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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

October 26, 2017.

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Comments regarding this information collection received by December 1, 2017 will be considered. Written comments should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), New Executive Office Building, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20502. Commenters are encouraged to submit their comments to OMB via email to: OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV or fax (202) 395–5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250–7602. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720–8958.

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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.

Rural Utilities Service

Title: 7 CFR 1776, Household Water Well System Grant Program.

OMB Control Number: 0572–0139.

Summary of Collection: The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) is authorized by Section 306E of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1926e) to administer and make grants to qualified private non-profit organizations which will use the funds to establish lending programs for household water wells.

Need and use of the Information: The grant applicants will provide information to be collected as part of the application and grant process through certain documentation, certifications, and completed forms. Grant applicants must show that the project will provide technical and financial assistance to eligible individuals to remedy household well problems. The grant recipients will establish a revolving loan fund lending program to provide water well loans to individuals who own or will own private wells in rural areas. The individual loan recipients may use the funds to construct, refurbish, and service their household well systems for an existing home.

Description of Respondents: Not-for-profit institutions.

Number of Respondents: 7.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 770.

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Clearance Officer.

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Forest Service

Title: Southwestern Crown Collaborative Forest Management Social Monitoring.

OMB Control Number: 0596–NEW.

Summary of Collection: The Forest Landscape Restoration Act (FLRA) of 2009 (16 U.S.C. 7303), which enables the Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program (CFLRP), requires monitoring “to assess the positive or negative ecological, social, and economic effects of projects implementing a selected proposal for not less than 15 years after project

implementation commences.” The CFLRP program started in 2010 to encourage collaborative groups of neighboring landowners, state, local and tribal government representatives, businesses, interest groups, and nonprofit organizations, to work with the Forest Service (FS) to find common ground pertaining to geographically extensive forest restoration.

Need and Use of the Information: Respondents will be given the option of completing an online version of the monitoring instrument or of completing a paper version. The collection of information will allow FS to meet its obligations under the CFLRP to monitor social impacts and to provide feedback to FS managers about activities, including the decisions making processes, conducted under the CFLRP. Without the collection of information, the FS will be unable to determine whether it is meeting the requirements of the Forest Landscape Restoration Act, nor if they are fully incorporating partner and public input into forest project, implementation, monitoring and/or planning processes as required by law.

Description of Respondents: Residents within the Southwestern Crown CFLRP Landscape and Southwestern Crown Collaborative participants.

Number of Respondents: 2,330.

Frequency of Responses: One time.

Total Burden Hours: 320.

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Farm Service Agency

Title: Certified Mediation Program (7 CFR part 785).

OMB Control Number: 0560-0165.

Summary of Collection: The USDA Agricultural Medication Program (AMP) is mandated by Subtitle A and B of Title V of the Agricultural Credit Act of 1987 (Pub. L. 100-233), as amended. Under the program, USDA makes grants to state-designated entities that provide mediation to agricultural producers, their lenders and others that are directly affected by the action of certain USDA agencies. In mediation, a trained impartial mediator helps participants review and discuss their conflicts, identify options to resolve disputes and agree on solutions. The Farm Service Agency (FSA) is administering the program.

Need and Use of the Information: FSA will collect information to determine whether the participants meet the eligibility requirements to be recipients of grant funds, and secondly, to determine if the grant is being administered as provided by the Act. Lack of adequate information to make these determinations could result in the improper administration and appropriation of Federal grant funds.

Description of Respondents: State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 40.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 500.

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Forest Service

Newspapers for Publication of Legal Notices in the Eastern Region

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Forest Service administrative review procedures require agency officials to publish legal notices in newspapers of record for certain opportunities to comment and opportunities to file pre-decisional objections. Forest Service officials in the Eastern Region will publish those legal notices in the newspapers listed in this notice. The Eastern Region consists of Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Hampshire, Maine, Pennsylvania, Vermont, New York, West Virginia, and Wisconsin. The public shall be advised through a **Federal Register** Notice, of the newspaper of record to be utilized for publishing legal notice of comment and objection opportunities required by those Parts and their associated procedures. This notice fulfills that requirement for the Eastern Region.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Tighe; Writer/Editor; 626 E. Wisconsin Avenue; Milwaukee, WI 53202. Phone: (414) 297-3439.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Responsible Officials in the Eastern Region will publish legal notice(s) regarding proposed land management plans as required under 36 CFR 219.16 and legal notice(s) regarding an opportunity to comment on proposed projects as required under 36 CFR 218.24 in the newspapers that are listed in this section by Forest Service administrative unit. Additionally, Responsible Officials in the Eastern Region will publish legal notice(s) of the opportunity to object to a proposed project under 36 CFR part 218 or to object to a land management plan developed, amended, or revised under 36 CFR part 219 in the legal notice section of the newspapers listed in this notice. Additional notice regarding an opportunity to comment or object under the above mentioned regulations may be provided in other newspapers not listed