DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Notice of Request for a Revision to and Extension of Approval of an Information Collection; Tuberculosis

[DOCKET NO. APHIS–2016–0058]

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Revision to and extension of approval of an information collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service’s intention to request a revision to and extension of approval of an information collection associated with the tuberculosis regulations.

DATES: We will consider all comments that we receive on or before October 17, 2016.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by either of the following methods:

Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=APHIS-2016-0058.

Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery: Send your comment to Docket No. APHIS–2016–0058, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3A–03.8, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737–1238.

Supporting documents and any comments we receive on this docket may be viewed at http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=APHIS-2016-0058 or in our reading room, which is located in room 1141 of the USDA South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC. Normal reading room hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 799–7039 before coming.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information on the domestic tuberculosis program, contact Dr. C. William Hench, Cattle Health Center Staff Veterinarian, Surveillance, Preparedness and Response Services, Veterinary Services, APHIS, 2150 Centre Avenue, Fort Collins, CO 80526–8117; (970) 494–7378. For copies of more detailed information on the information collection, contact Ms. Kimberly Hardy, APHIS’ Information Collection Coordinator, at (301) 851–2727.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Tuberculosis.

OMB Control Number: 0579–0146.
Type of Request: Revision to and extension of approval of an information collection.

Abstract: Under the Animal Health Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 8301 et seq.), the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture is authorized, among other things, to prohibit or restrict the interstate movement of animals and animal products to prevent the dissemination of diseases within the United States of animal diseases and pests and for conducting programs to detect, control, and eradicate pests and diseases of livestock. In connection with this mission, APHIS participates in a cooperative State/Federal tuberculosis eradication program, which is a national program to eliminate tuberculosis from the United States. This program is conducted under various States’ authorities supplemented by Federal authorities regulating the interstate movement of affected animals.

The tuberculosis regulations contained in 9 CFR part 77 provide several levels of tuberculosis risk classifications to be applied to States and zones within States, and classify States and zones according to their tuberculosis risk. The regulations restrict the interstate movement of cattle, bison, and captive cervids from the various classes of States or zones to prevent the spread of tuberculosis.

These regulations include, but are not limited to, information collection activities, such as memorandums of understanding: agreements; reports; testing records and status reports; plans, permits, and certificates; specimen submissions; risk surveys; proceeds from animals, animal products, and materials sold for salvage; appraisal and indemnity claims; labeling; and recordkeeping.

The information collection requirements above are currently approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under OMB Control Number 0579–0146, Tuberculosis, and OMB Control Number 0579–0412, Approved Tests for Bovine Tuberculosis in Cervids. After OMB approves this combined information collection package (0579–0146), APHIS will retire OMB Control Number 0579–0412.

We are asking OMB to approve our use of these information collection activities, as described, for an additional 3 years.

The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments from the public (as well as affected agencies) concerning our information collection. These comments will help us:

(1) Evaluate 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;
(2) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through use, as appropriate, of automated, electronic, mechanical, and other collection technologies; e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Estimate of burden: The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.33 hours per response.

Respondents: State animal health officials, producers and owners (including feedlot owners), accredited veterinarians, laboratory personnel, and professional appraisers.

Estimated annual number of respondents: 4,574.

Estimated annual number of responses per respondent: 20.

Estimated annual number of responses: 90,453.

Estimated total annual burden on respondents: 29,514 hours. (Due to averaging, the total annual burden hours may not equal the product of the annual number of responses multiplied by the reporting burden per response.)

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.

Done in Washington, DC, this 12th day of August 2016.

Kevin Shea,
Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Forest Service


AGENCY: Tongass National Forest, USDA Forest Service

ACTION: Notice of new fee site.

SUMMARY: The Tongass National Forest is proposing to charge a $75 fee for the overnight rental of the Deep Bay Cabin. This facility is available for recreation use through the National Recreation Reservation Service, at www.recreation.gov. The Forest has decided to offer the cabin, through www.recreation.gov prior to charging a rental fee. Public feedback based on cabin rentals in the Alaska Region have consistently demonstrated that people appreciate and enjoy the availability of rental cabins. Funds from the rental will be used for the continued operation and maintenance of the facilities. The cabin rental fee is only proposed and will be determined upon further analysis and public comment.

DATES: Public comment on the proposal for Deep Bay Cabin to begin charging a rental fee will be received through December 2016. Starting in January 2017 comments will be compiled, analyzed and shared with the Alaska Region Fee Board. Should the fee proposal move forward, the rental rate of $75 per night will likely begin in February 2017.

ADDRESSES: Forest Supervisor, Tongass National Forest, 648 Mission Street, Ketchikan, AK 99901.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lisa Fluharty, Recreation Fee Coordinator, (907) 228–6331.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Recreation Lands Enhancement Act (Title VII, P.L. 108–447) directed the Secretary of Agriculture to publish a six month advance notice in the Federal Register whenever new recreation fee areas are established. This new fee will be reviewed by the Alaska Region Fee Board prior to a final decision and implementation.

The Tongass National Forest provides multiple cabins located in a variety of forest environments ranging from ocean shore, lakeshore, to mountain and alpine settings. These cabins serve as a base camp for forest visitors for hiking, hunting, fishing, OHV riding and nature touring activities. These cabins are important for access and maintaining traditional recreation activities, including subsistence hunting and fishing.

The Deep Bay Cabin is fully accessible and includes a wheelchair ramp from the parking lot to the cabin. It is a large group cabin and can accommodate up to 12 people. It consists of two buildings connected by a large deck which is partially covered. Each building has sleeping rooms and a common room. There are oil stoves for heat (not cooking). There is a small storage shed, an outside fire grill, and outhouse. It is a simple facility, with no electricity, trash service or running water. The cabin is located near Deep Bay on Zarembo Island. It is accessible year-around by float plane or boat.