1,200 SFAs will be conducted by telephone, using computer-assisted telephone interviewing (CATI).

Respondent burden will be minimized for the SFA survey by using CATI methods to streamline the interviewing process, and by carefully training interviewing staff on survey procedures. To minimize the number of open-ended questions asked on the survey, responses to open-ended questions from the 1996 SFA questionnaire were examined and used to develop closed-ended questions on this questionnaire. Pretest interviewing results indicated that respondents wanted more survey items to be included on the fact sheet, thus minimizing the time to look up answers while on the telephone with the interviewer. Responses will be voluntary and confidential. To ensure confidentiality, data will be reported only in tabular form, with analysis cells large enough to prevent identification of individual agencies. The data will not be used to evaluate or assess the performance of individual school districts or of the districts within individual states. SFAs will be notified of these confidentiality assurances in their advance letters.

In addition to the SFA survey, administrative data will be collected from state and county welfare or food stamp agencies. First, the agency in each state that assists SFAs in determining the students eligible or potentially eligible for direct certification will be identified. Next, these agencies will be sent a letter informing them of the study and of the data request. Following this, the agencies will be contacted by phone and asked to provide administrative record data containing two key pieces of information for districts within their state selected for the SFA survey sample: (1) A list of students in the district who were determined to be eligible or potentially eligible for direct certification just prior to the 2001–2002 school year; and (2) a list of students in these districts who would have been eligible or potentially eligible for direct certification as of December 15, 2001.

To reduce burden on these agencies, they will be asked to provide this information in whatever form is most convenient for them. Either electronic files or hard copy lists of students will be accepted.

Estimate of Burden: For the SFA survey, burden on respondents will consist of two parts. First, they will have to complete the fact sheet in preparation for the interview. This will take about 90 minutes (1.5 hours) depending on district size and level of computerization. Second, they will have to take the time to complete the interview. This takes 30 minutes (.5 hours). For the administrative-records data collection from state or county welfare and food stamp agencies, a 4 hour burden for the respondent is estimated. We anticipate 75 entities will supply this information (49 states, Washington DC, and 25 California counties).

Respondents: Key staff members of SFAs representing public school districts in the 50 states and the District of Columbia; officials designated by the state or county welfare or food stamp office as the most appropriate to supply the files.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,275 in total; including 1,200 SFAs, and 75 state or county welfare or food stamp offices.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 2,700 hours total.

Comments

Comments are invited on (a) Whether the proposed 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 the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and the 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 the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technology. Comments should be sent to the address in the preamble. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: April 17, 2001.

Susan E. Offutt,

Administrator, Economic Research Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Southwest Washington Provincial Advisory Committee Meeting Notice

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Southwest Washington Provincial Advisory Committee will meet on Wednesday, May 30, 2001, at the Wind River Training Center, located at 1262 Hemlock Road, Carson, Washington. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. and continue until 4 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to: (1) Discuss fish passage and habitat restoration at Hemlock Dam, and (2) Provide for a Public Open Forum. All Southwest Washington Provincial Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend. The ''open forum'' provides opportunity for the public to bring issues, concerns, and discussion topics to the Advisory Committee. The ''open forum'' is scheduled as part of agenda item (2) for this meeting. Interested speakers will need to register prior to the open forum period. The committee welcomes the public's written comments on committee business at any time.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Direct questions regarding this meeting to Linda Turner, Public Affairs Specialist, at (360) 891–5195, or write Forest Headquarters Office, Gifford Pinchot National Forest, 10600 NE. 51st Circle, Vancouver, WA 98682.

Dated: May 14, 2001.

Lynn Burditt,

Deputy Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Lower Tillamook Bay Watershed Plan and Environmental Assessment, Tillamook, Oregon

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA.

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 Natural Resources Conservation Service Regulations (7 CFR part 650); the Natural Resources Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, gives notice that an environmental impact statement is not being prepared for the Lower Tillamook Bay Watershed Plan and Environmental Assessment, Tillamook, Oregon.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bob Graham, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, 101 SW Main, Suite 1300, Portland, Oregon 97204, telephone 503–414–3200.

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, Bob Graham, State Conservationist, has determined that the preparation and review of an environmental impact statement is not needed for this project.

The project purpose is for watershed protection. The planned works of improvement include the development and implementation of conservation plans on approximately 60 dairies, 22 heifer replacement operations and 34 other livestock operations.

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 Terry Nelson, NRCS, 503–414–3014.

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. 10.904, Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention, and is subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372, which requires intergovernmental consultation with State and local officials.)

Dated: April 27, 2001

Bob Graham,

State Conservationist.

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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 intention to request an extension for a currently approved information collection in support of the program for Management and Supervision of Multiple Family Housing Borrowers and Grant Recipients.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by July 23, 2001 to be assured of consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James E. Vollmer, Multi-Family Housing Portfolio Management Division, Rural Housing Service, Room 1229, Stop 0782, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250, Telephone: (202) 720–1060.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Management and Supervision of Multiple Family Housing Borrowers and Grant Recipients.

OMB Number: 0575–0033.

Expiration Date of Approval: August 31, 2001.

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

Abstract: The Rural Housing Service (RHS) is authorized under sections 514, 515, 516, and 521 of Title V of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended, to provide loans and grants to eligible recipients for the development of rental housing in rural areas. Such multi-family housing (MFH) projects are intended to meet the housing needs of persons or families having very low to moderate incomes, senior citizens, the disabled, and domestic farm laborers.

RHS has the responsibility of assuring the public that MFH projects financed are managed and operated as mandated by Congress. This regulation (7 CFR part 1930, subpart C) was issued to insure consistent and proper management and operation of projects financed with MFH loan and grant funds. Minimal requirements have been established as deemed necessary to assure that applicable laws and authorities are carried out as intended.

With the provisions of this regulation, RHS will be able to provide the necessary guidance and supervision to new and existing borrowers to assist in the economical operation of their projects. RHS must be able to assure Congress and the general public that all MFH projects will be operated as economically as possible, for the purposes for which they are intended, and for the benefit of those they are mandated to serve.

The required information is collected on a project-by-project basis and is done so in accordance with the amended Housing Act of 1949, so that RHS can provide guidance and be assured of compliance with the terms and conditions of loan, grant, and/or subsidy agreements.

RHS will use the information collected to identify financially detrimental trends, poor management practices, and potential problems before they manifest themselves in the form of loan delinquencies, unpaid operation expenses, improper discriminatory practices, or high vacancy rates. With this information, RHS can assist the borrower through consultation (supervision) to improve the efficiency of the project and its operation. RHS supervision is especially critical during the first year of operation. In addition, the information provided is intended to verify whether or not the borrower is complying with the terms and conditions of loan, grant, or subsidy agreements. After the first year of operation, the information is requested of the borrower to assure continued compliance with the loan and grant agreements.

Failure by RHS to monitor progress of borrower operation through review of collected information and consultation would reasonably lead to noncompliance with statutory intent in some instances and financial default in others. Corrective action to remove such noncompliance or default would be costly to RHS and the public in terms of program integrity, public confidence, dollars, and staff time.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .90 hours per response.

Respondents: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 18,200 borrowers, 420,000 tenants and 100,000 tenant applicant respondents.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 4.43.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 2,143,740 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Tracy Gillin, RPMB analyst, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, at (202) 692–0039.

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' 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