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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency

List of Warehouses and Availability of List of Cancellations and/or Terminations

AGENCY: Farm Service Agency, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of publication.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Farm Service Agency has published a list of warehouses licensed under the United States Warehouse Act (7 U.S.C. 241 *et. seq.*) as of December 31, 1998, as required by section 26 of that Act (7 U.S.C. 266). A list of cancellations or terminations that occurred during calendar year 1998 is also available. Interested persons may obtain a copy of either list from the person listed below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Judy Fry, Farm Service Agency, Warehouse and Inventory Division, U.S. Department of Agriculture, STOP 0553, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-0553; telephone 202-720-3822; e-mail requests may be sent: Judy__Fry@wdc.fsa.usda.gov.

Signed at Washington, DC, on April 7, 1999.

Parks Shackelford,

Acting Administrator, Farm Service Agency.
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Information Collection; Request for Comments; Grazing Permit Administration Forms

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Forest Service announces its intent to request extension of a previously

approved information collection. The Forest Service uses the collected information to administer grazing use on National Forest System lands. Information will be collected from individuals applying for a grazing permit or permittees holding a grazing permit.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing on or before June 18, 1999.

ADDRESSES: All comments should be addressed to: Director, Range Management, Forest Service, USDA, P.O. Box 96090, Washington, DC 20090-6090 or email to rge/wo@fs.fed.us.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ralph Giffen, Range Management Staff, (202) 205-1460.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA), as amended, requires the Forest Service to collect certain information from individuals, partnerships, corporations, associations, or other private entities applying for permits to graze livestock on National Forest System lands. The data collected is used by Forest Service officers in administering the range management grazing use program on National Forest System lands. There are different kinds of forms to address different kinds of circumstances. Fees are associated with some permits. Each form is described in this request for extension of Office of Management and Budget approval.

National Forms

Information collected on national forms is applicable in all Forest Service regions and includes, along with other information, such basic information as names and addresses of those who apply for a grazing permit or of those who already hold a grazing permit.

Description of Information Collection

The following describes the information collection to be extended:

Title: FS-2200-1; Refund, Credit, or Transfer Application.

OMB Number: 0596-0003.

Expiration Date of Approval: April 30, 1999.

Type of Request: Extension of a previously approved information collection.

Abstract: The permittee uses this form when applying for a refund, credit, or

transfer of the unused portion of the preceding season's grazing permit fees, which were collected by the Federal Government for use of National Forest System lands.

Estimate of Burden: 20 minutes.

Type of Respondents: Individuals applying for or holding a grazing permit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 600.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 200 hours.

Description of Information Collection

The following information describes the information collection to be extended:

Title: FS-2200-2; Application for Temporary Grazing Permit.

OMB Number: 0596-0003.

Expiration Date of Approval: April 30, 1999.

Type of Request: Extension of a previously approved information collection.

Abstract: This form is used to evaluate applicants applying for temporary grazing permits, which are issued for a specific grazing allotment, a specific number of head of livestock, a specific class of livestock, and a specific grazing period of time. The information collected on this form enables the agency to validate the ability of the applicant to meet the Federal Government's requirements to graze on National Forest System lands.

Estimate of Burden: 20 minutes.

Type of Respondents: Individuals applying for or holding a grazing permit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1000.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 350 hours.

Description of Information Collection

The following information describes the information collection to be extended:

Title: FS-2200-12; Waiver of Term grazing Permit.

OMB Number: 0596-0003.

Expiration Date of Approval: April 30, 1999.

Type of Request: Extension of a previously approved information collection.

Abstract: Information collected on this form enables the agency to cancel

a grazing permit on a specified allotment, to issue a subsequent grazing permit for that allotment, and to identify a purchaser of base property or permitted livestock as the preferred applicant for the subsequent grazing permit.

Estimate of Burden: 20 minutes.

Type of Respondents: Individuals applying for or holding a grazing permit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 750.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 250 hours.

Description of Information Collection

The following information describes the information collection to be extended:

Title: FS-2200-13; Escrow Waiver of Term Grazing Permit Privileges.

