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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

December 2, 1998.

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirements(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), Washington, D.C. 20503 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, D.C. 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) 720-6746.

An emergency 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 the collection of information unless it

displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Food and Nutrition Service

Title: Child Nutrition Database.

OMB control number: 0584-New.

Summary of collection: The Child Nutrition (CN) Database is a necessary component in implementation of USDA's Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast (SBP): School Meals Initiative for Healthy Children final rule published in the June 13, 1995 Federal Register, Volume 60, No. 113. The overriding purpose in NSLP and SBP initiatives is to serve more nutritious and healthful meals to school children. FNS has updated the regulations which established the specific nutrition criteria for reimbursable school meals incorporating the Recommended Dietary Allowances (RDA) issued by the Food and Nutrition Board, Commission on Life Sciences, National Research Council for key nutrients, energy allowances for calories, and the most current nutritional standards as outlined in the Dietary Guidelines. FNS will collect information using a database that contains information on the nutritional composition of a variety of foods.

Need and use of the information: FNS will collect information on (1) USDA commodities; (2) USDA Nutrient Database for Standard Reference food items which are used in the SBP and NSLP; (3) quantity recipes for school food service developed by USDA; and (4) brand name commercially processed foods. The information gathered for the CN Database is required to be used in software programs approved by USDA for use in meeting the nutrient standards and nutrition goals of the Child Nutrition Program meal pattern. The information will be used by both the States and FNS program staffs.

Description of respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of respondents: 100.

Frequency of responses: Reporting: Other (as needed).

Total burden hours: 6,000.

National Agricultural Statistics Service

Title: 1998 Census of Aquaculture.

OMB control number: 0535-New.

Summary of collection: The primary objective of the 1998 Census of Aquaculture is to obtain a comprehensive and detailed picture of

the aquaculture sector of the economy. The Census of Aquaculture will be the only source of data comparable and consistent at the national and state level. The Census of Aquaculture will cover all operations in each state that produced or sold \$1,000 or more of aquaculture or aquaculture products during 1998. Data from the 1998 Census of Aquaculture will be tabulated to provide benchmark statistics at the U.S. and state levels. Authority to administer the Census of Aquaculture is covered by Public Law 105-113, the Census of Agriculture Act of 1997 (Title 7, United States Code). The National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will collect information using survey questionnaires.

Need and use of the information: NASS will collect information on the numbers of operations, land and water acreage, method of production, total production, sales outlets and sales by aquaculture species. The Census of Aquaculture provides the only source of comparable, detailed state level data descriptive of the structure of the aquacultural production sector of the United States economy. Census data are used by the United States economy. Census data are used by the Administration, Federal agencies, and Congress to formulate and evaluate national aquaculture policies and programs. Without the Census of Aquaculture, there would be no reliable source of data consistent for all 50 states.

Description of respondents: Farms.

Number of respondents: 4,800.

Frequency of responses: Reporting: Other (One-time only).

Total burden hours: 2,400.

Emergency approval for this information collection has been requested by November 20, 1998.

Farm Service Agency

Title: Disaster Reserve Flood Compensation Program (7 CFR 1439).

OMB control number: 0560-New.

Summary of collection: Under Section 813 of the Agriculture Act of 1970 (7 U.S.C. 1427a) and S. Con. Res. 63, the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to utilize the \$12 million remaining from the sale of commodities held in the disaster reserve to compensate eligible producers affected by long-term flooding of agriculture land. The program will provide payments to livestock producers with land that is

inaccessible or incapable of crop production, grazing, or haying at any time during the 1998 fiscal year due to flooding. The eligible land must be physically located in counties that have been declared a disaster under a Presidential Declaration or Secretarial Designation during the period January 1, 1997 through August 1, 1998. The Farm Service Agency (FSA) will collect information using form CCC-454, Flood Compensation Program.

Need and use of the information: FSA will collect information to determine eligible producers who are currently engaged in the production of livestock in any of the years 1992-1997; determine eligible livestock producers who are under obligation due to a binding lease to make a fair market value rental payment for crop year 1998; and determine eligible producers who have land that is inaccessible or incapable of crop production, haying or grazing due to flooding in FY 98. Eligible producers will be required to provide documents to support their reported disaster such as crop reports, disaster reports, photo copies and slides of the affected areas; form CCC-454 and a copy of lease agreement, if a leaseholder.

Description of respondents: Farms; Federal Government; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of respondents: 6,500.

Frequency of responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total burden hours: 130.

Emergency approval for this information collection has been requested by November 23, 1998.

Forest Service

Title: Economic, Social, and Cultural Contributions of Livestock Ownership.

OMB control number: 0596—New.

Summary of collection: Management of federal lands is hampered in many cases because land managing agencies lack sufficient information to understand and monitor sociocultural values and changing attitudes toward land and resource use. Insufficient recent information of this type hampers efforts of the USDA Forest Service (FS) to work with small livestock operators who graze their cattle under permits on Forest Service-managed lands in northern New Mexico. Many of these permittees are descendants of Hispanic settlers who have farmed and ranched in the area for 400 years. Cultural differences and historical issues of land ownership and use contribute to disagreements and misunderstandings between the permittees and federal land managers. This pilot on the Espanola Ranger District of the Santa Fe National

Forest and the Canjilon Ranger District of the Carson National Forest will provide baseline data on economic, social, and cultural contributions of livestock ownership to the permittees of northern New Mexico. The Forest Service (FS) will collect information in a pilot study using questionnaires and face-to-face interviews.

Need and use of the information: FS will collect information to assist managers of the forest to (1) work more effectively with the grazing permittees by facilitating increased intercultural understanding and (2) to develop and update grazing allotment plans, especially for the two targeted districts. This information is also valuable in public education programs concerning the Hispanic culture of northern New Mexico. The results of this pilot study will contribute to the development of a broader study of all permittees in the Santa Fe and Carson National Forests.

Description of respondents:

Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit; Farms.

Number of respondents: 112.

Frequency of responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total burden hours: 364.

National Agricultural Statistics Service

Title: Wildlife Damage.

OMB control number: 0535-0217.

Summary of collection: The National Agricultural Statistics Service's (NASS) primary function is to prepare and issue current official state and national estimates of crop and livestock production, disposition, and prices. Auxiliary services, such as statistical consultation, data collection, summary tabulation, and analysis are performed for other Federal and state agencies on a reimbursable basis as the need arises. NASS has entered into an agreement with the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) to conduct nationwide sample surveys of selected fruits, nut, and berry producers for the purpose of assessing the true incidence, extent, specific cause, and monetary value of agricultural product and resource losses caused by vertebrate wildlife. APHIS and NASS have entered into this agreement in direct response to specific recommendations to APHIS by the National Animal Damage Control Advisory Committee (NADCAC) in recognition of the present lack of current information available to the APHIS' Wildlife Service for use in strategic planning. NASS will collect information using a sampling survey to evaluate wildlife damage to livestock.

Need and use of the information: NASS will collect information on the development of valid statistical data

reflecting the percentage of fruit, nut, and berry growers experiencing losses of products or resources and the total dollar losses at the national level caused by vertebrate wildlife. Goals of the survey are to assess the agricultural community's use and name recognition of the Wildlife Service's program at a regional level, and provide accurate measurement of wildlife damage to agricultural products for use in long range planning and fund allocation.

Description of respondents: Farms.

Number of respondents: 10,400.

Frequency of responses: Reporting: Other (One time).

Total burden hours: 2,253.

Food and Nutrition Service

Title: Waiver Guidance for Food Stamp Time Limits.

OMB control number: 0584-0479.

Summary of collection: Section 824 of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, Pub. L. 104-193 (PRWORA) establishes a time limit for the receipt of food stamp benefits for certain able-bodied adults who are not working. The provision authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture, upon a State agency's request, to waive the provision for any group of individuals if the Secretary determines "that the area in which the individual resides has an unemployment rate of over 10 percent, or does not have a sufficient number of jobs to provide employment for the individuals." The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) will collect information using waiver requests for state officials.

Need and use of the information: FNS will collect information on unemployment rates of over 10 percent; number of jobs to provide employment to individuals and areas in which they reside. FNS will use the information provided by State food stamp agencies to evaluate whether the statutory requirements for a waiver of the food stamp time limit have been met.

Description of respondents: State, Local, or Tribal Government; Federal.

Number of respondents: 44.

Frequency of responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total burden hours: 2,000.

Forest Service

Title: Application for the Senior Community Service Employment Program.

OMB control number: 0596-0099.

Summary of collection: The Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) is designed to provide part-time employment opportunities and training to low-income and disadvantaged persons aged 55 or above.

