

Joliet, Illinois

Monongahela National Forest, Elkins, West Virginia

Forest Supervisor Decisions:

The Elkins Inter-Mountain, published daily in Elkins, Randolph County, WV

District Ranger Decisions:

Cheat-Potomac District: *The Grant County Press*, published weekly in Petersburg, Grant County WV

Gauley District: *The Nicholas Chronicle*, published weekly in Summersville, Nicholas County, WV

Greenbrier District: *The Pocahontas Times*, published weekly in Marlinton, Pocahontas County, WV

Marlinton-White Sulphur District: *The Pocahontas Times*, published weekly in Marlinton, Pocahontas County, WV

Ottawa National Forest, Michigan

Forest Supervisor Decisions:

The Ironwood Daily Globe, published in Ironwood, Gogebic County, Michigan and for those on the Iron River District, *The Reporter*, published in Iron River, Iron County, Michigan

District Ranger Decisions:

Bergland, Bessemer, Kenton, Ontonagon and Watersmeet Districts: *The Ironwood Daily Globe*, published in Ironwood, Gogebic County, Michigan

Iron River District: *The Reporter*, published in Iron River, Michigan, Iron County, Michigan

Shawnee National Forest, Illinois

Forest Supervisor Decisions:

Southern Illinoisan, published daily in Carbondale, Jackson County, Illinois

District Ranger Decisions:

Vienna-Elizabethtown, Jonesboro-Murphysboro Districts: *Southern Illinoisan*, published daily in Carbondale, Jackson County, Illinois

Superior National Forest, Minnesota

Forest Supervisor Decisions:

Duluth News-Tribune, published daily in Duluth, St. Louis County, Minnesota

District Ranger Decisions:

Gunflint District: *Cook County News-Herald*, published weekly in Grand Marais, Cook County, Minnesota

Kawishiwi District: *Timberjay*, published weekly in Ely, St. Louis County, Minnesota

LaCroix District: *Mesabi Daily News*, published daily in Virginia, St. Louis County, Minnesota

Laurentian District: *Mesabi Daily News*, published daily in Virginia, St. Louis County, Minnesota

Tofte District: *Duluth News-Tribune*, published daily in Duluth, St. Louis County, Minnesota

Wayne National Forest, Ohio

Forest Supervisor Decisions:

The Athens Messenger, published in Athens, Athens County, Ohio

Athens District: *Athens Messenger*, (same for Marietta Unit), published in Athens County, Ohio

Ironton District: *The Ironton Tribune*, published in Ironton, Lawrence County, Ohio

White Mountain National Forest, New Hampshire and Maine

Forest Supervisor Decisions:

The Union Leader, published daily in Manchester, County of Hillsborough, New Hampshire

Ammonoosuc District: *The Union Leader*, published daily in Manchester, County of Hillsborough, New Hampshire

Androscoggin District: *The Union Leader*, published daily in Manchester, County of Hillsborough, New Hampshire and published daily in the *Lewis Sun-Journal*, County of Androscoggin, Maine

Evans Notch District: *The Lewiston Sun-Journal*, published daily in Lewiston, County of Androscoggin, Maine

Pemigewasset District: *The Union Leader*, published daily in Manchester, County of Hillsborough, New Hampshire

Saco District: *The Union Leader*, published daily in Manchester, County of Hillsborough, New Hampshire and Lewiston Sun

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Dated: February 25, 2005.

Forrest L. Starkey,
Deputy Regional Forester.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: USDA Forest Service, Siskiyou Resource Advisory Committee.

SUMMARY: The Siskiyou Resource Advisory Committee will meet on Friday, April 1, 2005 to discuss topics including orientation with new members, roles and responsibilities, overview of Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Act, 2005 meeting schedule, electing a chair

and use of overhead funds (12.5%). The meeting will be held at the Cave Junction City Hall, 222 W. Lister Street, Cave Junction, Oregon. It begins at 10 a.m., ends at 2 p.m.; the open public comments begin at 11:30 a.m. and ends at noon. Written comments may be submitted prior to the meeting and delivered to Designated Federal Official, Scott Conroy at the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest, P.O. Box 520, Medford, Oregon 97501.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest Public Affairs Officer Patty Burel at (541) 858-2211, e-mail: pburel@fs.fed.us, or USDA Forest Service, PO Box 520, 333 West 8th Street, Medford, OR 97501.

Dated: February 23, 2005.

Scott Conroy,

Forest Supervisor.