OMB Number: 0596-0003.

Expiration Date of Approval: April 30, 1999.

Type of Request: Extension of a previously approved information collection.

Abstract: The agency uses data collected on this form to identify a lien holder for permitted livestock or to identify base property of a current permittee, so if the current permittee defaults on a loan, the permit can be transferred to the lien holder.

Estimate of Burden: 20 minutes.

Type of Respondents: Individuals applying for or holding a grazing permit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 150.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 50 hours.

Description of Information Collection

The following information describes the information collection to be extended:

Title: FS-2200-15; Application and Permit for Livestock Use.

OMB Number: 0596-0003.

Expiration Date of Approval: April 30, 1999.

Type of Request: Extension of a previously approved information collection.

Abstract: Information collected on this form describes the specific grazing area for which the applicant requests a permit, the period of time the applicant plans to use the specific grazing area, and the number, kind, and class of livestock the applicant plans to graze on the area. This form also provides the basis for the fees the applicant must pay the Federal Government for the use of the land and enables the agency to

validate the ability of the applicant to meet the requirements to graze on National Forest System lands.

Estimate of Burden: 20 minutes.

Type of Respondents: Individuals applying for or holding a grazing permit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 750.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 250 hours.

Description of Information Collection

The following information describes the information collection to be extended:

Title: FS-2200-16; Application for Term Grazing Permit.

OMB Number: 0596-0003.

Expiration Date of Approval: April 30, 1999.

Type of Request: Extension of a previously approved information collection.

Abstract: The information collected on this form enables the agency to evaluate the applicant's ability to hold and properly adhere to term grazing permit for National Forest System lands, to issue a term grazing permit to an applicant, and to bill the applicant for fees due the Federal Government for a specific grazing allotment for specified dates of use, and for a specified number, kind, and class of livestock.

Estimate of Burden: 30 minutes.

Type of Respondents: Individuals applying for or holding a grazing permit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1800.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 900 hours.

Description of Information Collection

The following information describes the information collection to be extended:

Title: FS-2200-17; Application for Private Land Grazing Permit.

OMB Number: 0596-0003.

Expiration Date of Approval: April 30, 1999.

Type of Request: Extension of a previously approved information collection.

Abstract: The information collected on this form enables the agency to evaluate whether private lands can be appropriately administered by the agency for grazing use in conjunction with administration of grazing use on National Forest System lands. The data is necessary for the issuance of a term private land grazing permit and the proper coordination of grazing on adjacent National Forest System lands.

Estimate of Burden: 20 minutes.

Type of Respondents: Individuals applying for or holding a grazing permit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 150.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 50 hours.

Regional Forms

Regional forms are applicable only to the specific Forest Service region identified on the form. The information on the regional forms supplements data on the national forms, such as assigning grazing privileges to permittees having a corporate or partnership interest in the grazing permit and identifying the portion of interest an entity has in the corporation or partnership.

Description of Information Collection

The following information describes the information collection to be extended:

Title: R1-FS-2200-5; Statement of Corporation or Partnership Interest in Grazing Permit.

OMB Number: 0596-0003.

Expiration Date of Approval: April 30, 1999.

Type of Request: Extension of a previously approved information collection.

Abstract: The data collected on this form enables the agency to issue grazing permits and assign grazing privileges to permittees having a corporate or partnership interest in the grazing permit. The information identifies the portion of interest an entity has in the corporation or partnership holding the grazing permit.

Estimate of Burden: 20 minutes.

Type of Respondents: Individuals applying for or holding a grazing permit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 300.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 100 hours.

Description of Information Collection

The following information describes the information collection to be extended:

Title: R2-2200-6; Ownership Statement by Corporation or Partnership.

OMB Number: 0596-0003.

Expiration Date of Approval: April 30, 1999.

Type of Request: Extension of a previously approved information collection.

Abstract: The data collected on this form enables the agency to issue term

grazing permits and assign grazing privileges to permittees having a corporate or partnership interest in the grazing permit. The information identifies the portion of the interest an entity has in the corporation or partnership holding the grazing permit.

Estimate of Burden: 20 minutes.

