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National Agricultural Statistics Service

Title: Aquaculture Survey.

OMB Control Number: 0535–0150.

Summary of Collection: The primary function of the National Agricultural Statistics Service is to estimate production and stocks of agricultural food, fiber, and specialty commodities. Congress has mandated the collection of basic data for aquaculture and provides funding for these surveys. Public Law 96–362 was passed to increase the overall effectiveness and productivity of federal aquaculture programs by improving coordination and communication among Federal agencies involved in those programs.

Aquaculture is an alternative method to produce a high protein, low fat product demanded by the consumer.

Aquaculture surveys provide information on trout and catfish inventory, acreage and sales as well as catfish processed.

Need and Use of the Information: The survey results are useful in analyzing changing trends in the number of commercial operations and production levels by State. The information collected is used to demonstrate the growing importance of aquaculture to officials of Federal and State government agencies who manage and direct policy over programs in agriculture and natural resources. The type of information collected and reported provides extension educators and research scientists with data that indicates important areas that require special educational and/or research efforts, such as causes for loss of fish and pond inventories of fish of various sizes. The data gathered from the various reports provide information to establish contract levels for fishing programs and to evaluate prospective loans to growers and processors.

This is a request for the three-year renewal of this information collection. In addition to the national Catfish and Trout Production Surveys, NASS is requesting approval to conduct three state-specific aquaculture surveys to be conducted under reimbursable agreements in Florida, Hawaii, and Pennsylvania. Also, NASS will discontinue the Catfish Feed Deliveries Report and the Catfish Processing Report.

Description of Respondents: Farms; Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 3,655.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Monthly; Semi-annually; Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 1,030.

National Agricultural Statistics Service

Title: Confidentiality Pledge Revision.
OMB Control Number: 0535–0260.

Summary of Collection: The revision to the confidentiality pledge made by NASS to all respondents on all data collection efforts under CIPSEA and Title 7, Chapter 55, Sec. 2276, was changed to incorporate provisions that became law as a part of the Consolidated Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2016. Congress included the Federal Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2015 (H.R. 2029, Division N, Title II, Subtitle B, Sec.223). This Act permits and requires the Secretary of Homeland Security to provide federal civilian agencies' information technology systems with cybersecurity protection for their Internet traffic. The technology currently used is "Einstein 3A" and it searches Internet traffic in and out of federal civilian agencies in real time for malware signatures.

Need and Use of the Information: CIPSEA; Title 7, Chapter 55, Section 2276; and similar confidentiality pledges promise that respondents' data will be seen only by statistical agency personnel or their sworn agents. With the passage of the Federal Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2015, it is possible that Department of Homeland Security personnel could see some portion of those confidential data in the course of examining the suspicious Internet packets identified by the Einstein 3A technology. NASS needs to revise their confidentiality pledge to reflect this process change. Without this change the availability of NASS data could be significantly impacted.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; Individuals or households.

Number of Respondents: 1.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 1.

Charlene Parker,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Information Collection: Southwestern Crown of the Continent Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Project

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the

Forest Service is seeking comments from all interested individuals and organizations on the proposed new information collection, *Southwestern Crown of the Continent Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Project*.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing on or before May 2, 2017 to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: Comments concerning this notice should be addressed to Lindsay Buchanan, Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program Coordinator, 1220 SW 3rd Ave., Portland, Oregon, 97204. Comments may also be submitted by email to: lindsaysbuchanan@fs.fed.us. The public may inspect comments received at 1220 SW 3rd Ave., Portland, Oregon 97204, during normal business hours. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead to 503–808–2810 to facilitate entry to the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Lindsay Buchanan, 503–808–2810. Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339, twenty-four hours a day, every day of the year, including holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Southwestern Crown of the Continent Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Project.

OMB Number: 0596–NEW.

Expiration Date of Approval: Not Applicable—new request.

Type of Request: New.

Abstract: The Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program (CFLRP) is a U.S. Forest Service (USFS) program started in 2010 to encourage collaborative groups of neighboring landowners, to work with the Forest Service to find common ground pertaining to forest restoration. Such collaborative neighboring landowners include State, local and Tribal government representatives, businesses, interest groups, and non-profit organizations. The Southwestern Crown Collaborative (SWCC) is one of 23 Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration (CFLR) projects across the nation currently. In the SWCC, partners work with the USFS to implement restoration work and multi-party monitoring of landscape restoration treatments across four counties and three National Forests in western Montana.

