

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Submission for OMB Review;
Comment Request**

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Forest Service

Title: Volunteer Application for Natural Resource Agencies.

OMB Control Number: 0596-0080.

Summary of Collection: The Volunteer Act of 1972, (Pub. L. 92-300), as amended, authorizes Federal land management agencies to use volunteers and volunteer organizations to plan, develop, maintain and manage, where appropriate, trails and campground facilities, improve wildlife habitat, and perform other useful and important

conservation services throughout the Nation. Participating agencies in Department of Agriculture: Forest Service and National Resources Conservation Service; Department of the Interior: National Park Service, Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation, Bureau of Indian Affairs and U.S. Geological Survey; Department of Defense: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Department of Commerce: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Agencies will collect information using the OF 301—Volunteer Application and other forms.

Need and Use of the Information: Agencies will collect the names, addresses, and certain information about individuals who are interested in public service as volunteers. The information is used by the agencies for the purpose of contacting applicants and interviewing and screening them for volunteer positions and to manage the program. If the information is not collected, participating natural resource agencies will be unable to recruit and/or screen volunteer applicants or administer/run volunteer programs that are crucial to assisting these agencies in fulfilling their missions.

Description of Respondents:

Individuals or households.

Number of Respondents: 500,000.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting:

On occasion; Other: One time,

Total Burden Hours: 443,500.

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Farm Service Agency

Title: USDA Minority Farm Register.

OMB Control Number: 0560-0231.

Summary of Collection: This information collection is necessary to create a client list for the Farm Service Agency (FSA) and the Department of Agriculture (USDA) program outreach. The collected information is a tool to promote equal access to USDA Farm programs and services for minority farmers and ranchers with agricultural interests. The Register will provide a name and address file of those interested in outreach efforts. The authority for the collection of this information can be found at 7 U.S.C. 2279.

Need and Use of the Information: FSA will collect the name, address, phone number, farm location, race, ethnicity and gender from the Minority Farm Register permission form, AD-2035. FSA manage the register and the Office of Outreach releases names, addresses and phone numbers of individuals to approved outreach organizations requesting lists of individuals with particular racial and ethnic characteristics with their authorizations.

Description of Respondents: Individuals or households.

Number of Respondents: 5,000.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Other (once).