

§ 228.116 Information collection requirements.

(a) *Sections containing information requirements.* The following sections of this subpart contain information requirements as defined in 5 CFR part 1320 and have been approved for use by the Office of Management and Budget:

(1) Section 228.104(a) Requests to Modify, Waive, or Grant Exceptions to Leasing Stipulations;

(2) Section 228.106 (a), (c), and (d) Submission of Surface Use Plan of Operations;

(3) Section 228.109(c) Request for Reduction in Reclamation Liability after Reclamation;

(4) Section 228.111(a) Notice of Temporary Cessation of Operations;

(5) Section 228.113(a)(2) Extension of Deadline in Notice of Noncompliance; and

(6) Section 228.114 (c) through (i) Material Noncompliance Proceedings.

(b) *OMB control number.* The information requirements listed in paragraph (a) of this section have been assigned OMB Control No. 0596-0101.

(c) *Average estimated burden hours.* (1) The average burden hours per response are estimated to be:

(i) 5 minutes for the information requirements in §228.104(a) of this subpart;

(ii) No additional burden hours required to meet the information requirements in §228.106 (a), (c), and (d) of this subpart;

(iii) 10 minutes for the information requirements in §228.109(c) of this subpart;

(iv) 10 minutes for the information requirements in §228.111(a) of this subpart;

(v) 5 minutes for the information requirements in §228.113(a)(2) of this subpart; and

(vi) 2 hours for the information requirements in §228.114 (c) through (i) of this subpart.

(2) Send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to Chief (2800), Forest Service, USDA, P.O. Box 96090, Washington, DC 20090-6090 and to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of

Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503.

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Subpart A—Stewardship Incentive Program

§ 230.1 Purpose and scope.

(a) The regulations in this subpart govern the operation of the Stewardship Incentive Program as provided in section 6 of the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act, as amended by title XII of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 (16 U.S.C. 2101, *et seq.*). This subpart sets forth the rules and procedures by which the Stewardship Incentive Program will be administered by the Forest Service to establish forest stewardship practices on nonindustrial private forest land.

(b) The cost-share assistance provided under the Stewardship Incentive Program shall complement rather than replace or duplicate the existing Agricultural Conservation Program and Forestry Incentives Program. Tree planting and improvement and other State priorities for program activities and practices funded under the Stewardship Incentive Program shall be designed to provide multiple resource benefits not available through other cost-share programs.

§ 230.2 Definitions.

As used in this subpart, the following terms shall mean:

Act means the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act as amended (16 U.S.C. 2101, *et seq.*).

Assignee means any person, corporation, government agency, or other legal entity to whom a landowner transfers legal rights to receive all or part of federal cost-share payments.

Chief means the Chief of the Forest Service.

Committee means the State Forest Stewardship Coordinating Committee established pursuant to section 19(b)(1) of the Act.

Fiscal year means the fiscal year of the United States Government which is October 1 through September 30.

Landowner means any private individual, group, association, corporation, Indian tribe or other native group, or other private legal entity, excluding corporations whose stocks are publicly traded or legal entities principally engaged in the production of wood products.

Nonindustrial private forest land means rural lands with existing tree cover or which are suitable for growing trees and owned by any landowner as defined in this subpart.

Practice means a stewardship activity or conservation measure consistent with the landowner plan to accomplish the landowner's desired management objectives.

Program means the Stewardship Incentive Program.

Regional Forester means the Forest Service official charged with the administration of a Region of the National Forest System as described in 36 CFR 200.2, except that with reference to the States covered by the Eastern Region, such term shall mean the Area Director for States and Private Forestry, Northeastern Area (36 CFR 200.2);

Resource Management Professional means any person who is recognized by the State Forester as having the knowledge and skills to develop landowner plans for managing the biological, economic, and environmental interrelationship of forest resources and to identify appropriate activities to manage, protect, or enhance forest resources including, but not limited to, an employee of a State forestry agency, other State resource agency, the Soil Conservation Service, a consulting forester, or wildlife biologist.

Service Representative means a resource management professional designated by the State Forester to perform any or all of the following technical assistance functions: Review and approval of landowner plans, determination of need and feasibility of practices, establishment of site specific practice specifications, certification of completion of practices and performance of compliance checks pursuant to this subpart.

State means any one of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands of the United States, Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the North Marianas Islands, the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands and the Territories and possessions of the United States.

State Forester means the employee of a State responsible for administration