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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

August 23, 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

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Agricultural Research Service

Title: National Agricultural Library Information Needs Assessment.

OMB Control Number: 0518-NEW.

Summary of Collection: Executive Order 12802 seeks to establish high quality customer service standards within all federal agencies that provide significant services directly to the public. The National Agricultural Library (NAL) is one such agency, mandated by the Farm Bill of 1990 to serve as the primary agricultural resource of the United States. NAL is called upon to provide agricultural information and information products to a variety of customers. NAL is seeking to issue a survey to identify the customers it already serves, as well as those it should be serving; to determine the kind and quality of services they want; and to assess their level of satisfaction with existing services.

Need and Use of the Information: The information collected from the survey will be used to evaluate institutional performance, reform management practices, and reallocate resources to services in line with customer needs and expectations. If the information is not collected, NAL will be hindered from advancing its mandate to provide accurate, timely and easily accessible agricultural information to its customers.

Description of Respondents: Individuals or households; Not-for-profit institutions; Business or other for-profit; Farms; Federal Government; State, Local and Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 122,200.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 5,359.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

August 24, 2005.

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Food and Nutrition Service

Title: Uniform Grant Application for Non-Entitlement Discretionary Grants.

OMB Control Number: 0584-0512.

Summary of Collection: The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) has established a process for a uniform grant application usable for all of the non-entitlement discretionary grant programs to collect the information from grant applicants needed to evaluate and rank applicants and protect the integrity of the grantee selection process. All FNS discretionary grant programs will be eligible, but not required to use the uniform grant

application package. The authorities for these grants vary. The term "grant" in this submission refers only to non-entitlement discretionary grants or cooperative agreements. Discretionary grant announcements include a number of information collections, including a "project description" (program narrative), budget information, assurances, and certifications. An optional faith-based survey form may also be included for the purpose of helping the Federal government determine the organizational nature of the applicant population, specifically when dealing with nonprofit organizations. The requirements for the program narrative statement are based on the requirements for program narrative statements described in section 1.c(5) of OMB Circular A-102 and OMB A-110 (as implemented at USDA 7 CFR Part 3015, 3016 and 3019); and will apply to all types of grantees—State and local governments, non-profit organizations, institutions of higher education, hospitals, and for profit organizations.

Need and Use of the Information: As the primary users of the information collected, FNS will review, evaluate and approve grant and cooperative agreement applications. The uniform grant application package will include general information and instructions; a checklist; a requirements for the program narrative statement describing how the grant objectives will be reached as well as a description of the budget; the Standard Form 424 series that requests basic information, budget information and assurances regarding Nonprocurement Debarment and Suspension, the Drug-Free Workplace rule, general assurances, a lobbying certification, and an optional survey form to ensure equal opportunity for applicants. Without this information, FNS will not have adequate data to select appropriate grantees or evaluate which grants should be continued.

Description of Respondents: State, Local, or Tribal Government; Business or other for-profit; Not for profit institutions.

Number of Respondents: 353.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Other (one-time).

Total Burden Hours: 32,380.

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Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

**Submission for OMB Review;
Comment Request**

August 24, 2005.

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Rural Utilities Service

Title: 7 CFR 1726, Electric System Construction Policies and Procedures—Electric.

OMB Control Number: 0572-0107.
Summary of Collection: The Rural Electrification Act of 1936, 7 U.S.C. 901 *et seq.*, as amended, (RE Act) in Sec. 4 (7 U.S.C. 904) authorizes and empowers the Administrator of the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) to make loans in the several States and Territories of the United States for rural electrification and the furnishing and improving of

electric energy to persons in rural areas. These loans are for a term of up to 35 years and are secured by a first mortgage on the borrower's electric system. In the interest of protecting loan security and accomplishing the statutory objective of a sound program of rural electrification, Section 4 of the RE Act further requires that RUS make or guarantee a loan only if there is reasonable assurance that the loan, together with all outstanding loans and obligations of the borrower, will be repaid in full within the time agreed. RUS will collect information using various RUS forms.

Need and Use of the Information: RUS will collect information to implement certain provisions of the RUS standard form of loan documents regarding the borrower's purchase of materials and equipment and the construction of its electric system by contract or force account. The information will be used by RUS electric borrowers and their contractors and by RUS. If standard forms were not used, borrowers would need to prepare their own documents at a significant expense; and each document submitted by a borrower would require extensive and costly review by both RUS and the Office of the General Counsel.

Description of Respondents: Not-for-profit institutions; Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 1,210.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 101.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

**Notice of Resource Advisory
Committee Meeting**

AGENCY: Lassen Resource Advisory Committee, Susanville, California, USDA Forest Service.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the authorities in the Federal Advisory Committees Act (Pub. L. 92-463) and under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-393) the Lassen National Forest's Lassen County Resource Advisory Committee will meet Thursday, September 8, 2005 at the Lassen National Forest Supervisors Office, 2550 Riverside Drive, Susanville, California for a