

eliminate an administrative appeals opportunity for the Small Business Timber Sale Set-Aside Program "unacceptable" and directed the Forest Service to reinstate an appeals process before December 31, 1996.

The Conference Report required the agency to establish a process by which purchasers may appeal decisions concerning recomputations of Small Business Set-Aside (SBA) shares, structural recomputations of SBA shares, or changes in policies impacting the Small Business Timber Sale Set-Aside Program.

The Forest Service published an interim rule in the **Federal Register** on March 24, 1997, (62 FR 13826) to comply with the Conference Report appeal requirement. The agency published a final rule, Small Business Timber Sale Set-Aside Program; Appeal Procedures on Recomputation of Shares (36 CFR 223), in the **Federal Register** on January 5, 1999 (64 FR 406). This final rule clarified the kinds of decisions that are subject to appeal, who may appeal decisions, the procedures for appealing decisions, the timelines for appeal, and the contents of the notice of appeal.

The following describes the information collection to be retained:

Title: Small Business Timber Sale Set-Aside Program; Appeal Procedures on Recomputation of Shares.

OMB Number: 0596-0141.

Expiration Date of Approval: May 31, 2005.

Type of Request: Extension with no revision.

Abstract: The Appeal Deciding Officer, who is the official one level above the level of the Responsible Official who made the recomputation of shares decision, will evaluate the data provided in the notice of appeal to resolve appeals of recomputations of small business shares of the timber sale program.

The Responsible Official provides qualifying timber sale purchasers 30 days for predecisional review and comment on any draft decision to reallocate shares, including the data used in making the proposed recomputation decision. Within 15 days of the close of the 30-day predecisional review period, the Responsible Official makes a decision on the shares to be set aside for small businesses and gives written notice of the decision to all parties on the national forest timber sale bidders list for the affected area. The written notice provides the date by which the appeal may be filed and how to obtain appeal procedures information.

Only timber sale purchasers, or their representatives, who are affected by

recomputation decision of the small business share of timber sale set-aside and who have submitted predecisional comments may appeal recomputation decisions.

The appellant must file a notice of appeal with the Appeal Deciding Officer within 20 days of the date of the notice of decision. The notice of appeal must include the appellant's name, mailing address, and daytime phone number; the title and date of the decision and the name of the responsible official; a brief description and date for the decision being appealed; a statement of how the appellant is adversely affected by the decision being appealed; and a statement of the facts in dispute regarding the issue(s) raised by the appeal; specific references to law, regulation, or policy that the appellant believes to have been violated, if any, and the basis for such an allegation; a statement as to whether and how the appellant has tried to resolve with the Responsible Official the issue(s) being appealed, including evidence of submission of written comments at the predecisional stage; and a statement of the relief the appellant seeks.

Data gathered in this information collection are not available from other sources.

Estimate of Annual Burden: 4 hours.

Type of Respondents: Timber sale purchasers, or their representatives, who are affected by recomputations of the small business share of timber sales.

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 40.

Estimated Annual Number of Responses per Respondent: 2.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 320 hours.

Comment is invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the stated purposes and the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical or scientific 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 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 respondents, including the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Use of Comments

All comments received in response to this notice, including names and addresses when provided, will become

a matter of public record. Comments will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval.

Dated: March 11, 2005.

Frederick Norbury,
Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest System.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

National Tree-Marking Paint Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The National Tree-marking Paint Committee will meet in Jackson, Wyoming on May 24-26, 2005. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss activities related to improvements in, concerns about, and the handling and use of tree-marking paint by personnel of the Forest Service and the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Land Management.

DATES: The meeting will be held May 24-26, 2005, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Inn at Jackson Hole, 3345 West Village Drive, PO Box 328, Teton Village, Wyoming, 83025. Persons who wish to file written comments before or after the meeting must send written comments to Bob Simonson, Acting Chairman, National Tree-marking Paint Committee, Forest Service, USDA, San Dimas Technology and Development Center, 444 East Bonita Avenue, San Dimas, California 91773, or electronically to bsimonson@fs.fed.us.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Bob Simonson, Program Leader, San Dimas Technology and Development Center, Forest Service, USDA, (909) 599-1267, extension 242 or bsimonson@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Tree-Marking Paint Committee comprises representatives from the Forest Service national headquarters, each of the nine Forest Service Regions, the Forest Products Laboratory, the Forest Service San Dimas Technology and Development Center, and the Bureau of Land Management. The General Services Administration and the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health are ad hoc members and provide technical advice to the committee.

