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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Alan Pearson, Biotechnology Regulatory Services, APHIS, USDA, 5601 Sunnyside Avenue, AP100-3-W5-1151, Beltsville, MD 20705; (301) 851-3944; email: alan.pearson@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the authority of the plant pest provisions of the Plant Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 7701-7772, 7781-7786) and the regulations in 7 CFR part 340, "Introduction of Organisms and Products Altered or Produced Through Genetic Engineering Which Are Plant Pests or Which There Is Reason to Believe Are Plant Pests," Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) regulates, among other things, the introduction (importation, interstate movement, or release into the environment) of organisms and products altered or produced through genetic engineering that are plant pests or that there is reason to believe are plant pests. Such organisms and products are considered "regulated articles." Section 340.6(a) of the regulations (7 CFR 340.6(a)) provides that any person may submit a petition to APHIS seeking a determination that an article should not be regulated under 7 CFR part 340.

APHIS received a petition (APHIS Petition Number 25-205-01p) from Ball Horticultural Company (BHC) seeking a determination of nonregulated status for African marigold (*Tagetes erecta*) event pBALL123-022-BE113, designated as pBALL123, which has been developed using genetic engineering to produce red flower petals. The petition provides information in support of petitioners' position that pBALL123 is unlikely to pose a plant pest risk and therefore should not be regulated under APHIS' regulations in 7 CFR part 340.

As part of our decision-making process regarding the organism's regulatory status, APHIS prepared a draft plant pest risk assessment (PPRA) to assess the plant pest risk of the organism.

APHIS published the petition and draft PPRA in the **Federal Register** (91 FR 6179, APHIS-2026-0001) and accepted public comments from February 11, 2026, through April 13, 2026. APHIS received 3 comments by the close of the comment period that were posted to the docket. APHIS received comments from a horticultural industry organization, a non-governmental organization, and an

unaffiliated individual. Of the 3 comments posted to the docket, two were in support of deregulation of pBALL123, and one was in opposition.

Determination

Based on APHIS' evaluation in the PPRA of information and data submitted by BHC in its petition, available scientific data, and public comments received in response to the petition and draft PPRA, APHIS has determined that pBALL123 is unlikely to pose a greater plant pest risk than the nonmodified comparator and therefore is no longer subject to the regulations in 7 CFR part 340 governing the introduction of certain organisms developed using genetic engineering.

Copies of the signed determination, PPRA, and response to comments, as well as the previously published petition and supporting documents, are available as indicated in the **ADDRESSES** and **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** sections of this notice.

(Authority: 7 U.S.C. 7701-7772 and 7781-7786; 31 U.S.C. 9701; 7 CFR 2.22, 2.80, and 371.3.)

Done in Washington, DC, this 8th day of October 2026.

Kelly Moore,

Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency

[Docket ID: FSA-2026-0496]

Information Collection Requests; Disaster Assistance—General; Critical Customer Data

AGENCY: Farm Service Agency, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Farm Service Agency (FSA) is requesting comments from all interested individuals and organizations on the revision of the following currently approved information collection requests: Disaster Assistance—General (0560-0170) and Critical Customer Data (0560-0265).

DATES: We will consider comments that we receive by December 14, 2026.

ADDRESSES: We invite you to submit comments on this notice. You may submit comments by this method: *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to: www.regulations.gov and search for Docket ID FSA-2026-0496. Follow the

online instructions for submitting comments.

You may also send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Washington, DC 20503. Copies of the information collection may be requested by contacting Rena Russell-Spruell (Disaster Assistance—General) or Tyler Gilkey (Critical Customer Data).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For Disaster Assistance—General, Rena Russell-Spruell, (202) 720-3265; rena.russell.spruell@usda.gov. For Critical Customer Data, Tyler Gilkey, 402-437-5895, tyler.gilkey@usda.gov. Individuals with disabilities who require alternative means for communication should contact the USDA Target Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and text telephone (TTY mode)) or dial 711 for Telecommunications Relay Service (both voice and text telephone users can initiate this call from any telephone).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Description of Information Collection Requests

Title: Disaster Assistance—General.
OMB Control Number: 0560-0170.
Expiration Date: January 31, 2027.
Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: The Disaster Assistance-General information collection is needed to establish county eligibility for Secretarial disaster designations, which make emergency loans available to eligible farmers and ranchers and may also be used to qualify counties for other disaster assistance programs if required by statute or a program's regulations. The regulations in 7 CFR part 759 define the responsibilities of the Secretary of Agriculture in making disaster designations, the types of incidents that can result in a disaster designation, and the factors used in making disaster designations. Secretarial disaster designations must be requested in writing from a State governor (or authorized representative), Indian Tribal Council, or the FSA State Executive Director (SED) unless a county qualifies through the Fast Track process for drought using data from the U.S. Drought Monitor. For each county included in a request, the FSA county office and the County Emergency Board (CEB) will complete a Loss Assessment Report (LAR) that includes information about crop losses due to the disaster. If the LAR does not indicate a 30 percent or greater loss of at least one crop in the

county, FSA employees will conduct a survey of farmers in the county to assess whether other criteria justify a Secretarial disaster designation for the county.

