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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to 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; and 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 23, 2023 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

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Rural Housing Service

Title: 7 CFR 1970, Environmental Policies and Procedures.

OMB Control Number: 0575–0197.

Summary of Collection: The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321, et seq) and other applicable environmental and historic preservation statutes requires that all Federal agencies consider the potential environmental consequences of their actions on the quality of the human environment and historic properties prior to agency actions being made. In RD's case, the "action" is the approval of financial assistance and obligation of Federal funds. To comply with NEPA and other environmental laws, regulations, and Executive Orders, RD requires applicants submitting applications for financial assistance to include project-specific environmental information along with other underwriting requirements.

Need and Use of the Information:

This information is used to document whether there are any "extraordinary circumstances" that would preclude the use of a CE (see, 40 CFR 1501.4). Therefore, the purpose of collecting environmental information is to support RD's decision making regarding the need for completing an EIS, EA, or whether a project proposal qualifies for the use of a CE.

Description of Respondents: Individuals or Households.

Number of Respondents: 2,454.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Once; Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 240,816.

Rural Housing Service

Title: 7 CFR 3570 Community Facilities Technical Assistance and Training Grant Program.

OMB Control Number: 0575–0198.

Summary of Collection: The Community Facilities Technical Assistance and Training (TAT) is a competitive grant program which the Rural Housing Service (RHS) administers. Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (CONACT), 7 U.S.C. 1926, was amended by Section 6006 of the Agriculture Act of 2014 (Pub. L. 113–79) to establish the Community Facilities Technical Assistance and Training Grant. Section 6006 authorized

grants be made to public bodies and private nonprofit corporations (including Indian Tribes) that will serve rural areas for the purpose of enabling the grantees to provide to associations technical assistance and training with respect to essential community facilities authorized under Section 306(a)(1) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1926(a)). Grants can be made for 100 percent of the cost of assistance.

Need and Use of the Information: Eligible entities receive TAT grants to help small rural communities or areas identify and solve problems relating to essential community facilities. The grant recipients may provide technical assistance to public bodies and private nonprofit corporations. Applicants applying for TAT grants must submit an application, which includes an application form, narrative proposal, various other forms, certifications, and supplemental information. The Rural Development State Offices and the RHS National Office staff will use the information collected to determine applicant eligibility, project feasibility, and the applicant's ability to meet the grant and regulatory requirements. Failure to collect proper information could result in improper determinations of eligibility or improper use of funds.

Description of Respondents: Not-for-Profit Institutions.

Number of Respondents: 42.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 1,733.

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Risk Management Agency

Title: Multiple Peril Crop Insurance.
OMB Control Number: 0563-0053.

Summary of Collection: The Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC) is a wholly-owned Government corporation created February 16, 1938 (7 U.S.C. 1501). The program was amended previously, by Public Law 96-365, dated September 26, 1980, that provided for nationwide expansion of a comprehensive crop insurance program. The Federal Crop Insurance Act (Act), as amended in later years, further expanded the role of the crop insurance program to be the principal risk management safety net used by producers to cover crop losses. The Act further required that the crop insurance program operate on an actuarially sound basis. To meet these goals, existing crop programs must be improved and expanded, new crop products developed, and new insurance concepts studied for possible implementation. Meeting these goals requires the collection of a wide range of information (data elements). These data elements are used in part to determine insurance coverage, premiums, subsidies, payments, and indemnities. It

allows for other program and administrative operations. It also creates an information database used to support continued development and improvements in crop insurance products available to producers and which meet the goal of a sound insurance program. The Act was again amended on June 20, 2000, by Public Law 106-224 which mandates changes to crop insurance regulations, provides for independent review of crop insurance products by persons experienced as actuaries and in underwriting, and gives contracting authority for the development of new products.

Need and Use of the Information: The collection of information involves producers and insurance companies. Specific information (data) is required to apply for crop insurance, determine program eligibility, report crop information, establish liability, change coverage, determine a loss, etc. Producers must provide records, documents, or other information to the insurance company during an investigation or settlement of a claim. Insurance companies may provide late or prevented planting coverage, or provide coverage under a written agreement when coverage would not otherwise be available, etc. Pertinent information must be collected by the established dates to administer the crop insurance program in an actuarially sound manner.

The information collection requirements for this revised package are necessary for administering the crop insurance program. Insurance companies must obtain enough information so insurability, liability, premium, subsidy, and indemnities can be accurately determined. It is important that insurance agents work closely with producers to collect accurate information since the guarantee, liability, premium, subsidy, and any applicable indemnities are based on this information.

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

Number of Respondents: 534,379.

Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping; Reporting: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 8,067,906.

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Forest Service

Title: Annual Wildfire Summary Report.

OMB Control Number: 0596-0025.

Summary of Collection: The Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2101) requires the Forest Service (FS) to collect information about wildfire suppression efforts by State and local fire fighting agencies in order to support specific congressional funding requests for the Forest Service State and Private Forestry Cooperative Fire Program. The program provides supplemental funding for State