A field trip will be held on May 24 and is designed to supplement

information related to tree-marking paint. This trip is open to any member of the public participating in the public meeting on May 25–26. However, transportation is provided only for committee members.

The main session of the meeting, which is open to public attendance, will be held on May 25–26.

Closed Sessions

While certain segments of this meeting are open to the public, there will be two closed sessions during the meeting. The first closed session is planned for approximately 9 to 11 a.m. on May 25. This session is reserved for individual paint manufacturers to present products and information about tree-marking paint for consideration in future testing and use by the agency. Paint manufacturers also may provide comments on tree-marking paint specifications or other requirements. This portion of the meeting is open only to paint manufacturers, the Committee, and committee staff to ensure that trade secrets will not be disclosed to other paint manufacturers or to the public. Paint manufacturers wishing to make presentations to the Tree-Marking Paint Committee during the closed session should contact the Acting Chairman at the telephone number listed at **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** in this notice. The second closed session is planned for approximately 2 to 4 p.m. on May 26, 2005. This session is reserved for Federal Government employees only.

Any person with special access needs should contact the Acting Chairman to make those accommodations. Space for individuals who are not members of the National Tree-Marking Paint Committee is limited and will be available to the public on a first-come, first-served basis.

Dated: March 11, 2005.

Frederick L. Norbury,

Associate Deputy For National Forest System.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

United States Standards for Beans

AGENCY: Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) is removing the special grade designation “off-color” from the United

States Standards for Beans. GIPSA will continue to offer assessments for color uniformity on a request basis. This action will facilitate the marketing of beans from many different regions.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 20, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Giler, Deputy Director, Field Management Division, USDA, GIPSA, Room 2429–S, Stop 3632, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250–3632, telephone (202) 720–0252; or e-mail to: John.C.Giler@usda.gov.

The final United States Standards for Beans will be available through the address cited above or by accessing the GIPSA Home Page on the Internet at <http://www.usda.gov/gipsa/reference-library/standards/standards.htm>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 203(c) of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, as amended, directs and authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture “to develop and improve standards of quality, condition, quantity, grade, and packaging and recommend and demonstrate such standards in order to encourage uniformity and consistency in commercial practices”. GIPSA is committed to carrying out this authority in a manner that facilitates the marketing of agricultural commodities.

The United States Standards for Beans do not appear in the Code of Federal Regulations but are maintained by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

On December 17, 2004, GIPSA published a notice in the **Federal Register**, (69 FR 75504) requesting comments on removing “off-color” from the United States Standards for Beans. GIPSA proposed to change the United States Standards for Beans using the procedures that appear at 7 CFR Section 868.102. GIPSA representatives worked closely with the National Dry Bean Council (NDBC) and others in the bean industry to examine the effectiveness of the U.S. Standards for Beans in today’s marketing environment. Through discussions, it appeared that the current standards continue to meet consumer/processor needs. However, the bean industry has indicated the special grade “off-color” in dry beans is not needed to market dry beans.

GIPSA received one comment from a bean industry association supporting the removal of “off-color” from the standards. Accordingly, GIPSA is removing the special grade designation “off-color” from the United States Standards for Beans. GIPSA will continue to offer assessments for color uniformity on a request only basis. This action will facilitate the marketing of beans from many different regions.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 1621 *et seq.*

David R. Shipman,

Acting Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

National Agricultural Statistics Service

Notice of Intent to Seek Approval to Extend an Information Collection

AGENCY: National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104–13) and Office of Management and Budget regulations at 5 CFR part 1320 (60 FR 44978, August 29, 1995), this notice announces the intention of the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) to request approval to reinstate an information collection, the Conservation Effects Assessment Project Survey.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by May 25, 2005, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to Ginny McBride, NASS Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 5336 South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250 or to gmcbride@nass.usda.gov or faxed to (202)–720–6396.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rich Allen, Deputy Administrator Programs and Products, National Agricultural Statistics Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, (202) 690–8141.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Conservation Effects Assessment Project Survey.

OMB Control Number: 0535–0245.

Type of Request: Intent to Seek Approval to Reinstate an Information Collection.

Abstract: The primary objective of the National Agricultural Statistics Service is to prepare and issue State and national estimates of crop and livestock production, prices, and disposition. The goal of this NASS project is to collect land management information that will assist the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in assessing environmental benefits associated with implementation of various conservation programs and installation of associated conservation practices. The 2002 Farm Bill