In order for the Forest Service (FS) to establish the eligibility of each individual for enrollment into the program, it is necessary to collect income information and age data for each individual. The application document is the tool needed to collect this pertinent data and other relevant information required by the Department of Labor. The authority for this data collection is contained in the **Federal Register** Rules and Regulations, Section, 641.305, prepared by the Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration. The Forest Service will collect information using applications submitted by individuals.

Need and use of the information: FS will collect identifying information from individuals as well as data on family income, age, and type of public assistance received. FS will use the information to determine eligibility for enrollment into the Senior Community Service Employment Program. If FS does not collect the personal income and age data from each person applying for the SCSEP, the FS will be unable to determine participant eligibility in this targeted program; will be in violation of the current law; and would not be able to continue as a sponsor of the program.

Description of respondents: Individuals or households.

Number of respondents: 6,500.

Frequency of responses: Reporting: Other (Initial Application).

Total burden hours: 1,083.

Office of the Secretary, White House Liaison

Title: Advisory Committee Membership Background Information.

OMB control number: 0505-0001.

Summary of collection: Section 1804 of the Food and Agriculture Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2281, et seq.) requires the Department to provide information concerning advisory committee members' principal place of residence, persons or companies by whom employed, and other major sources of income. Board members' under each program are appointed by the Secretary. Some of the information contained on Form AD-755 is used by the Department to conduct background clearances of prospective board members required by departmental regulations. This clearance is required by all committee members who are appointed by the Secretary. The Office of the Secretary, White House Liaison, in conjunction with agency personnel, will collect information using Form AD-755, Advisory Committee Membership Background Information.

Need and use of the information: The Office of the Secretary, White House

Liaison will collect information on the background of the nominees to make sure there are no delinquent loans to the United States Department of Agriculture, USDA, as well as making sure they have no previous record that could be a negative reflection to the USDA. The information obtained from the form is also used in the compilation of an annual report to Congress. Failure of the Department to provide this information would require the Secretary to terminate the pertinent advisory committee.

Description of respondents: Individuals or households.

Number of respondents: 1,631.

Frequency of responses: Reporting: Monthly.

Total burden hours: 760.5.

Emergency approval for this information collection has been requested by December 30, 1998.

Forest Service

Title: Disposal of Mineral Materials.

OMB control number: 0596-0081.

Summary of collection: The Forest Service (FS) is responsible for overseeing the management of National Forest System land. The Multiple-Use Mining Act of 1955 (30 U.S.C. 601, 603, 611-615) gives the FS specific authority to manage the disposal of mineral materials mined from National Forest land. FS uses two separate forms, FS-2800-9 and R1-FS-2850-1, to collect detailed information on the planned mining and disposal operations as well as a contract for the sale of mineral materials.

Need and use of the information: FS will use information collected from the public to ensure that environmental impacts of mineral material disposal are minimized. A review of the operating plan provides the authorized officer the opportunity to determine if the proposed operation is appropriate and consistent with all applicable land management laws and regulations. The information also provides the means of documenting planned operations and the terms and conditions that the Forest Service deems necessary to protect surface resources.

Description of respondents: Business or other for-profit; Individuals or households.

Number of respondents: 3,000.

Frequency of responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total burden hours: 7,500.

National Agricultural Statistics Service

Title: Year 2000 Survey.

OMB control number: 0535-New.

Summary of collection: There is widespread concern regarding the Year

2000 (Y2K) technology problem. Y2K is an unprecedented issue among all industries including agriculture. The USDA's Y2K Food Supply Working Group is leading an effort to evaluate the Y2K readiness of the agricultural industry. The National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) has been asked to assist by providing an assessment of the awareness and preparation by the agricultural production sector for the year 2000. NASS will collect information from farm operators about their Y2K awareness and readiness using a telephone survey.

Need and use of the information: NASS will collect information on the impact of the year 2000 problem on the food industry in general—from farm to fork; description of the Department's Year 2000 outreach program; and an assessment of the general preparedness of the food industry to continue uninterrupted business despite the century date change.

Description of respondents: Farms.

Number of respondents: 1,300.

Frequency of responses: Reporting: Other (One time only).

Total burden hours: 325.

Emergency approval for this information collection has been requested by December 8, 1998.

National Agricultural Statistics Service

Title: Census of Agriculture—American Samoa.

OMB control number: 0535-0226.