The Forest Landscape Restoration Act (FLRA) of 2009 (16 U.S.C. 7303), which enabled the CFLRP, requires monitoring "to assess the positive or negative

ecological, social, and economic effects of projects implementing a selected proposal for not less than 15 years after project implementation commences.” This Information Collection Request (ICR) will help meet the SWCC’s obligation for monitoring the social impacts on residents and stakeholders of activities conducted under the CFLRP. The scope of the ICR includes residents of communities within and adjacent to the SWCC landscape and collaborative participants.

Gaining information from individuals who work or live in the geographic area of the SWCC provides valuable information to partners and land management decision makers. To ensure the USFS is informed about the opinions of participants of collaborative processes and public members living in or around the SWCC, the USFS seeks to obtain approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) of an ICR to collect both qualitative and quantitative feedback from stakeholders on management decisions, forest restoration work, monitoring activities, and land management planning. The information will be collected through a census survey of participants of the Southwestern Crown Collaborative and a mail-in, on-line, and hard copy survey of residents of the Southwestern Crown of the Continent Landscape. Through the collection of this information, managers and planners will obtain valuable information to inform future decisions. USFS public affairs staff, social scientists, and economists may also use this information, and USFS, academic, and other researchers may use or cite the results or data collected in publications.

Without the collection of this information, the USFS will be unable to determine whether it is meeting the requirements of the Forest Landscape Restoration Act, nor if they are fully incorporating partner and public input into forest project, implementation, monitoring and/or planning processes as required by law.

Type of Respondents: Residents within the Southwestern Crown CFLRP landscape (4,429 occupied dwellings) and Southwestern Crown Collaborative participants (150 participants on email list).

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 750.

Estimated Annual Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours on Respondents: 386 hours.

Comment Is Invited

Comment is invited on: (1) Whether this collection of information is

necessary for the stated purposes and the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical or scientific utility; (2) the accuracy of the Agency’s estimate of the burden of the 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 respondents, including the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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

Dated: February 15, 2017.

Jeanne Higgins,

Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest System.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Information Collection; Advertised Timber for Sale

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Forest Service is seeking comments from all interested individuals and organizations on the revision with changes of the currently approved information collection 0596-0066, Advertised Timber for Sale.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing on or before May 2, 2017 to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: Comments concerning this notice should be addressed to Director, Forest Management, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Mail Stop 1103, Washington, DC 20250-0003.

Comments also may be submitted via facsimile to (202) 205-1045 or by email to: bid_forms@fs.fed.us.

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 the Office of the Director, Forest Management,

Third Floor, Southwest Wing, Yates Building, 201 14th Street SW., Washington, DC. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead at (202) 205-1496 to facilitate entry into the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carl Maass, Forest Management Staff, at (970) 295-5961. Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339, 24 hours a day, every day of the year, including holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Advertised Timber for Sale.

OMB Number: 0596-0066.

Expiration Date of Approval: July 31, 2017.

Type of Request: Extension with Revision.

Abstract: Pursuant to statutory requirements at 16 U.S.C. 472a, unless extraordinary conditions exist as defined by regulation, the Secretary of Agriculture must (1) advertise sales of all National Forest System timber or forest products exceeding \$10,000 in appraised value; (2) select bidding methods that ensure open and fair competition; (3) select bidding methods that ensure that the Federal Government receives not less than appraised value of the timber or forest product; and (4) monitor bidding patterns for evidence of unlawful bidding practices.

Pursuant to the Forest Service Small Business Timber Sale Set-Aside Program, developed in cooperation with the Small Business Administration, Forest Service regulations at Title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations, § 223.84 require that the Forest Service bid form used by potential timber sale bidders include provisions for small business concerns. The data collected will be used by the agency to ensure that National Forest System timber will be sold at not less than appraised value, that bidders will meet specific criteria when submitting a bid, and that anti-trust violations will not occur during the bidding process.

The tax identification number of each bidder is entered into an automated bid monitoring system, which is used to determine if speculative bidding or unlawful bidding practices are occurring and is required to process electronic payments to the purchaser.

Respondents will be bidders on National Forest System timber sales. Forest Service sale officers will mail bid forms to potential bidders, and bidders will return the completed forms, dated and signed, to the Forest Service sale officer.

The data gathered in this information collection are not available from other sources.