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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

July 13, 2005

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments regarding (a) 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; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; (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 should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), *OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV* or fax (202) 395-5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250-7602. Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-8681.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control 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.

Farm Service Agency

Title: Standard Rules Tender Governing Motor Carrier Transportation.

OMB Control Number: 0560-0195.

Summary of Collection: Public Law 104-88 authorizes the Export Operation Division (EOD) to collect information to determine motor carrier compliance with Kansas City Commodity Office (KCCO) requirements, to determine eligibility of motor carriers to haul agricultural products for the USDA. A motor carrier shall complete KCCO's standard Rules Tender Governing Motor Carrier Transportation and file its rates with EOD. The Standard Rules Tender set the operating rules for the motor carrier to determine motor carrier compliance, accessorial charges, and the terms and conditions of carriage. Carriers are selected based on their rate and service levels. The information enables KCCO to evaluate the rates to obtain transportation services to meet domestic and export program needs.

Need and Use of the Information: FSA will collect information to establish the motor carrier's qualifications, and carriage rates and conditions. Without this information FSA and KCCO could not obtain transportation services to meet program requirements.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions; Federal government; State, local or tribal government.

Number of Respondents: 143.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Once.

Total Burden Hours: 143.

Farm Service Agency

Title: Representations for CCC and FSA Loans and Authorization to File a Financing Statement.

OMB Control Number: 0560-0215.

Summary of Collection: The revised Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code deals with secured transaction for personal property. The revised Article 9 affects the manner in which the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) and the Farm Service Agency (FSA), as well as any other creditor, perfect and liquidate security interests in collateral. FSA operates several loan programs that are affected by the revision to Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code. Each of the programs requires that loans be secured with collateral. The security

interest is created and attaches to the collateral when: (1) value has been given, (2) the debtor has rights in the collateral, and (3) the debtor has authenticated a security agreement that provides a description of the collateral. FSA will collect information using form CCC-10. The information obtained on CCC-10 is needed to not only obtain authorization from loan applicants to file a financing statement without their signature, and to verify the name and location of the debtor.

Need and Use of the Information: The information that FSA collects will be used to gather or verify basic data regarding the applicant which is required on a financing statement and to obtain permission to file a financing statement prior to the execution of a security agreement. Without obtaining the information from loan applicants, CCC and FSA would be unable to perfect a security interest in collateral used to secure loans.

Description of Respondents: Farms; Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 105,500.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 61,507.

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National Agricultural Statistics Service

Title: Livestock Slaughter.

OMB Control Number: 0535-0005.

Summary of Collection: The primary function of the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) is to prepare and issue current official State and national estimates of crop and livestock production. General authority for data collection activities is granted under U.S. Code Title 7, Section 2204. This statute specifies the "The Secretary of Agriculture shall procure and preserve all information concerning agriculture which he can obtain * * * by the collection of statistics * * * and shall distribute them among agriculturists". Information from federally and non-federally inspected slaughter plants are used to estimate total red meat production.

Need and Use of the Information: NASS will use a survey to collect information on the number of head slaughtered plus live and dressed weights of cattle, calves, hogs and sheep. Accurate and timely livestock estimates provide USDA and the livestock industry with basic data to project future meat supplies and producer prices. Agricultural economists in both the public and private sectors use this information in economic analysis and research.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; Farms.

Number of Respondents: 1,600.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Weekly, Monthly.

Total Burden Hours: 550.

Charlene Parker,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

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Grazing Permit Administration Handbook (FSH 2209.13), Chapters 10 (Term Grazing Permits) and 20 (Grazing Agreements)

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of interim directives, request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Forest Service has issued two (2) interim directives (IDs) to Forest Service Handbook 2209.13 establishing procedures and responsibilities for administering term grazing permits and grazing agreements (a specific type of term grazing permit). The intended effect of issuance of these IDs is to provide consistent overall guidance to Forest Service employees regarding term grazing permits and grazing agreements. The IDs add new provisions for administering term grazing permits and establish a consistent process regarding issuance of grazing agreements. The regulations at 36 CFR part 222 are not being changed. Public comment is invited and will be considered in development of the final direction.

DATES: Interim Directive no. 2209.13-2005-1 (Chapter 10) and Interim Directive no. 2209.13-2005-2 (Chapter 20) are effective July 19, 2005. Comments must be received in writing by October 17, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments by mail to USDA Forest Service, Attn: Director, Rangeland Management Staff, Mail Stop 1153, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250-1153; by electronic mail to *RgeID@fs.fed.us*; or by facsimile to (202) 205-1096. If comments are sent by electronic means or by facsimile, the public is requested not to send duplicate comments via regular mail.

All comments, including names and addresses when provided, are placed in the record and are available for public inspection and copying. The agency cannot confirm receipt of comments.

The public may inspect comments received on these interim directives in the Rangeland Management Staff, 3rd Floor, South Wing, Yates Building, 14th and Independence Avenues, Northwest, Washington, DC, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Those wishing to inspect comments are encouraged to call ahead to (202) 205-1460 to facilitate entry into the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Richard Lindenmuth, Rangeland Management Staff, USDA Forest Service, (202) 205-1458.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Forest Service directives consist of the Forest Service Manual (FSM) and the Forest Service Handbook (FSH), which contain the agency's policies, practices, and procedures and serves as the primary basis for the internal management and control of programs and administrative direction to Forest Service employees. The directives for all agency programs are set out on the World Wide Web/Internet at <http://www.fs.fed.us/im/directives>.

The FSM contains legal authorities, objectives, policies, responsibilities, instructions, and guidance needed on a continuing basis by Forest Service line officers and primary staff to plan and executive programs and activities. The FSH is the principal source of specialized guidance and instruction for carrying out the policies, objectives, and responsibilities contained in the FSM.

The last major update to FSH 2209.13 was 1985. New legislation, litigation, and changing needs on-the-ground indicate the need to update and clarify existing policy. Six out of 7 chapters of FSM 2200 and all nine chapters of FSH 2209.13 are updated. Chapter 10, Term Grazing Permits, and Chapter 20, Grazing Agreements, contain most of the new direction. The Forest Service has determined neither of these chapters requires public notice and comment. However, due to the high degree of interest, they are being published as interim directives (ID) and made available for comment.

These IDs, along with other amended chapters, clarify and update existing policy. All clarifications and changes to existing policy are within the authority already delegated to the Chief of the Forest Service at 36 CFR part 222. Therefore, no changes, deletions, or additions are deemed necessary by the Forest Service to the regulations at 36 CFR part 222.