

that have been established for the particular product.

*Description of the Respondents:* Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions.

*Number of Respondents:* 60.

*Frequency of Responses:* Reporting: On occasion.

*Total Burden Hours:* 2020.

#### **Forest Service**

*Title:* Urgent Removal of Timber.

*OMB Control Number:* 0596-0167.

*Summary of Collection:* Periodically, catastrophic events such as severe drought conditions, insect and disease outbreaks, wildfires, floods, and wind throw occur on forested lands within, or near, National Forest System lands. As a result of such catastrophic events, substantial amounts of private and other public timber may be severely damaged. The damaged timber must be harvested within a relatively short time period to avoid substantial losses in both the quantity and quality of the timber due to deterioration. The critical time period available for harvesting this damaged timber and avoiding substantial deterioration varies with the season of the year, the species of timber, the damaging agent, and the location of the damaged timber. The National Forest Management Act of 1976 (16 U.S.C. 472a) provides that timber sale contracts with an original term of 2 years or more may not be extended unless there is a finding that substantial overriding public interest justifies an extension.

*Need and Use of the Information:* The Forest Service (FS) will collect information to verify that: (a) A specific catastrophe occurred and identifies the particular geographic area which was affected for which urgent removal extensions may be granted; (b) there is a high risk that substantial timber quantities or values of the damaged non-National Forest System timber in the affected geographic area would deteriorate unless urgently removed; (c) the manufacturing facilities and/or logging equipment capacity available to purchasers are insufficient to provide for both the rapid harvest of damaged non-National Forest System timber in need of urgent removal and the continued harvest of undamaged National Forest System timber under contract with the FS; (d) failure to harvest the damaged non-National Forest System timber promptly may result in significant public or private resource loss, pose a threat to public safety, or create a threat of an insect and/or disease epidemic to National Forest System, other public, or private lands or resources.

*Description of Respondents:* Business or other for-profit; Individuals or households; Federal Government; State, Local or Tribal Government.

*Number of Respondents:* 25.

*Frequency of Responses:* Reporting: On occasion.

*Total Burden Hours:* 50.

#### **Rural Business Service**

*Title:* 7 CFR 4287-B, "Servicing Business and Industry Guaranteed Loans.

*OMB Control Number:* 0570-0016.

*Summary of Collection:* The Business and Industry (B&I) program was legislated in 1972 under section 310B of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, as amended (the Act). The purpose of the B&I program, as authorized by the Act, is to improve economic and environmental climate in rural communities, including pollution abatement and control. This purpose is achieved through bolstering the existing private credit structure through the guaranteeing of quality loans, which will provide lasting community benefits. The B&I program is administered by the Rural Business Service (RBS) through Rural Development State and sub-State offices serving each State. RBS will collect information using various forms from the lender and the borrower. This information is vital for making prudent financial decisions.

*Need and Use of the Information:* RBS will collect information to monitor the guaranteed loan portfolio to ensure that the lenders are adequately servicing the loans. RBS through its respective Business Programs Divisions in Washington, DC and its 47 State Offices throughout the United States will be the primary users of the information collected. If the information is not collected, RBS would not be able to make prudent credit decisions nor would the Agency be able to effectively monitor the lender's servicing activities and thus minimize losses under the program.

*Description of Respondents:* Business or other for-profit; State, Local or Tribal Government.

*Number of Respondents:* 12,430.

*Frequency of Responses:* Reporting: On occasion; Quarterly; Annually.

*Total Burden Hours:* 16,860.

#### **Rural Business Service**

*Title:* 7 CFR 4279-B, Guaranteed Loan Making—Business and Industry Loans.

*OMB Control Number:* 0570-0017.

*Summary of Collection:* The Business and Industry (B&I) program was legislated in 1972 under section 310B of the Consolidated Farm and Rural

Development Act, as amended. The purpose of the program is to improve, develop, or finance businesses, industries, and employment and improve the economic and environmental climate in rural communities. This purpose is achieved through bolstering the existing private credit structure through the guaranteeing of quality loans made by lending institutions, thereby providing lasting community benefits. The B&I program is administered by the Rural Business Service (RBS) through Rural Development State and sub-State offices serving each State.

*Need and Use of the Information:* RBS will collect information to determine a lender and borrower eligibility and creditworthiness. The information is used by RBS loan officers and approval officials to determine program eligibility and for program monitoring.

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

*Number of Respondents:* 8,544.

*Frequency of Responses:* Reporting: On occasion.

*Total Burden Hours:* 20,561.

#### **Rural Business Service (RBS)**

*Title:* 7 CFR 4279-A, Guaranteed Loanmaking General.

*OMB Control Number:* 0570-0018.

*Summary of Collection:* The Business and Industry (B&I) program was legislated in 1972 under Section 310B of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, as amended. The purpose of the program is to improve, develop, or finance businesses, industries, and employment and improve the economic and environmental climate in rural communities. This purpose is achieved through bolstering the existing private credit structure through the guaranteeing of quality loans made by lending institutions, thereby providing lasting community benefits. The B&I program is administered by the RBS through Rural Development State and sub-State offices serving each state.

*Need and Use of the Information:* RBS will collect information to determine eligibility and credit worthiness for a lender or borrower. The information is used by Agency loan officers and approval officials to determine lender program eligibility and for program monitoring.

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

*Number of Respondents:* 1,037.