysis for alternative actions in the DEIS. Additional issues may be identified as a result of the scoping process. Issues include impacts of the action alternatives on:

- Water quality and quantity,
- Water rights,
- Soil erosion and disturbance,
- Threatened, endangered, and sensitive species and their habitat,
- Visual quality,
- Fire occurrence,
- Cultural resources,
- Traditional uses of the area by American Indians,
- Rights of American Indians for which the area has religious and cultural significance,
- Socioeconomic resources of local communities,
- Demand for additional skiing facilities in Northern Arizona.

Cooperating Agencies and Groups Involved in the Preparation of the DEIS: United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service, Region 3, Kaibab National Forest; Alpine Research Company, LLC., and SWCA, Inc., Environmental Consultants.

Dated: November 12, 1997.

Bruce J. Higgins,

Acting Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Housing Service

Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCIES: Rural Housing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Proposed collection: comments request.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Rural Housing Service (RHS) intention to request an extension for a currently approved information collection in support of compliance with applicable acts for planning and performing site and other development work.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by January 20, 1998 to be assured consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Samuel J. Hodges III, Architect, Program Support Staff, RHS, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Stop 0761, 1400 Independence Ave., S.W., Washington, DC 20250-0761, Telephone (202) 720-9653.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: 7 CFR 1924 Subpart C, "Planning and Performing Site Development Work."

OMB Number: 0575-0164.

Expiration Date of Approval: January 31, 1998.

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

Abstract: The information collection under OMB Number 0575-0042 enables RHS to effectively administer the policies, methods and responsibilities in planning and performing site development work for the related construction programs.

Section 501 of Title V of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended, authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to extend financial assistance to construct, improve, repair, replace or rehabilitate dwellings, farm buildings and/or related facilities to provide decent, safe and sanitary living conditions and adequate farm buildings and other structures in rural areas.

The Agency makes direct and guaranteed loans to applicants of up to 100 percent of the appraised value of the property, therefore, the site and its development are an integral part of the building construction and related facilities being financed. The information collection required by this regulation is necessary to assure orderly

development of rural areas leading to economically stable communities that consider the impact of the environment and protection of the borrower and Government security interests.

Other information collection is required to conform to numerous Public Laws applying to all federal agencies, such as: Civil Rights Acts of 1964 and 1968, Historic Preservation Act, Environmental Policy Act; and to conform to Executive Orders governing use of federal funds. This information is cleared through the appropriate enforcing Agency or other executive Department.

The Agency provides forms and/or guidelines to assist in the collection and submission of information. The information is usually submitted via hand delivery or U.S. Postal Service to the appropriate Agency office.

The information is used by the Agency to determine whether a loan can be approved, to ensure that the Agency has adequate security for the loans financed, to provide for sound construction and site development work and to determine that the requirements of the applicable Acts have been met. The information is also used to monitor compliance with the terms and conditions of the Agency loans and to monitor the prudent use of federal funds.

If the information were not collected and submitted, the Agency would not have control over the type and quality of construction and site development work planned and performed with federal funds. The Agency would not be assured that the security provided for loans is adequate, nor would the Agency be certain that decent, safe and sanitary dwelling or other adequate structures were being provided to rural residents as required by the different Acts.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.138 hours per response.

Respondents: Individuals or households, business or other for-profit, non-profit institutions, and small businesses or organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 30,000.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.5.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 6210 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Renita Bolden, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, at (202) 690-1766.

Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information

is necessary for the proper performance of the function 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 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 Renita Bolden, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Stop 0743, 1400 Independence Ave., S.W., Washington, DC 20250-0753. 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: November 6, 1997.

Jan E. Shadburn,

Administrator, Rural Housing Service.

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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: National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program (NVLAP), NVLAP Information Collection System.

Agency Form Number: None.

OMB Approval Number: 0693-0003.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 2,750 hours.

Number of Respondents: 1,000.

Avg. Hours Per Response: 3 hours annually (reporting and recordkeeping).

Needs and Uses: NVLAP provides accreditation to testing and calibration laboratories world wide. Accreditation means that a laboratory has been judged to be technically competent to perform calibration and other testing services. To be considered for NVLAP accreditation, a laboratory must make application. The information provided, as well as the on

site review, is used to evaluate the competency of the laboratory. If the criteria are met, then NVLAP accreditation is granted.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit organizations, not-for profit institutions, federal government, state, tribal, local governments.

Frequency: Annually, on occasion, recordkeeping.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits

OMB Desk Officer: Virginia Huth, (202) 395-6929.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, Departmental 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 to Virginia Huth, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, 725 17th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20503.

Dated: November 12, 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

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: Bureau of Economic Analysis.

Title: Survey of Ocean Freight Revenues and Expenses of United States, Carriers—BE-30, Survey of U.S. Airline Operators' Foreign Revenues and Expenses—BE-37.

Form Number(s): BE-30/BE-37.

OMB Approval Number: 0608-0011

Type of Request: Extension—regular submission.

Burden: 800/320.

Number of Respondents: 40/20.

Avg Hours Per Response: 5 hours/4 hours.

Needs and Uses: The Bureau of Economic Analysis is responsible for the computation and publication of the U.S. balance of payments accounts. The information collected in these surveys are an integral part of the "transportation" portion of the U.S.

balance of payments accounts. The balance of payments accounts, which are published quarterly in the Bureau's monthly publication, the *Survey of Current Business*, are one of the major statistical products of BEA. The accounts provide a statistical summary of U.S. international transactions. They are used by government and private organizations for national and international policy formulation, and analytical studies. Without the information collected in these surveys, an integral component of the transportation account would be omitted. No other Government agency collects comprehensive quarterly data on U.S. ocean carriers' freight revenues and expenses or U.S. airline operators' foreign revenues and expenses.

Affected Public: U.S. ocean and air carriers.

Frequency: One-time.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

Legal Authority: Title 13 U.S.C., Section 182.

OMB Desk Officer: Paul Bugg, (202) 395-3093.

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 of publication of this notice to Paul Bugg, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10201, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: November 13, 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

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: Bureau of the Census.

Title: Survey of Income and Program Participation 1996 Panel Wave 7.

Form Number(s): SIPP/CAP

Automated Instrument; SIPP 16705(L) Director's Letter.

Agency Approval Number: 0607-0813.