

reviewers of draft environment impact statements must structure their participation in the Environmental review of the proposal so that it is meaningful and alerts an agency to the reviewer's position and contentions. *Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corp. v. NRDC*, 435 U.S. 519, 553 (1978). Also environmental objections that could be raised at the draft environmental impact statement stage but that are not raised until after completion of the final environmental impact statement may be waived or dismissed by the courts. *City of Angoon v. Hodel*, 803 F.2d 1016, 1022 (9th Cir. 1986) and *Wisconsin Heritages v. Harris*, 490 F. Supp.-1334, 1338 (E.D. Wis. 1980). Because of these court rulings, it is very important that those interested in this proposed action participate by the close of the scoping comment period so that substantive comments and objections are made available to the Forest Service at a time when it can meaningfully consider them and respond to them in developing issues and alternatives.

To assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering issues on the proposed action, comments should be as specific as possible. Reviewers may wish to refer to the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act at 40 CFR 1503.3 in addressing these points.

The responsible official for this environmental impact statement is David M. Campbell, West Fork District Ranger. His address is West Fork Ranger District, Bitterroot National Forest, 6735 West Fork Road, Darby, Montana 59829. He will decide which, if any, of the proposed actions will be implemented and will document the decision and reasons for the decision in a Record of Decision. That decision will be subject to Forest Service Appeal Regulations.

Dated: September 9, 1999.

Jeff Amoss,

Acting Forest Supervisor, Bitterroot National Forest.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Dry Run Watershed, Allegany County, Maryland

AGENCY: USDA, 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 Regulations (40 CFR part 1500); and the Soil Conservation Service Regulations (7 CFR part 650); the Soil Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, gives notice that an environmental impact statement is not being prepared for the Dry Run Watershed, Allegany County, Maryland.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David D. Doss, State Conservationist, USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, 339 Busch's Frontage Road, Suite 301, Annapolis, Maryland 21401-5534, Telephone (410) 757-0861; fax (410) 757-0687.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The environmental assessment of this federally assisted action indicates that the project will not cause significant local, regional, or national impacts on the environment. As a result of these findings, David P. Doss, State Conservationist, has determined that the preparation and review of an environmental impact statement is not needed for this project.

The project proposed are flood control and watershed protection. The planned works of improvement include floodplain acquisition and stream restoration.

The Notice of a 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 David P. Doss.

No administrative action or 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. 10.904, Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention, and is subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372, which requires intergovernmental consultation with State and local officials)

David P. Doss,
State Conservationist.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.

ACTION: Proposed collection; comments requested.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intention of the Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS) to request an extension of a currently approved information collection in support of the Servicing of Business and Industry Guaranteed Loans Program.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by November 19, 1999, to be assured of consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David W. Lewis, Senior Loan Specialist, RBS, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Stop 3224, Washington, DC 20250-3224, telephone 202-690-0797.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Servicing Business and Industry Guaranteed Loans.

OMB Number: 0570-0016

Expiration Date of Approval: September 30, 1999.

Type of Request: Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection.

Abstract: RBS, an agency within the Rural Development (RD) mission area of the USDA, operates several programs that provide guaranteed loans to banks, insurance companies, and other traditional lenders. The purpose of the Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan Program is to improve, develop, or finance business, industry and employment and improve the economic and environmental climate in rural communities, including pollution abatement and control. This purpose is achieved through bolstering the existing private credit structure through guarantee of quality loans, which will provide lasting community benefits.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.51 hours per response.

Respondents: Guaranteed lenders.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2,681.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 7.26.

Estimated Number of Responses: 19,466.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 9,992.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Cheryl Thompson, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, at (202) 692-0043.

Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of RBS, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of RBS'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 Cheryl Thompson, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, STOP 0742, 1400 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20250-0742. 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: September 10, 1999.

Randall E. Torgerson,

Acting Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.

ACTION: Proposed collection; comments requested.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Rural Business-Cooperative Service's intention to request an extension for a currently approved information collection in support of the program for Guaranteed Loanmaking.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by November 19, 1999, to be assured of consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rick Bonnet, Senior Commercial Loan Specialist, Business Programs Processing Division, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, STOP 3221, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250-3221, Telephone (202) 720-1804, E-mail

"rbonnet@urdev.usda.gov".

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Guaranteed Loanmaking (General).

OMB Number: 0570-0018.

Expiration Date of Approval: September 30, 1999.

Type of Request: Extension of Currently Approved Information Collection.

Abstract: The purpose of the program is to improve, develop, or finance businesses, industries, and employment and improve the economic and environmental climate in rural communities. This purpose is achieved through bolstering the existing private credit structure through the guaranteeing of quality loans made by lending institutions, thereby providing lasting community benefits. This subpart contains general requirements applicable to all guaranteed loan programs administered by the Agency.

Information being collected from lenders on guaranteed loan borrowers is typically collected by lenders. There are no new data collection requirements contained in the renewal notice. In contrast to the burden package approved in 1996, the estimates no longer include burden hours for customary and usual business practices. However, the total burden hours is higher because of a significant increase in the program funding level.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.44 hours per response.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit; State, Local or Tribal; Accounts, and Attorneys.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1117.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Number of Responses: 1117.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 1,734 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Cheryl Thompson, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, at (202) 692-0043.

Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance

of the functions of RBS, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of RBS'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 Cheryl Thompson, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, STOP 0742, 1400 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20250-0742. 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: September 9, 1999.

William F. Hagy III,

Acting Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Housing Service

Notice of 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 Section 502 Direct and the Section 504 Rural Housing Loans and Grants Programs.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by November 19, 1999 to be assured of consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gloria L. Denson, Loan Specialist, Single Family Housing Direct Loan Division, RHS, U.S. Department of Agriculture, STOP 0783, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20250-0783, Telephone 202-720-1474. (This is not a toll free number.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: