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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

December 7, 2020.

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13. Comments are requested regarding: whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; 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 regarding this information collection received by January 11, 2021 will be considered. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to

the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Rural Utilities Service

Title: OneRD Guaranteed Loan Program.

OMB Control Number: 0572–0155.

Summary of Collection: Rural Development is implementing a new consolidated guaranteed loan program. This interim final rule would create a new guaranteed loan program that would combine four existing guaranteed loan programs under one regulatory platform. These four existing programs, described below, are: (1) The Community Facilities Program (0575–0137), (2) the Water and Waste Disposal Program (0572–0122), (3) the Business and Industry Program (0570–0014), and (4) the Rural Energy for America Program (formerly known as the Renewable Energy Systems and Energy Efficiency Improvements Program—0570–0050) under Title IX, Section 9007 of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (2008 Farm Bill).

Community Facilities Program. The Rural Housing Service (RHS) is authorized by Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1926) to make loans to public agencies, nonprofit corporations, and Indian tribes for the development of essential community facilities primarily serving rural residents. RHS has been making guaranteed loans through its Community Programs, which was authorized by Congress in 1990. Community Program guaranteed loans are used to finance many types of projects varying in size and complexity from large general hospitals to small firefighting equipment loans. The guaranteed loan program encourages lender participation and provides specific guidance in the processing and servicing of guaranteed Community Facility loans.

Water and Waste Disposal Program. The Rural Utilities Service is authorized by Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1926) to make loans to public agencies, nonprofit corporations, and Indian tribes for the development of water and waste disposal facilities primarily serving rural residents. Water and Waste Disposal Programs (WW), which has been in existence for approximately 60 years, was authorized with the

Appropriations Act of 1990, when Congress appropriated funds, to implement the Water and Waste Disposal guaranteed loan program. Water and waste disposal guaranteed loans are used to finance many types of projects varying in size and complexity. The guaranteed loan program encourages lender participation and provides specific guidance in the processing and servicing of guaranteed WW loans.

Business and Industry Program. The Business and Industry (B&I) Guaranteed Loan Program was legislated in 1972 under Section 310B of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, as amended. The purpose of the program is to improve, develop, or finance businesses, industries, and employment and improve the economic and environmental climate in rural communities. This purpose is achieved through bolstering the existing private credit structure through the guaranteeing of quality loans made by lending institutions, thereby providing lasting community benefits.

Rural Energy for America Program. The Rural Energy for America Program is authorized under the 2008 Farm Bill to make loan guarantees and grants to farmers, ranchers, and rural small businesses to purchase renewable energy systems and make energy efficiency improvements. The program is designed to help farmers, ranchers, and rural small business reduce energy cost and consumption, develop new income streams, and help meet the nation's critical energy needs.

In an effort to reduce paperwork and make Rural Development forms more consistent with each other, thereby improving customer service, RD has revised the forms in this burden package to accommodate all four programs.

Need and Use of the Information: Lending entities who wish to participate in this program must submit an application and/or certain information to Rural Development. This information will be used to determine their eligibility for participation in this program.

Eligible lenders and their prospective borrowers who are seeking guaranteed loans will have to submit applications with specified information, certifications, and agreements to the State Office. This information will be used to determine borrower eligibility,

to determine project eligibility and feasibility, and to ensure that borrowers operate on a sound basis and use funds for authorized purposes.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions.

Number of Respondents: 740.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 50,242.

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Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Boundary Descriptions for the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area, Hood River, Multnomah and Wasco Counties, Oregon; Clark, Klickitat and Skamania Counties, Washington State

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Act of Nov. 17, 1986, the Forest Service has prepared boundary descriptions for the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area exterior boundary, Special Management Area boundaries, and Urban Area boundaries.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Information may be obtained by contacting the Headquarters Office of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area, 902 Wasco Avenue, Suite 200, Hood River, OR 97031-3117; may call (541) 308-1700 or directly, Miki Fujikawa, Lands Staff Officer, at miki.fujikawa@usda.gov. Additional information concerning this notice may be obtained from the Columbia River Gorge Commission at <http://www.gorgecommission.org>. Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Forest Service and Columbia River Gorge Commission partnered to produce legal descriptions for three Congressionally Designated areas of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area: The National Scenic Area exterior boundary, Special Management Area boundaries, and Urban Area boundaries. The boundary descriptions clarify

previously existing boundary maps. Documents may be viewed at the following offices: USDA Forest Service, Yates Building, 14th and Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20024; at the USDA Forest Service Region 6 Regional Office, 1220 SW 3rd Ave., Portland, OR 97204; and at the Headquarters Office of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area, 902 Wasco Avenue, Suite 200, Hood River, OR 97031. Additionally, should the above offices be closed due to Covid-19 precautions, the documents can be viewed at the following website: [http://www.gorgecommission.org/images/uploads/amendments/Commission_Rule_350-10_\(Final,_amended_as_of_Dec._31,_2018\).pdf](http://www.gorgecommission.org/images/uploads/amendments/Commission_Rule_350-10_(Final,_amended_as_of_Dec._31,_2018).pdf).

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Forest Service Handbook 2709.11, Chapter 80; Special Uses; Operating Plans and Agreements for Powerline Facilities

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Issuance of Proposed Directives; notice of availability for public comment.

SUMMARY: The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Forest Service, is seeking public comment on a proposed directive implementing section 512 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA), as added by the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2018. Section 512 of FLPMA governs development, review, and approval of proposed operating plans and agreements for vegetation management, inspection, and operation and maintenance of powerline facilities on National Forest System (NFS) lands.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing by January 11, 2021.

ADDRESSES: The proposed directives are available at, and comments may be submitted electronically to, <https://cara.ecosystem-management.org/Public/CommentInput?project=ORMS-2718>.

Comments may be mailed to Gregory C. Smith, Director, Lands and Realty Management, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250-1124. All timely comments, including names and addresses, will be placed in the record and will be available for public inspection and copying. The

public may inspect comments received at <https://cara.ecosystem-management.org/Public/ReadingRoom?project=ORMS-2718>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Reggie Woodruff, Lands and Realty Management, at 202-205-1196 reginal.woodruff@usda.gov. Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf may call the Federal Relay Service at 800-877-8339 between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., Eastern Time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 211 of division O of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2018 amended Title V of FLPMA, 43 U.S.C. 1761-1771, to add section 512, codified at 43 U.S.C. 1772. Section 512 of FLPMA governs development, review, and approval of proposed operating plans and agreements for vegetation management, inspection, and operation and maintenance of powerline facilities on NFS lands. Section 512 of FLPMA requires the Forest Service to promulgate implementing regulations and issue implementing agency guidance. The Forest Service promulgated regulations implementing section 512 of FLPMA on July 10, 2020 (85 FR 41387). The proposed directive would add Chapter 80 to the Special Uses Handbook, to implement section 512 of FLPMA.

The Forest Service has determined that the proposed directive would formulate standards, criteria, and guidelines applicable to a Forest Service program and is therefore publishing the proposed directive for public comment in accordance with 36 CFR part 216.

After the public comment period closes, the Forest Service will consider timely and relevant comments in developing the final directive. A notice of the final directive, including a response to timely and relevant comments, will be posted on the Forest Service's web page at <https://www.fs.fed.us/about-agency/regulations-policies/comment-on-directives>.

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