Summary of collection: The census of agriculture is the only source of agricultural data comparable and consistent at the national, state and country or county-equivalent levels for the United States and four territories/commonwealths. The census of agriculture, conducted on a 5-year cycle, covers all agricultural operations in each state, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands that meet the farm definition. Authority to administer the census of agriculture was transferred from the Bureau of Census to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS). The information collection is being resubmitted as an emergency submission to obtain approval to conduct an agricultural census in American Samoa beginning in January 1999. In addition to the census of commercial agricultural operations, a sample of all American Samoa residences will be surveyed to determine the extent of subsistence farming on the island. Representatives of the U.S. Department of Interior and the Government of American Samoa

recently approached NASS to request that an agriculture census and a survey of residences covering 1998 be conducted in American Samoa, and that subsequently, American Samoa be included in the 5-year agriculture census cycle. NASS will collect information using a survey of the American Samoa residences.

Need and use of the information: NASS will collect information on the number and type of farms, land use, crop acreage and production, livestock inventory and sales production expenses, farm-related income, and other characteristics. The data will be used by the Administration, Federal agencies, and Congress to formulate and evaluate national farm and rural policies and programs, and by the USDA and Bureau of Economic Analysis to compile the farm sector economic indicators and the national income accounts. Without the census of agriculture, there would be no reliable source of data consistent throughout the 50 States and over 3,000 counties in the United States.

Description of respondents: Farms, Individuals or households.

Number of respondents: 3,589,580.

Frequency of responses: Reporting: Other (One time only).

Total burden hours: 1,320,705.

Emergency approval for this information collection has been requested by December 11, 1998.

Nancy Sternberg,

Departmental Information Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Cedar Run Watershed, Fauquier County, Virginia

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service.

ACTION: Notice of a Finding of No Significant Impact.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969; the Council on Environmental Quality Guidelines (40 CFR Part 1500); and the Natural Resources Conservation Service Guidelines (CFR Part 650); the Natural Resources Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, gives notice that a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement is not being prepared for the Cedar Run Watershed-Multiple

Purpose Structure Site 6 in Fauquier County, Virginia.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. M. Denise Doetzer, State Conservationist, USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Culpeper Building, Suite 209, 1606 Santa Rosa Road, Richmond, Virginia 23229-5014, telephone (804) 287-1691.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Environmental Assessment of this federally assisted action provides evidence that the environmental effects associated with the proposed changes from the original EIS to the current project proposal, will not result in significant direct, indirect, or cumulative impacts on the environment. Therefore, Ms. M. Denise Doetzer, State Conservationist, has issued a Finding of No Significant Impact and determined that the preparation and review of a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement are not needed for this project.

The project purposes are flood control and municipal and industrial water supply. The planned works of improvement include the installation of a combination roller compacted concrete and earth fill multiple purpose flood control and water supply structure approximately 1,000 feet upstream of the Auburn Bridge at Route 602 in Fauquier County, Virginia.

The Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) has been forwarded to the Environmental Protection Agency and to various Federal, State and local agencies and interested parties. A limited number of copies of the FONSI are available to fill single-copy requests at the above address. Basic data developed during the Environmental Assessment are on file and may be reviewed by contacting Ms. M. Denise Doetzer, State Conservationist.

No administrative action on implementation of the proposal will be taken until 30 days after the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**.

(This activity is listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance under No. 10.901, Watershed and Flood Prevention, and is subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372, which requires intergovernmental consultation with State and local officials.)

M. Denise Doetzer,

State Conservationist.

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CENSUS MONITORING BOARD

U.S. Census Monitoring Board; Notice of Public Hearing on the Census 2000 Dress Rehearsal

Pursuant to P.L. 105-119, the enabling statute for the U.S. Census Monitoring Board, notice is hereby given that a meeting of the U.S. Census Monitoring Board will be held on Wednesday, December 16, 1998 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., in the City of Sacramento Council Chambers, 915 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814-2684.

This meeting will be open to the public. The topic for discussion will be the Census 2000 Dress Rehearsal.

Eslala B. Mendoza,

Communications Director.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Louisiana Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, that a meeting of the Louisiana Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 6:00 p.m. and adjourn at 8:00 p.m. on January 14, 1999, at the Hyatt Hotel, Canal A Room, 500 Poydras Street, New Orleans, Louisiana 70140. The purpose of the meeting is to plan for future activities and receive civil rights monitoring issues from Committee members.

Persons desiring additional information, or planning a presentation to the Committee, should contact Melvin L. Jenkins, Director of the Central Regional Office, 913-551-1400 (TDD 913-551-1414). Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Regional Office at least ten (10) working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission.

Dated at Washington, DC, December 2, 1998.

Carol-Lee Hurley,

Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.

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