

planning regulations would likely be directly related to the proposed amendment:

§ 219.8(a)(1)(ii) Contributions of the plan area to ecological conditions within the broader landscape influenced by the plan area;

§ 219.8(a)(1)(iii) Conditions in the broader landscape that may influence the sustainability of resources and ecosystems within the plan area;

§ 219.8(a)(1)(iv) [ . . . ] the ability of terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems on the plan area to adapt to change;

§ 219.8(a)(1)(v) [ . . . ] opportunities to restore fire adapted ecosystems;

§ 219.8(a)(1)(vi) Opportunities for landscape scale restoration;

§ 219.9(a)(1) Ecosystem integrity. [ . . . ] maintain or restore the ecological integrity of terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems and watersheds in the plan area, including plan components to maintain or restore their structure, function, composition, and connectivity];

§ 219.9(a)(2) Ecosystem diversity. [ . . . ] maintain or restore the diversity of ecosystems and habitat types throughout the plan area];

§ 219.9(a)(2)(i) Key characteristics associated with terrestrial and aquatic ecosystem types;

§ 219.10(a)(1) [ . . . ] to provide for ecosystem services and multiple uses in the plan area the responsible official shall consider: Aesthetic values, habitat and habitat connectivity, timber, vegetation, viewsheds, and other relevant resources and uses];

§ 219.10(a)(5) Habitat conditions, subject to the requirements of § 219.9, for wildlife, fish, and plants commonly enjoyed and used by the public; for hunting, fishing, trapping, gathering, observing, subsistence, and other activities (in collaboration with federally recognized Tribes, Alaska Native Corporations, other Federal agencies, and State and local governments);

§ 219.10(a)(7) Reasonably foreseeable risks to ecological, social, and economic sustainability.

§ 219.10(a)(8) [ . . . ] the ability of the terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems on the plan area to adapt to change (§ 219.8).

If the proposed project-specific amendments are determined to be directly related to the substantive rule requirements, the responsible official must apply those requirements within the scope and scale of the amendment (36 CFR 219.13(b)(5) and (6)).

#### Responsible Official

The Forest Supervisor of the Malheur National Forest is the Responsible Official.

#### Nature of Decision To Be Made

Based on the purpose and need, the Responsible Official will review the proposed action, the other alternatives, the environmental consequences, and public comments in order to make the decision: (1) Whether to implement the proposed activities; and if so, how much and at what specific locations; (2) What, if any, specific project monitoring requirements are needed to assure project design criteria and mitigation measures are implemented and effective, and to evaluate the success of the project objectives.

#### Scoping Process

This notice of intent initiates the scoping process, which guides the development of the environmental impact statement. The interdisciplinary team will continue to seek information and comments from Federal, State, and local agencies, Tribal governments, and other individuals or organizations that may be interested in, or affected by, the proposed action. There is a collaborative group in the area that the interdisciplinary team will interact with during the analysis process.

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, anonymous comments will not afford the Agency with the ability to provide the respondent with subsequent environmental documents, nor will those who submit anonymous comments have standing to object to the subsequent decision under 36 CFR 218.

Dated: May 16, 2019.

**Frank R. Beum,**

*Acting Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest System.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

#### National Institute of Food and Agriculture

#### Notice of Intent To Request Approval To Renew an Information Collection and Record Keeping Requirement

**AGENCY:** National Institute of Food and Agriculture, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations that implement the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the National Institute of Food and Agriculture's (NIFA) intention to request approval to renew an information collection and record keeping requirement for the Veterinary Medical Loan Repayment Program (VMLRP).

**DATES:** Written comments on this notice must be received by September 6, 2019, to be assured of consideration.

Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program FRN, through the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments. Include Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program FRN in the subject line of the message. Instructions: All comments received must include the agency name and reference Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program FRN. All comments received will be posted to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Robert Martin, Records Officer; Email: [rmartin@usda.gov](mailto:rmartin@usda.gov). Phone: 202-445-5388.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Veterinary Medical Loan Repayment Program (VMLRP).