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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 (RBS) intention to request an extension for a currently approved information collection in support of the program for the Business and Industry Loan Program.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by May 3, 2005 to be assured of consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Brenda Griffin, Senior Loan Specialist, RBS, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Stop 3224, telephone (202) 720-6802 or e-mail brenda.griffin@usda.gov. The Federal Information Relay service on (800) 887-8339 is available for TDD users.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Business and Industry Loan Program.

OMB Number: 0570-0014.

Expiration Date of Approval: June 30, 2005.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved information collection and recordkeeping requirements.

Abstract: The Business and Industry (B&I) Guaranteed and Direct Loan Programs are authorized under Section 310B of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, as amended. The purpose of the (B&I) Guaranteed and Direct Loan Programs is to improve, develop, or finance businesses, industry and employment and improve the economic and environmental climate in rural communities, including pollution control abatement and control. This purpose is achieved through bolstering the existing private credit structure, either through the guaranteeing of quality loans made by lending institutions, or making direct loans, thereby providing lasting community benefits. B&I program authority is composed of direct loan authority and loan guarantee authority. The program is administered by the Agency through a State Director serving the State.

All reporting and recordkeeping burden estimates for making and servicing B&I Guaranteed Loans have been moved to the new B&I Guaranteed Loan Program regulations which are at 7 CFR Parts 4279 and 4287. The only burden associated with 7 CFR Part 1980 is a small portion of B&I Direct loan servicing. 7 CFR Part 1951 is also used for servicing B&I Direct and Community Facility Loans.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting for this collection of information is estimated to average 3 hours per response.

Respondents: Individuals, rural businesses, for profit businesses, non-profit businesses, Indian tribes, public bodies, and cooperatives.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 152.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 2.

Estimated Number of Responses: 352.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 835 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Renita Bolden, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, Support Services Division at (202) 692-0035.

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 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 Renita Bolden, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, Support Services Division, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, STOP 0742, 1400 Independence Ave. SW., Washington, DC 20250. 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: February 23, 2005.

Peter J. Thomas,

Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Rural Broadband Access Loans and Loan Guarantees Program

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of funds availability.

SUMMARY: The Rural Utilities Service (RUS), an agency delivering the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Development Utilities Programs, announces funding available for the Rural Broadband Access Loan and Loan Guarantee program. For FY 2005, no less than \$2.157 billion in loans is available, \$2.032 billion for direct cost-of-money loans, \$46 million for direct 4-percent loans, and \$79 million for loan guarantees.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jonathan P. Claffey, Acting Assistant Administrator, Telecommunications Program, Rural Utilities Service, STOP 1590, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-1590, telephone (202) 720-9554, Facsimile (202) 720-0810.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

General Information

During FY 2005, no less than \$2.157 billion will be made available for loans and loan guarantees for the construction, improvement, and acquisition of facilities and equipment for broadband service in eligible rural communities. Of the total loan funds available, \$2.032 billion will be available for direct cost-of-money loans, \$46 million for 4-percent direct loans, and \$79 million for loan guarantees. The Rural Broadband Access Loan and Loan

Guarantee Program is authorized by the Rural Electrification Act (7 U.S.C. 601) (the Act), as added by the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002, Public Law 101-171.

Applications must be submitted in accordance with 7 CFR part 1738. This part and an application guide to assist in the preparation of applications are available in the Internet at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/telecom/broadband.htm>. Application guides may also be requested from RUS by contacting the agency contact.

Agency Contacts

For application information, contact the following individual:

Kenneth Kuchno, Director, Broadband Division, Telecommunications Program, RUS/USDA, Room 2846, Stop 1599, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-1599. (202) 690-4673.

Minimum and Maximum Loan Amounts

Loans and loan guarantees under this authority will not be made for less than \$100,000. Maximum loan amounts apply only to the direct 4-percent loan program. The maximum amount available for any one applicant for a direct 4-percent loan is \$7,500,000.

Minimum Rate of Data Transmission Criteria

The Secretary of Agriculture determines what qualifies as broadband service for the purpose of determining eligibility for financial assistance under the Rural Broadband Access Loan and Loan Guarantee Program. During fiscal year 2005, to qualify as broadband service, the minimum rate-of-data transmission shall be 200 kilobits/second in the customer's connection to the network, both from the provider to the customer (downstream) and from the customer to the provider (upstream).

State Allocations

The annual state allocation will not be made for Fiscal Year 2005. To ensure the obligations of funds by April, as required by the Farm Bill, an annual application submission deadline of January 31 for funding from the state allocation reserves was adopted and published in the enacting regulations. As this deadline has expired for Fiscal Year 2005, there will be no state allocation.

4-Percent Direct Loans

An applicant will be eligible for a direct 4-percent loan if (1) the community being served has a population of less than 2,500, and is not