

Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) to monitor their compliance with Program requirements relative to the Quality Control Review System. FNS will collect information using forms FNS-245 Negative Case Action Review Schedule and FNS-248 Status of Sample Selection and Completion.

**Need and Use of the Information:** FNS will collect information to record data in negative case reviews. FNS will also measure program operations and determination of a State's eligibility for enhanced administrative funding and to monitor the progress of sample selection and completion. If the information were not collected, it would delay the awarding of monetary incentives in which the negative error rate played a role.

**Description of Respondents:** State, Local, or Tribal Government; Federal Government; Individuals or households.

**Number of Respondents:** 53.

**Frequency of Responses:**

Recordkeeping; Reporting: Weekly; Monthly; Annually.

**Total Burden Hours:** 123,374.

#### Food and Nutrition Service

**Title:** USDA National Hunger Clearinghouse Database Form.

**OMB Control Number:** 0584-0474.

**Summary of Collection:** The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) is interested in maintaining and further developing an information clearinghouse (named "USDA National Hunger Clearinghouse") for groups that assist low-income individuals and communities concerning nutrition assistance programs or other assistance. Section 26 of the National School Lunch Act, which was added to the Act by Section 123 Pub. L. 102-448 on November 2, 1994 (Appendix A), mandated that FNS enter into a 4 year contract with a non governmental organization to develop and maintain a national information clearinghouse of grassroots organizations working on hunger, food, nutrition, and other agricultural issues, including food recovery. This legislation was further amended on October 13, 1998 by section 112 of Pub. L. 105-336 to extend and increase funding for the clearinghouse (for fiscal years 1999 through 2003). The USDA National Hunger Clearinghouse uses state-of-the art computer and telecommunications technologies to connect the target audience, sharing information on effective program models, pending legislation and rule makings, surplus and emergency food distribution networks, and USDA programs and policies.

**Need and Use of the Information:** FNS will collect information to provide a

resource for groups that assist low-income individuals or communities regarding nutrition assistance program or other assistance. The information provided by the Clearinghouse database enables these groups to do a better job of assisting the target audience.

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

**Number of Respondents:** 1,750.

**Frequency of Responses:** Reporting: Annually.

**Total Burden Hours:** 146.

#### Forest Service

**Title:** Public land use and Values.

**OMB Control Number:** 0596-New.

**Summary of Collection:** As part of a continuing research effort to develop and evaluate alternative approaches and methods for obtaining and incorporating public input into land and resource management decision, this information collection will focus mainly on people and their use of public lands. The information collection will include three aspects of public preferences, which are: (1) Objectives (comprised of values and desired outcomes) and preferences related to public land and management, (2) land attributes and people's behaviors and perceived consequences that can be linked to policy and management alternatives (in particular, measurable indicators of changes caused or prevented by policy and management actions), (3) identification of how people evaluate measured indicators of policy and management outcomes and consequences. The Forest Service (FS) will collect information using a survey that will be administered primarily by mail, some telephone contact and some in-person contact.

**Need and Use of the Information:** The information collected will also help managers and planners broaden and deepen their understanding of the public perceptions of various land management practices and impacts of those practices. Without the information reliable data would not be available on how the public feels about various management policies and means for accomplishing those policies on public lands.

**Description of Respondents:** Individuals or households.

**Number of Respondents:** 8,000.

**Frequency of Responses:** Reporting: On occasion.

**Total Burden Hours:** 4,000.

#### Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyard Administration

**Title:** Survey of Customers of the Official Grain Inspection and Weighing System.

**OMB Control Number:** 0580-0018.

**Summary of Collection:** The United States Grain Standards Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 71-87) (USGSA), and the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1621-1627) (AMA), authorizes the Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture to establish official inspection, grading, and weighing programs for grains and other agricultural commodities. Under the USGSA and AMA, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyard Administration (GIPSA's) Federal Grain Inspection Service (FGIS) offers inspecting, weighing, grading, quality assurance, and certification services for a user-fee to facilitate the efficient marketing of grain, oilseeds, rice, lentils, dry peas, edible beans, and related agricultural commodities in the global marketplace. The goal of FGIS and the official inspection, grading, and weighing system is to provide timely, high-quality, accurate, consistent, and professional service that facilitates the orderly marketing of grain and related commodities.

**Need and Use of the Information:** FGIS will collect information using a survey to determine where and to what extent services are satisfactory, and can be improved. The information will be shared with other managers and program leaders who will be responsible for making any necessary improvements at the office/agency, program, and project level.

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

**Number of Respondents:** 1,874.

**Frequency of Responses:** Reporting: Annually.

**Total Burden Hours:** 313.

#### Rural Utilities Service

**Title:** 7 CFR 1744-C, Advance and Disbursement of Funds—Telecommunications.

**OMB Control Number:** 0572-0023.

**Summary of Collection:** Section 201 of the Rural Electrification Act (RE Act) of 1936 authorizes the Administrator of the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) to make loans for the purpose of providing telephone service to the widest practicable number of rural subscribers. A borrower requesting loan advances must submit RUS Form 481, "Financial Requirement Statement" and a description of the advances. A borrower must submit upon request copies of backup documentation relating to the transactions. The information is used to determine what projects the contracts listed on the form relate to. Within a reasonable amount of time, funds are advanced to the borrower for the