*OMB Number:* 0524-0050.

*Type of Request:* Intent to request approval to renew an information collection and record keeping requirement for three years.

*Abstract:* In January 2003, the National Veterinary Medical Service Act (NVMSA) was passed into law adding section 1415A to the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1997. This law established a new Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program (VMLRP) (7 U.S.C. 3151a) authorizing the Secretary

of Agriculture to carry out a program of entering into agreements with veterinarians under which they agree to provide veterinary services in veterinarian shortage situations. The purpose of the program is to assure an adequate supply of trained food animal veterinarians in shortage situations and provide USDA with a pool of veterinary specialists to assist in the control and eradication of animal disease outbreaks.

In 2016, the VMLRP Program Office proposed and received approval for a

record keeping requirement for VMLRP participants and to collect additional information from current participants, their employers and past participants. The records maintained and the information collected allow for better oversight and assessment of the program. Additionally, to streamline OMB approval processes all previously approved VMLRP information collections (OMB Control Number 0524-0046 and 0524-0047) were combined into a single package along

with the new information proposed. Each new requirement is described in detail below.

In 2019, the VMLRP Program is requesting renewal of this record keeping and information collection requirement. All documents will remain unchanged.

*Total Estimate of Burden:* The estimated annual reporting burden for all VMLRP collection is as follows:

Type of respondents	Number of respondents	Estimated number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Annual burden hours requested
<i>Applicants:</i>				
Veterinary Medicine Loan .....				
Repayment Program .....				
Application OMB0524-0047 .....	602	1	1350	1350
Applicants subtotal .....				1350
<i>State Animal Health Officials:</i>				
Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program Shortage Situation Nomination OMB0524-0046 .....	60	4	2	480
State Animal Health Officials subtotal .....				480
<i>Current Participants:</i>				
Service Log .....	150	260	.25	9750
Feedback Survey .....	50	1	.33	16.5
Close-out Report .....	50	1	.33	16.5
Current Participants subtotal .....				9783
<i>Employers:</i>				
Employer Feedback .....	30	1	.25	7.5
Employer subtotal .....				7.5
<i>Past Participants:</i>				
Post-Award Termination Survey .....	150	1	.25	37.5
Past Participants subtotal .....				37.5
<b>Grand Total</b> .....				<b>11,658</b>

*Comments:* Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed record keeping requirement and collection of information are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of collecting the information on respondents, 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 will be summarized and included in the request to OMB for approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

*Obtaining a Copy of the Information Collection:* A copy of the information collection and related instructions may be obtained free of charge by contacting Robert Martin as directed above.

Done at Washington, DC, this 27th day of June, 2019.

**Steve Censky,**  
Deputy Secretary, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

**Rural Housing Service**

**Notice of Solicitation of Applications for Section 514 Farm Labor Housing Loans and Section 516 Farm Labor Housing Grants for Off-Farm Housing for Fiscal Year 2019**

**AGENCY:** Rural Housing Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Rural Housing Service (RHS) announces the timeframe to submit pre-applications for Section 514 Farm Labor Housing (FLH) loans and Section 516 FLH grants for the construction of new off-farm FLH units and related facilities for domestic farm

laborers and for the purchase and substantial rehabilitation of non-FLH property. The intended purpose of the loans and grants is to increase the number of available housing units for domestic farm laborers. This Notice describes the method used to distribute funds, the application process, and submission requirements.

The amount of funding available can be found at the following link: <https://www.rd.usda.gov/newsroom/notices-solicitation-applications-nosas>. Expenses incurred in developing applications will be at the applicant's risk.

**DATES:** The agency deadline for receipt of all applications in response to this Notice is 5 p.m., local time to the appropriate Rural Development State Office by August 30, 2019. Rural Development will not consider any application that is received after the deadline unless the date and time are extended by another Notice published in the **Federal Register**. Applicants mailing applications must provide sufficient time to permit delivery on or