Type of Respondents: Individuals applying for or holding a grazing permit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 300.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 100 hours.

Description of Information Collection

The following information describes the information collection to be extended:

Title: R3-FS-2200-1; Annual Validation of Term Grazing Permit.

OMB Number: 0596-0003.

Expiration Date of Approval: April 30, 1999.

Type of Request: Extension of a previously approved information collection.

Abstract: The data is necessary for annual confirmation that the permittee intends to use the grazing permit and the extent to which they plan to use it. It also can be used as a request for changes to a grazing permit. Information collected on this form enables the agency to bill for fees due the Federal Government and to recommend and approve changes from the current year's permitted use.

Estimate of Burden: 30 minutes.

Type of Respondents: Permittees holding a grazing permit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1000.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 500 hours.

Description of Information Collection

The following information describes the information collection to be extended:

Title: R8-2200-23; Application for Validation of Term Grazing Permit.

OMB Number: 0596-0003.

Expiration Date of Approval: April 30, 1999.

Type of Request: Extension of a previously approved information collection.

Abstract: The data is necessary for the annual confirmation the permittee intends to use the grazing permit and the extent to which they plan to use it. It also can be used as a request for changes to a grazing permit. Information collected on this form enables the

agency to bill for fees due the Federal Government and to recommend and approve changes from the current year's permitted use.

Estimate of Burden: 30 minutes.

Type of Respondents: Permittees holding a grazing permit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 400.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 200 hours.

Comments Are Invited

The agency invites comments on the following: (a) 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; (b) 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; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Use of Comments

All comments received in response to this notice, including name and address when provided, will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: April 14, 1999.

Robert Lewis, Jr.,

Deputy Chief, Research.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Cannon/Mittersill Land Exchange; White Mountain National Forest, Grafton County, NH

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

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

SUMMARY: The USDA—Forest Service will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for a proposed land exchange between the State of New Hampshire and the Forest Service. The State would acquire approximately 160

acres of National Forest System land near the top of the former Mittersill Ski Area. In exchange, the State would give to the Forest Service a portion of the Second Presidential Tract, located about 5 miles south of Cannon Mountain in the town of Lincoln. In addition, the State desires a Special Use Permit for the operation and maintenance of the Tucker Brook Trail, within its existing footprint. No additional access or ski lifts are proposed for this trail.

The Mittersill parcel proposed for exchange is composed largely of land designated by the Forest Service as Management Areas (MAs) 7.1 and 9.2 (approximately 52 and 132 acres, respectively). MA 7.1 is managed for the development of alpine ski terrain and associated year-round recreation while MA 9.2 is land that is reserved for future ski area expansion. Both management areas have been used for skiing since the early 1930's. Approximately 6 acres of the proposed Mittersill exchange parcel is designated as MA 6.2, which is managed for semi-primitive, non-motorized recreation. This small piece of MA 6.2 is included in the proposed exchange to fulfill a Forest Plan land adjustment objective of achieving "more efficient land ownership patterns".

The Second Presidential Tract was acquired by the State of New Hampshire Department of Transportation to facilitate the extension of I-93 through Franconia Notch. The original acquisition contained about 1,665 acres and was part of a much larger tract, the rest of which (4,565 acres) was previously transferred to the United States of America for addition to the WMNF. Approximately 346 acres of the northern portion of the Second Presidential Tract was transferred to the Department of Resources and Economic Development and incorporated into Franconia Notch State Park to compensate for land taken from the park for construction of the Franconia Notch Parkway. An additional 159 acres was utilized by the Department of Transportation for the I-93 right-of-way. The remaining 1,160 acres are available for consideration in the land exchange.

Portions of the state-owned Second Presidential Tract were recommended for possible Forest Service acquisition in the 1986 WMNF Plan. This tract contains significant natural resources including Georgiana Falls, several significant wetlands and relatively mature hard- and softwood forests. The parcel also serves as the visual foreground for the Blue Ridge-Mount Kinsman Area of the Forest which includes a significant portion of the Appalachian Trail. Although owned by the State of New Hampshire, the Second