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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

November 18, 2005.

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 regarding (a) 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; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) 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 should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), *Pamela_Beverly_OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV* or fax (202) 395-5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250-7602. Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-8681.

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

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Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service

Title: CSREES Proposal Review Process.

OMB Control Number: 0524-0041.

Summary of Collection: The Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES) is responsible for performing a review of proposals submitted to CSREES competitive awards programs in accordance with section 103(a) of the Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act, of 1998, 7 U.S.C. 7613(a). Reviews are undertaken to ensure that projects supported by CSREES are of high quality and are consistent with the goals and requirements of the funding program. Proposals submitted to CSREES undergo a programmatic evaluation to determine worthiness of Federal support. The evaluations consist of a peer panel review and may also entail an assessment by Federal employees and mail-in (ad-hoc) reviews. CSREES will collect information using the "Proposal Review Sheet" or the "Reviewer Worksheet", Questionnaire, and a Conflict of Interest and Confidentiality Certification Form.

Need and Use of the Information: The collected information from the evaluations is used to support CSREES grant programs. CSREES uses the results of each proposal to determine whether a proposal should be declined or recommended for award. If this information was not collected and documented, the decision to fund a particular application could be questioned.

Description of Respondents: Not-for-profit institutions; Business or other for-profit; Individuals or households; Federal Government; State, Local or Tribal Government; Farms.

Number of Respondents: 50,000.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion; Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 100,497.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 05-084-1]

Black-Tailed Prairie Dog Conservation and Management on the Nebraska National Forest and Associated Units; Record of Decision

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's Wildlife Services program (APHIS-WS) has prepared a record of decision based on the Black-Tailed Prairie Dog Conservation and Management on the Nebraska National Forest and Associated Units final environmental impact statement.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the APHIS-WS record of decision may be viewed on the Wildlife Services Web site at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ws/pubs.html> or obtained from the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. The final environmental impact statement on which this APHIS-WS record of decision is based and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service (USDA-FS) record of decision may be found on the Nebraska National Forest Web site at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r2/nebraska/> and are also available for public inspection at the USDA-FS offices and public libraries listed in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Gary A. Littauer, Environmental Manager, Operational Support Staff, WS, APHIS, 8441 Washington NE., Albuquerque, NM 87113; (505) 346-2632.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice advises the public that the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's Wildlife Services program (APHIS-WS) has prepared a record of decision based on the Black-Tailed Prairie Dog Conservation and Management on the Nebraska National Forest and Associated Units final environmental impact statement (EIS) prepared by the Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture. APHIS-WS was a cooperating agency in the preparation of the EIS.