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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Agricultural Marketing Service

[Docket No. LS-99-008]

#### Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

**AGENCY:** Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), this notice announces the Agricultural Marketing Service's (AMS) intention to request an extension of a currently approved information collection used to compile and generate the livestock and meat market reports for the Livestock and Grain Market News Program.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before June 7, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Jimmy A. Beard; Assistant to the Chief; Livestock and Grain Market News Branch, Livestock and Seed Program, AMS-USDA, Room 2619 South Building, P.O. Box 96456, Washington, D.C. 20090.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jimmy A. Beard, (202) 720-1050.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Livestock and Meat Market Reports.

*OMB Number:* 0581-0154.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* 01-31-2000.

*Type of Request:* Extension of a currently approved information collection.

*Abstract:* The Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1621, *et seq.*) directs and authorizes the collection and dissemination of marketing information including adequate outlook information, on a market area basis, for the purpose of anticipating and meeting consumer requirements aiding in the

maintenance of farm income and to bring about a balance between production and utilization.

Under this market news program, USDA issues market news reports covering the livestock and meat trade, which includes a wide range of industry contacts, including packers, processors, producers, brokers, and retailers. These reports are compiled on a voluntary basis, in cooperation with the livestock and meat industry. The information provided by respondents initiates market news reporting, which must be timely, accurate, unbiased, and continuous if it is to be useful to the industry. The livestock and meat industry requested that USDA issue livestock and meat market reports in order to assist them in making immediate production and marketing decisions and as a guide in making sound marketing decisions. The industry uses the livestock and meat reports for assistance in making marketing and production decisions. Also, since the Government is a large purchaser of meat, the reporting and use of this data is helpful.

*Estimate of Burden:* Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated at .03 hours per response.

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit, individuals or households, farms, Federal Government.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 450.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 520.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 7,020 hours.

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 methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance 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 may be sent to: Jimmy A. Beard, Assistant to the Chief, Livestock

and Grain Market News Branch, Livestock and Seed Program, AMS-USDA, Room 2619 South Building, P.O. Box 96456, Washington, D.C. 20090-6456.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record, and will be made available at the address above, during regular business hours.

Dated: April 5, 1999.

**Barry L. Carpenter,**

*Deputy Administrator, Livestock and Seed Program.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Stimson ANILCA Access Easement, Colville National Forest, Pend Oreille County, WA

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

**SUMMARY:** The Forest Service, USDA, will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) on a site-specific proposal to grant an easement and authorize construction and reconstruction of specific roads across National Forest System (NFS) lands as requested by Stimson Lumber Company to access their lands. This request seeks legal access to approximately 2,480 acres in five separate sections of non-Federal land located within the Forest Boundary on the Sullivan Lake Ranger District. The proposed action is located approximately six miles south of Ione, Washington, within the LeClerc Creek watershed. The Proposed Action will be in compliance with the 1988 Colville National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan) as amended, which provides the overall guidance for management of this area. The Colville National Forest invites written comments and suggestions on the scope of the analysis. The agency gives notice of the full environmental analysis and decision making process so that interested and affected people may be able to participate and contribute in the final decision.