

public comment, and BLM RAC review and recommendation.

ADDRESSES: Comments regarding these new proposed fee sites may be sent directly to the respective Forest or Grassland: Forest Supervisor, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest, 420 Barrett Street, Dillon, MT 59725-3572; Forest Supervisor, Bitterroot National Forest, 1801 North First Street, Hamilton, MT 59840; Forest Supervisor, Clearwater National Forest, 12730 Highway 12, Orofino, ID 83544; Forest Supervisor, Custer National Forest, 1310 Main Street, Billings, MT 59105; Grasslands Supervisor, Dakota Prairie Grasslands, 240 W. Century Avenue, Bismark, ND 58503; Forest Supervisor, Idaho Panhandle National Forest, 3815 Schreiber Way, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83815; Forest Supervisor, Nez Perce National Forest, 104 Airport Road, Grangeville, ID 83530.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joni Packard, Northern Region Recreation Fee Program Coordinator, 406-329-3586.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Recreation Lands Enhancement Act (Title VII, Pub. L. 108-447) directed the Secretary of Agriculture to publish a six month advance notice in the **Federal Register** whenever new recreation fee areas are established. The intent of this notice is to give the public an opportunity to comment if they have concerns or questions about new fees.

The Northern Region currently offers over 150 other cabin rentals, including guard stations and fire lookouts, 208 fee campgrounds and 268 non-fee (free) campgrounds. Many sites are often fully booked throughout their rental season. Local public comments have shown that people desire having these sorts of recreation experiences on these National Forests and Grasslands. The fees proposed are based on amenities offered and local comparable markets and are both reasonable and acceptable for these sorts of unique recreation experience.

People wanting to rent these cabins, lookouts, campgrounds and group camping sites will need to do so through the National Recreation Reservation Service (NRRS), at <http://www.recreation.gov> or by calling 1-877-444-6777. The National Recreation Reservation Service charges a \$9 fee for reservations made on-line and a \$10 fee for reservations made by phone.

Dated: December 18, 2008.

Thomas Tidwell,

Regional Forester, Northern Region.

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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 intention to request an extension for a currently approved information collection in support of the program for the 1890 Land Grant Institutions Rural Entrepreneurial Outreach and Development Initiative Program.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by February 23, 2009 to be considered.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Edgar L. Lewis, Program Manager, Rural Development, USDA, STOP 3252, Room 4221, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-3252. Telephone: (202) 690-3407, e-mail: edgar.lewis@wdc.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Title:* 1890 Land Grant Institutions Rural Entrepreneurial Outreach and Development Initiative Program.

OMB Number: 0570-0041.

Expiration Date of Approval: May 31, 2009.

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

Abstract: The collection of this information will allow the Agency to determine the eligibility of the applicants; determine the specific purpose for which the funds will be utilized; determine the timeframes or dates by which activities surrounding the use of funds will be accomplished; determine the feasibility of the project; and to evaluate applicants' experience in managing similar activities.

Without the collection of this information, there would be no basis on which to award funds.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection is estimated to average 15 minutes to 15 hours per response.

Respondents: Only 1890 Land Grant Institutions of Higher Education and Tuskegee University.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 18.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 17.

Estimated Number of Responses: 297.
Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 804 hours.

Copies of this information collected can be obtained from Cheryl Thompson, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch: (202) 692-0043.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of Rural Development, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of Rural Development's estimate of the burden to collect the required information, including the validity of the strategy 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 on the paperwork burden may be sent to Cheryl Thompson, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, Rural Development, U.S. Department of Agriculture, STOP 0742, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-0742. 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.

Dated: December 18, 2008.

Ben Anderson,

Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Announcement of Solicitation of Applications and Grant Application Deadlines

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Solicitation of Applications.

SUMMARY: The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development administers rural utilities programs through the Rural Utilities Service. USDA Rural Development announces its Distance Learning and Telemedicine (DLT) grant program application window for Fiscal Year (FY) 2009 subject to the availability of funding. This notice is being issued prior to passage of a final appropriations