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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Secretary

Notice of Request for Extension and Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended), this notice announces the White House Liaison's intention to request approval from the Office of Management and Budget for an extension and revision of a currently approved information collection for Advisory Committee and Research and Promotion Board Membership Background Information (AD-755).

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by January 6, 2009 to be assured of consideration.

Additional Information or Comments: Address all comments concerning this notice to the Office of the White House Liaison, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Whitten Building, Room 219-A, Washington, DC 20250.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Advisory Committee and Research and Promotion Board Membership Background Information.
OMB Number: 0505-0001.

Expiration Date of Approval: March 30, 2009.

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

Abstract: The primary objective for the use of the AD-755 form is to determine the qualification, suitability and availability of a candidate to serve on advisory committees and/or research and promotion boards. The information will be used to both conduct

background clearances and to compile annual reports on advisory committees.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 30 minutes per response.

Respondents: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1684.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 842.

Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) 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; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to the Office of the White House Liaison, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Whitten Building, Room 219-A, Washington, DC 20250. All comments received will be available for public inspection during regular business hours at the same address.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Edward T. Schafer,

Secretary of Agriculture.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

November 4, 2008.

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.

Agricultural Marketing Service

Title: Regulations Governing the Inspection and Grading of Manufactured or Processed Dairy Products—Recordkeeping.

OMB Control Number: 0581-0110.

Summary of Collection: The Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 directs the Department to develop programs that will provide and enable the marketing of agricultural products. One of these programs is the USDA voluntary inspection and grading program for dairy products where these dairy products are graded according to U.S. grade standards by an USDA grader. The dairy products so graded

may be identified with the USDA grade mark. Dairy processors, buyers, retailers, institutional users, and consumers have requested that such a program be developed to assure the uniform quality of dairy products purchased. In order for any service program to perform satisfactorily, there must be written guides and rules, which in this case are regulations for the provider and user.

Need and Use of the Information: The Agricultural Marketing Service will collect information to ensure that the dairy inspection program products are produced under sanitary conditions and buyers are purchasing a quality product. The information collected through recordkeeping are routinely reviewed and evaluated during the inspection of the dairy plant facilities for USDA approval. Without laboratory testing results required by recordkeeping, the inspectors would not be able to evaluate the quality of dairy products.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 487.

Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping.

Total Burden Hours: 1,388.

Agricultural Marketing Service

Title: Regulations for Inspection of Eggs.

OMB Control Number: 0581-0113.

Summary of Collection: Congress enacted the Egg Products Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 1031-1056) (EPIA) to provide a mandatory inspection program to assure egg products are processed under sanitary conditions, are wholesome, unadulterated, and properly labeled; to control the disposition of dirty and checked shell eggs; to control unwholesome, adulterated, and inedible egg products and shell eggs that are unfit for human consumption; and to control the movement and disposition of imported shell eggs and egg products that are unwholesome and inedible. Regulations developed under 7 CFR part 57 provide the requirements and guidelines for the Department and industry needed to obtain compliance. The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) will collect information using several forms. Forms used to collect information provide method for measuring workload, record of compliance and non compliance and a basis to monitor the utilization of funds.

Need and Use of the Information: AMS will use the information to assure compliance with the Act and regulations, to take administrative and regulatory action and to develop and revise cooperative agreements with the States, which conduct surveillance inspections of shell egg handlers and

processors. If the information is not collected, AMS would not be able to control the processing, movement, and disposition of restricted shell eggs and egg products and take regulatory action in case of noncompliance.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; Federal Government; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 864.

Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion; Quarterly.

Total Burden Hours: 1,530.

Charlene Parker,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Notice of Availability of Final Environmental Impact Statement and Record of Decision for the Southern Rockies Lynx Amendment

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Availability.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the National Forest Management Act, (NFMA), the USDA Forest Service announces the availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and Record of Decision (ROD) for the Southern Rockies Lynx Amendment and the opening of the administrative appeal period.

DATES: The management direction will become effective 7 days after the date of publication of the legal notice published in the Denver Post, the newspaper of record. Administrative appeals must be postmarked or received within 45 days of the date the legal notice is published in the Denver Post.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the FEIS and ROD are available upon request from the Rocky Mountain Regional Office, 740 Simms St., Golden, Colorado 80401 or via the internet on the following Web site <http://www.fs.fed.us/r2/lynx/index.html>.

This decision is subject to review through the administrative appeals process pursuant to 36 CFR 217.3. Any appeals must be postmarked or received by the Appeal Reviewing Officer within 45 days of the date the legal notices are published in the Denver Post, the newspaper of record. Any notice of appeal must be fully consistent with 36

CFR 217.9. Addresses for submitting appeals can be found in the Record of Decision.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Martha Delporte, Regional Planner, mdelporte@fs.fed.us, telephone 303-275-5381; or Nancy Warren, Regional Threatened, Endangered and Sensitive Species Program leader, nwarren@fs.fed.us, telephone 303-275-5064.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of this project is to amend eight Land and Resource Management Plans ("Plans") to incorporate management direction that will conserve and promote the recovery of the Canada lynx on National Forest System lands, while preserving the overall multiple-use direction in existing Plans. The Plans to be amended are: Arapaho-Roosevelt National Forests 1997 Revised Plan (Colorado); Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests 1983 Plan (Colorado); Pike-San Isabel National Forests 1984 Plan (Colorado); Rio Grande National Forest 1996 Revised Plan (Colorado); San Juan National Forest 1983 Plan (Colorado); White River National Forest 2002 Revised Plan (Colorado); Routt National Forest 1997 Revised Plan (Colorado); and Medicine Bow National Forests 2003 Revised Plan (Wyoming).

The State of Colorado's Department of Natural Resources is a cooperating agency on this project because of their special expertise on the status of lynx and the Colorado lynx reintroduction project.

The DEIS (Notice of Availability published Jan. 30, 2004) and Supplemental DEIS (Notice of Availability published Nov. 24, 2006) presented analysis of four alternatives. Five alternatives were analyzed in the FEIS. The responsible official determined that Alternative F-modified best meets the purpose and need, responds to primary issues and public comments, and meets the agency's responsibilities.

Under § 219.14(b) of Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 219—Planning, Subpart A—National Forest System Land Management Planning (36 CFR part 219, subpart A) otherwise known as the 2008 planning rule, this amendment has been approved using the provisions of the 1982 planning rule (See 36 CFR parts 200 to 299, Revised as of July 1, 2000). This plan amendment is appropriate, using the 1982 rule provisions, as allowed by 2008 rule, at 219.14 (b)(3), which says that during the transition, "plan amendments may continue using the provisions of the planning regulation in