

(c) USDA regulations at 7 CFR part 3, subpart C, which implement 5 U.S.C. 5514 and OPM regulations, authorizing USDA agencies to issue regulations governing debt collection by salary offset (7 CFR 3.68).

6. *Categories of individuals involved:* Delinquent debtors who have received benefits from USDA program agencies.

7. *Systems of Records and Estimation of Number of Records Involved:* (a) The USPS will provide extracts from its Privacy Act System of Records USPS 050.020, Finance Records-Payroll System, containing payroll records on approximately 800,000 current USPS employees. Disclosure will be made under routine use 24 of that system, a full description of which was last published in 57 FR 57515, dated December 4, 1992.

(b) The USDA will provide extracts from its (1) Applicant/Borrower or Grantee File (USDA/FSA-14), containing records on approximately 762,000 debtors (approximately 88,000 of the 762,000 records will be sent for the match), a full description of which was last published in the **Federal Register** at 62 FR 5568 on February 6, 1997 (routine use number 9); (2) Accounts Receivable (USDA/FCIC-1), containing records on approximately 880 debtors (approximately 880 will be sent for the match), a full description of which was last published in the **Federal Register** at 53 FR 4047 on February 11, 1988 (routine use number 9); (3) Claims Data Base (Automated) (USDA/FSA-13), containing records on approximately 25,000 debtors, (approximately 25,000 will be sent for the match) a full description of which was last published in the **Federal Register** at 62 FR 5568 on February 6, 1997 (routine use number 9); and (4) Administrative Billings and Collections (USDA/OCFO-3), containing records on approximately 45,000 debtors (approximately 6,750 will be sent for the match) a full description of which was last published in the **Federal Register** at 54 FR 47622 on November 10, 1997 (routine use number 6).

8. *Individual notice and opportunity to contest:* USDA will provide to matched individuals due process consisting of USDA's verification of debt; 30-day written notice to the debtor explaining the debtor's rights; provision for debtor to examine and copy of the USDA's documentation of the debt; provision for debtor to seek USDA's review of the debt and opportunity for the individual to enter into a written agreement satisfactory to USDA for repayment. Prior to use of the salary offset provision, an individual will be afforded the opportunity for a hearing

concerning the amount or existence of the debt or the offset repayment schedule. The hearing will be before an individual not under the supervision or control of the Secretary, USDA. Unless the individual notifies USDA otherwise within 30 days from the date of the notice, USDA will conclude that the data provided to the individual is correct and will take the necessary action to recoup the debt.

9. *Inclusive date of the matching program:* This computer matching program is subject to review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and Congress. If no objections are raised by either and the mandatory 30-day public notice period for comment has expired for this **Federal Register** notice with no significant adverse public comments having been received that would result in a contrary determination, then this computer matching program becomes effective and the respective agencies may begin the exchange of data on the later of 30 days after the date of this published notice or 40 days after notice to OMB and Congress, at a mutually agreeable time. Exchange of data will be repeated on an annual basis, unless OMB or the Treasury Department requests a match twice a year. Under no circumstances will the matching program be implemented before the respective 30- and 40-day notice periods have elapsed, as this time period cannot be waived. By agreement between USDA and USPS, the matching program will be in effect and continue for 18 months with an option to renew for 12 additional months. The matching program may be terminated by written notification from either participating agency to the other.

Signed at Washington, DC, on February 4, 1999.

Dan Glickman,

Secretary of Agriculture.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency

Notice of Request for Extension and Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Office of Outreach and Farm Service Agency, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, this notice announces the intention of the Office of Outreach and Farm Service Agency to

request an extension for and revision to a currently approved information collection for the Small Farmer Outreach Training and Technical Assistance Program and the Outreach for Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers Program. The Office of Outreach will use the information collection to determine eligibility of each applicant and to ensure that program requirements are met.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received on or before April 19, 1999.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS: Contact Geraldine Herring, Department of Agriculture, Office of Outreach, Room 4929-S, STOP 6201, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-6201; telephone (202) 720-1637 and FAX: (202) 720-4995.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Small Farmer Outreach, Training, and Technical Assistance
OMB Control Number: 0560-0163
Expiration Date of Approval: December 31, 1998

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

Abstract: Section 2501 of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990, (7 U.S.C. 2279) established the "Small Farmer Outreach Training and Technical Assistance Program," and the "Outreach and Assistance for Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers Program." This act provides the Office of Outreach with the authority to make grants and enter into contracts, and other agreements with entities to provide outreach, training, and technical assistance. The programs are to encourage and assist small, limited resource and economically/socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers to own and operate farms and ranches; and to increase their participation and accessibility to agricultural programs.