FSA is requesting a revision of the approved information collection. The revisions are intended to accurately reflect the expected number of requests and need to conduct farmer surveys and will remove responses and burden hours for the collection of information from FSA employees rather than the public. For the following estimated total annual burden on respondents, the formula used to calculate the total burden hours is the estimated average time per response hours multiplied by the estimated total annual responses.

Estimate of Average Time To Respond: Public reporting burden for the information collection is estimated to average 0.3724 hours per response.

Type of Respondents: Farms, Tribal Governments, and State Governments.
Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 98.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 98.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 37 hours.

Title: Critical Customer Data.

OMB Control Number: 0560-0265.

Expiration Date: January 31, 2027.

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

Abstract: FSA collects critical customer data (such as customer name, contact information, and taxpayer identification number) from new customers and updates records of existing customers with AD-2047, Customer Data Worksheet. This data is used by FSA and other USDA agencies to administer USDA programs and perform functions such as administering conservation compliance for federal crop insurance participants. The title of this information collection was formerly "Customer Data Worksheet Request for Business Partner Record Change".

Critical customer data is typically provided directly to a service center employee while a customer is physically visiting the USDA Service Center. This approach minimizes the burden on customers by allowing them to provide this data as part of a routine office visit. AD-2047 is also available from the USDA e-Forms website for customers to download, complete, and submit to their local Service Center. Customers may submit the information by mail, fax, email, phone, or through Box or OneSpan (see <https://>

www.farmers.gov/working-with-us/signing-and-sharing-documents).

FSA is currently reviewing how customers interact with USDA as part of the "One Farmer, One File" modernization initiative (see <https://www.fsa.usda.gov/news-events/news/03-02-2026/usda-launches-one-farmer-one-file-initiative-better-support-farmers>). Through "One Farmer, One File," USDA's mission is to create a single, streamlined record that follows the farmer throughout the USDA system while reducing the administrative burden for farmers and making program delivery more efficient. As part of that initiative, FSA is establishing an electronic method for customer submission of critical customer data. The responses and burden hours associated with use of this electronic method are included in this information collection request.

The estimated number of respondents and responses increased by 170,981, and the burden hours increased by 8,549 due to the change in estimated responses since the last OMB approval. These changes reflect adjustments based on recent use of AD-2047. This increase is primarily due to an increase in the number of new customers who are participating in new programs. For the following estimated total annual burden on respondents, the formula used to calculate the total burden hours is the estimated average time per response multiplied by the estimated total annual responses.

Estimated Respondent Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.05 hours per response.

Type of Respondents: Farms and Businesses.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 332,231.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Number of Responses: 332,231.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 16,612 hours.

Request for Comments

FSA is requesting comments on all aspects of this information collection to help us to:

(1) Evaluate whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of FSA, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of FSA's estimate of burden of the collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Evaluate the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including using appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

All comments received in response to this notice, including names and addresses when provided, will be a matter of public record. Comments will be summarized and included in the submission for Office of Management and Budget approval.

William Beam,

Administrator, Farm Service Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Kootenai National Forest; Montana; Kootenai National Forest Over-Snow Motorized Use Travel Plan; Withdrawal

AGENCY: Forest Service, Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice; Withdrawal.

SUMMARY: The Kootenai National Forest is withdrawing its notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Kootenai National Forest Over-Snow Motorized Use Plan.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions concerning this project should be directed to NEPA Coordinator Moira McKelvey, 406-293-6211, moira.mckelvey@usda.gov.

Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the hearing-impaired may call 711 to reach the Telecommunications Relay Service, 24 hours a day, every day of the year, including holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A Notice of Intent was published in the **Federal Register** on April 26, 2024, 89 FR 32394. The Kootenai National Forest's decision to withdraw the Notice of Intent is based on the length of time since the Notice of Intent was published. The project will be reinitiated at a later date.

Lisa Northrop,

Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest System.

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