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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Secretary

Notice of Request for Extension or Renewal of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Agriculture

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), this notice announces the intention of the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights to request a renewal to a currently approved information collection for race, ethnicity, and gender along with comments.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by May 20, 2014 to be assured of consideration.

Additional Information or Comments: Contact Anna G. Stroman, Chief, Policy Division, by mail at Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Race, Ethnicity and Gender Data Collection.

OMB Number: OMB No. 0505-0019
Expiration.

Date of Approval: March 31, 2014.

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

Abstract: This data collection is necessary to implement Sections 14006 and 14007 of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008, 7 U.S.C. 8701 (hereafter, referred to as the 2008 Farm Bill). Section 14006 of the 2008 Farm Bill establishes a requirement for the Department of Agriculture (USDA) to annually compile application and participation rate data regarding socially disadvantaged farmers or ranchers by computing for each program of the USDA that serves agriculture producers

and landowners (a) raw numbers of applicants and participants by race, ethnicity, and gender subject to appropriate privacy protections, as determined by the Secretary; and (b) the application and participation rate, by race, ethnicity and gender, as a percentage of the total participation rate of all agricultural producers and landowners for each county and State in the United States. Pursuant to the authority in Section 14006, the agencies of USDA are to collect the data and transmit it to the Secretary of Agriculture. Section 14007 requires USDA to use the data collected in the conduct of oversight and evaluation of civil rights compliance.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 2 minutes per response.

Respondents: Producers, applicants.
Estimated Number of Respondents: 3,520,000.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 105,600.

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 by any of the following methods:

Email: Send comments to [Anna.Stroman\(a\),ascr.usda.gov](mailto:Anna.Stroman(a),ascr.usda.gov).
Mail: Anna G. Stroman, Chief, Policy Division, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Ave. SW., Washington, DC 20250.

There were no comments received from the previous notice requesting comments.

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 Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Joe Leonard, Jr.,

Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency

Information Collection: Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) and Biomass Crop Assistance Program (BCAP)

AGENCY: Farm Service Agency, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Farm Service Agency (FSA) is seeking comments from all interested individuals and organizations on an extension with a revision of currently approved information collection associated with the Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) and Biomass Crop Assistance Program (BCAP). This information is collected in support of, respectively, Section 401 of the Agricultural Credit Act of 1978, as amended, and Section 9011 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002, as amended.

DATES: We will consider comments that we receive by May 20, 2014.

ADDRESSES: We invite you to submit comments on this Notice. In your comment, include the volume, date, and page number of this issue of the **Federal Register**. You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to: www.regulations.gov. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- *Mail:* Martin Bomar, ECP Program Manager, Conservation and Environmental Programs Division, Farm Service Agency, United States Department of Agriculture, STOP 0513, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250-0513.

You may also send comments to the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs,

Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503. Copies of the information collection may be requested by contacting Martin Bomar.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Martin Bomar, ECP Program Manager, (202) 205-4537.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Description of Information Collection

Title: Emergency Conservation Program and Biomass Crop Assistance Program.

OMB Control Number: 0560-0082.

Expiration Date: June 30, 2014.

Type of Request: Extension and Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection.

Abstract: The collection of this information is necessary to allow FSA to: (1) Effectively administer the regulations under ECP, which are set forth at 7 CFR part 701 so as to provide funding and technical assistance for farmers and ranchers to restore farmland damaged by natural disasters and for emergency water conservation measures in severe droughts; and, (2) effectively administer the regulations for BCAP, which are set forth at 7 CFR part 1450, so as to provide financial assistance to owners and operators of agricultural and non-industrial private forest land who wish to establish, produce, and deliver biomass feedstocks. This information is collected in support of, respectively, Section 401 of the Agricultural Credit Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95-334), as amended, and Section 9011 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (Pub. L. 107-171), as amended. The revision of the currently approved information collection is necessitated by the replacement of form series AD-245 and its associated computing process, with the new form series FSA-848 and a web-based computing environment.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .3 hours (19 minutes) per response. The average travel time, which is included in the total annual burden, is estimated to be 1 hour per respondent.

Respondents: Owners, operators and other eligible agricultural producers on eligible farmland.

Number of Respondents: 258,990.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 492,265.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 93,953.

We are requesting comments on all aspects of this information collection to help us to:

(1) Evaluate whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper

performance of the functions of FSA, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of FSA's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) 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.

All responses to this notice, including names and addresses when provided, will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Signed on March 14, 2014.

Juan M. Garcia,

Administrator, Farm Service Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Lyon-Mineral Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Lyon-Mineral Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will meet in Yerington, Nevada. The committee is authorized under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (Pub. L. 110-343) (the Act) and operates in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The purpose of the committee is to improve collaborative relationships and to provide advice and recommendations to the Forest Service concerning projects and funding consistent with the title II of the Act. The meeting is open to the public. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss project proposals for 2014.

DATES: The meeting will be held on May 14, 2014 at 1:00 p.m.

All RAC meetings are subject to cancellation. For status of meeting prior to attendance, please contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at Lyon County Administration Complex, Commissioners Meeting Room, 27 South Main Street, Yerington, Nevada. Written comments may be submitted as

described under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**. All comments, including names and addresses when provided, are placed in the record and are available for public inspection and copying. The public may inspect comments received at Bridgeport Ranger District. Please call ahead to facilitate entry into the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeff Ulrich, RAC Designated Federal Officer, by phone at 760-932-7070 or via email at jlulrich@fs.fed.us.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Additional RAC information, including the meeting agenda and the meeting summary/minutes can be found at the following Web site: https://fsplaces.fs.fed.us/fsfiles/unit/wo/secure_rural_schools.nsf/RAC/4466FCBB4113C725882575BD006D265B?OpenDocument. The agenda will include time for people to make oral statements of three minutes or less. Individuals wishing to make an oral statement should request in writing by April 25, 2014 to be scheduled on the agenda. Anyone who would like to bring related matters to the attention of the committee may file written statements with the committee staff before or after the meeting. Written comments and requests for time for oral comments must be sent to Jeff Ulrich, RAC Designated Federal Officer, Bridgeport Ranger District, HC 62 Box 1000, Bridgeport, CA 93517, or by email to jlulrich@fs.fed.us or via facsimile to 760-932-5899.

Meeting Accommodations: If you are a person requiring reasonable accommodation, please make requests in advance for sign language interpreting, assistive listening devices or other reasonable accommodation for access to the facility or proceedings by contacting the person listed in the section titled **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. All reasonable accommodation requests are managed on a case by case basis.

Dated: March 14, 2014.

William A. Dunkelberger,
Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest Supervisor.

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