Grants are awarded to community-based organizations that have demonstrated experience in providing agricultural education or other agriculturally related services to small, limited resource, economically/socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers. Recipients must have documentary evidence of their past experiences in working with targeted participants during the 2 year period preceding their application for a grant or contract. To be identified as being a responsible grantee or contractor, an applicant must provide documentation of having adequate financial resources, the ability to comply with project completion dates, show that adequate financial management and accounting systems

are in place, and show a satisfactory record of past performance under Federal Government grants and contracts.

Grants are also awarded to Land-Grant Colleges including Tuskegee Institute, Indian tribal community colleges and Alaska native cooperative colleges, Hispanic-serving post-secondary educational institutions, and other post-secondary educational institutions with demonstrated experience in providing agricultural education or other agriculturally related services to small, limited resource, economically/socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers in their region.

When a grant has been awarded, a cooperative agreement is executed. The potential grant period is 5 years. At the conclusion of each year, a decision is made by USDA program staff based on information submitted regarding project performance and management whether to extend the cooperative agreement for another year.

The Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriation Act, 1999, provided \$3 million for the continuation of the programs for fiscal year 1999.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 4.0606 hours per response.

Respondents: Educational Institutions, Community-Based Organizations, State, Local or Tribal Governments and producers.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 150

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 5,888 hours

Copies of this information collection and related instructions can be obtained without charge from Geraldine Herring at the above address.

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 should be sent to the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Washington, D.C. 20503 and to Samuel E. Thornton, Director, USDA, Office of Outreach, Room 542-A, STOP 6201, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-6201.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Signed at Washington, D.C., on January 20, 1999.

Samuel E. Thornton,

Director, Office of Outreach.

James W. Schroeder,

Acting Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Monroe Mountain Ecosystem Restoration Project; Fishlake National Forest, Sevier and Piute Counties, UT

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Forest Service, USDA, will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to implement proposed actions to maintain or restore the long-term health and productivity of lands within the Monroe Mountain Ecosystem Restoration Project area, on the Richfield Ranger District, Fishlake National Forest. The purpose of these proposals is to initiate actions that would: (1) Reduce the loss of aspen through succession to mixed conifer and sagebrush; (2) restore watershed values that favor increases in water yield to restore riparian conditions; (3) reduce the risk of large intense wildfires and the potential of epidemic level spruce beetle outbreaks and other diseases; (4) recover the value of merchantable trees while performing ecosystem restoration; (5) contribute to the restoration of aspen and grass/forb communities to improve habitat for wildlife and livestock. The proposals include: (1) commercial and noncommercial regeneration treatment of aspen and mixed conifer/aspen forests, and associated road construction, maintenance and closures; (2) commercial salvage, sanitation and density management timber harvest in spruce forests, and associated road construction, maintenance and closures;

(3) treatment of aspen and mixed conifer/aspen forests using ignited prescribed fire; (4) treatment of dense sagebrush vegetative types of ignited prescribed fire, disking, or Dixie harrowing. Multiple decisions may be issued upon completion of the analysis; however, the cumulative effects of all the proposed actions will be disclosed in the EIS. The proposed actions would be completed within a five-year period. The project is located approximately twelve miles southeast of Richfield, Utah. The project would be implemented in accordance with direction of the Land and Resource Management Plan (LRMP, 1986) for the Fishlake National Forest.

The agency gives notice that the environmental analysis process is underway. During the analysis process, an issue surfaced that warranted disclosure of effects under an EIS. This issue is the high degree of interest associated with the potential to alter the undeveloped character of portions of the project area due to proposed vegetative treatments within inventoried roadless areas. Public scoping and issue development identified issues involving: biological diversity; land stability; soil erosion and productivity; water and water resources; vegetative vigor and health; fire and fuel loading; wildlife and fisheries; transportation system; range; visual landscape; economics; recreation; cultural resources; and air quality.

DATES: Written comments to be considered in the preparation of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) should be submitted by March 18, 1999, which is at least 30 days following the publication of this Notice in the **Federal Register**. The DEIS is expected to be available for review by April, 1999. The Record of Decision and Final Environmental Impact Statement are expected to be available by June, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to District Ranger, Richfield Ranger District, 115 East 900 North, Richfield, Utah 84701.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Direct questions about the proposed action and EIS by mail to Don Okerlund, Acting District Ranger, 115 East 900 North, Richfield, Utah 84701; or by phone at (435) 896-9233; or FAX: (435) 896-9347.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed projects are located in an analysis area of about 50,000 acres, including 41,400 acres of National Forest System lands 8,400 acres of private land, and 200 acres of State of Utah land. It is centered within Monroe