

Scoping Process

This notice of intent initiates the scoping process, which guides the development of the environmental impact statement. The Northern Hills Ranger District will also provide a letter including a description of the proposed action and soliciting comments on the proposal to local land owners, interested tribal entities, permittees that use the project area, and others who have expressed interest in projects similar to this one. A public meeting will be held at the Piedmont Fire Department in Piedmont, South Dakota during the comment period. Forest Service personnel will be on hand to answer questions about the project, and large-scale maps of the proposed action will be available for review.

It is important that reviewers provide their comments at such times and in such manner that they are useful to the agency's preparation of the environmental impact statement. Therefore, comments should be provided prior to the close of the comment period and should clearly articulate the reviewer's concerns and contentions.

Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be part of the public record for this proposed action. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered, however.

Dated: December 8, 2010.

Craig Bobzien,

Forest Supervisor, Black Hills National Forest.

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March 16.
April 20.
May 18.
June 15.
July (No Meeting).
August 17 (Summer Field Trip—
TBA).
September 21.
October 19.
November 16.
December (No Meeting).
January 4, 2012 (Tentative).

ADDRESSES: Meetings will begin at 1 p.m. and end no later than 5 p.m. at the Forest Service Center, 8221 S. Highway 16, Rapid City, SD 57702.

Agendas: The Board will consider a variety of issues related to national forest management. Agendas will be announced in advance but principally concern implementing phase two of the forest land and resource management plan. The Board will consider such topics as integrated vegetation management (wild and prescribed fire, fuels reduction, controlling insect epidemics, invasive species), travel management (off highway vehicles, the new OHV rule, and related topics), and continuing access to multiple-use management of public lands, among others.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Frank Carroll, Committee Management Officer, Black Hills National Forest, 1019 N. 5th Street, Custer, SD, 57730, (605) 673-9200.

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Craig Bobzien,

Forest Supervisor.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Michael Foore, Program Policy Advisor, Rural Development, Business and Cooperative Programs, U.S. Department of Agriculture, STOP 3201, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250-3201, Telephone (202) 205-0056.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Rural Business Investment Program.

OMB Number: 0570-0051.

Expiration Date of Approval: March 31, 2011.

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

Abstract: The Rural Business Investment Program ("RBIP") is a Developmental Venture Capital program for the purpose of promoting economic development and the creation of wealth and job opportunities in Rural Areas and among individuals living in such areas through the licensing of Rural Business Investment Companies ("RBICs").

The information USDA seeks to collect is critical to the integrity of the process for selecting RBICs for participation in the RBIP and to the accomplishment of the objectives of the RBIP. Without this collection of information, USDA would be unable to meet the requirements of the Act and effectively administer the RBIP, ensuring safety and soundness.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1 hour per response.

Respondents: Newly established, for-profit entities applying for RBIC (licensure) and licensed RBICs (venture capital companies approved by USDA to participate in the RBIP).

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1.
Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 148.

Estimated Number of Responses: 148.
Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 167.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Cheryl Thompson, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, Support Services Division at (202) 692-0043.

Comments: Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of USDA, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of USDA's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Forest Service****Black Hills National Forest Advisory Board Public Meeting Dates Announced**

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: The Black Hills National Forest Advisory Board (NFAB) has announced its meeting dates for 2011. These meetings are open to the public, and public comment is accepted at any time in writing, at the pleasure of the Chair, and during the last 15 minutes of each meeting, limited to three (3) minutes per person for oral comments.

Meeting dates are the third Wednesday of each month unless otherwise indicated:

January 5 (first Wednesday).
February 16.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Rural Business-Cooperative Service****Notice of Request for Revision 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 Rural Business Investment Program.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by February 14, 2011 to be assured of consideration.

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 may be sent to Cheryl Thompson, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, Support Services Division, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, STOP 0742, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250-0742. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: December 6, 2010.

Judith A. Canales,

Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

Agency: U.S. Census Bureau.

Title: Information and

Communication Technology Survey.

Form Number(s): ICT-1(S), ICT-1(M), ICT-1(L).

OMB Control Number: 0607-0909.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Burden Hours: 84,610.

Number of Respondents: 47,250.

Average Hours per Response: 1.8 hours.

Needs and Uses: Economic policymakers are concerned about the lack of available data related to e-business infrastructure investment. Such data are critical for evaluating productivity growth, changes in industrial capacity, and current economic developments. Rapid advances in Information and Communication Technology (ICT) equipment have resulted in these assets having short useful lives and being replaced much more faster than other types of equipment. Companies are expensing the full cost of such assets during the current annual period rather

than capitalizing the value of such assets and expensing the cost over two or more years. In some cases this is due not only to the short useful life of the asset, but also to the fact that companies have varying dollar levels for capitalization.

The Annual Capital Expenditures Survey (ACES) (OMB Project 0607-0782) currently collects summary data on business capital expenditures annually and detailed data on types of structures and equipment every five years. The fact that the ACES program does not include non-capitalized expenditures for e-business infrastructure and infrequently collects detailed data on types of structures and equipment creates serious data gaps. To fill these gaps and as a supplement to the ACES survey, the Census Bureau created the Information and Communication Technology Survey (ICTS). The ICTS uses the ACES sampling, follow-up and estimation methodologies including mailing to the same employer companies.

This request is for a continuation of a currently approved collection and will cover the 2010 through 2012 ICTS (conducted in fiscal years 2011 through 2013).

The ICTS is an important part of the Federal Government's effort to improve and supplement ongoing statistical programs. The Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA), Federal Reserve Board, Bureau of Labor Statistics and industry analysts use these data to evaluate productivity and economic growth prospects. In addition, the ICTS provides improved source data significant to BEA's estimate of the investment component of Gross Domestic Product, capital stock estimates, and capital flow tables.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions.

Frequency: Annually.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

Legal Authority: Title 13 U.S.C., Sections 182, 224, and 225.

OMB Desk Officer: Brian Harris-Kojetin, (202) 395-7314.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-0266, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dhynek@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Brian Harris-Kojetin, OMB

Desk Officer either by fax (202-395-7245) or e-mail (bharrisk@omb.eop.gov).

Dated: December 9, 2010.

Glenna Mickelson,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Title: NOAA Space-Based Data

Collection System (DCS) Agreements.

OMB Control Number: 0648-0157.

Form Number(s): NA.

Type of Request: Regular submission (renewal of an existing information collection).

Number of Respondents: 415.

Average Hours per Response: GOES use agreement, two hours and six minutes; ARGO use agreement, 1 hour.

Burden Hours: 470.

Needs and Uses: This notice is for renewal of an existing information collection.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) operates two space-based data collection systems (DCS), the Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellite (GOES) DCS and the Polar-Orbiting Operational Environmental Satellite (POES) DCS, also known as the Argos system. NOAA allows users access to the DCS if they meet certain criteria. The applicants must submit information to ensure that they meet these criteria. NOAA does not approve agreements where there is a commercial service available to fulfill the user's requirements.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; business or other for-profit organizations; not-for-profit institutions; Federal government; State, local or tribal government.

Frequency: Every three to five years.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain/retain benefits.

OMB Desk Officer:

OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance