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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

April 4, 2019

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments are requested regarding (1) whether the 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 burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the 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 through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments regarding this information collection received by **[INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*]** will be considered.

Written comments should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), New Executive Office Building, 725 – 17th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20502. Commenters are encouraged to submit their comments to OMB via email to: OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV or fax (202) 395-5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, D.C. 20250-7602. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-8958.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

TITLE: National Management Information System (Wildlife Service)

OMB CONTROL NUMBER: 0579-0335

SUMMARY OF COLLECTION: The Secretary of Agriculture is authorized under 7 U.S.C. 8351-8354 to take actions considered necessary for the control of nuisance mammals and birds, and mammal and bird species that are reservoirs for zoonotic diseases. These populations, if left unmanaged, may cause tremendous economic damage to crops, livestock herds, and private property within the United States. The Wildlife Services (WS) program of the United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service is responsible for assisting the public with managing damage caused by wildlife. WS provides advice or enters into agreements for its services. Through its technical assistance approach, WS offers advice through telephone or onsite consultations, training sessions, demonstration projects, and other means. Mitigation activities are then performed by the requester. Through its direct control approach, goods, services, and expertise are provided with appropriated and cooperative funds.

NEED AND USE OF THE INFORMATION: WS collects only information needed to determine appropriate courses of action for providing effective wildlife damage management services. Information

is used by the agency to identify and differentiate between cooperators (i.e., property owners, land managers, or resource owners) who request assistance, and to identify land areas on which management activities would be conducted. Information is also collected to identify the relationship between resources or property, WS' protection of such resources or property, the damage caused by wildlife, and the management methods or activities required to mitigate the damage. Records are maintained of cooperative service agreements and Work Initiation Documents documenting permissions to access cooperator property, wildlife damage occurrences on cooperator property and allowable methods to address wildlife damage, and occurrences which may have affected non-target species or humans during, or related to, WS project actions. Finally, information is used to help WS evaluate, modify, and improve its programs.

DESCRIPTION OF RESPONDENTS: State and local jurisdictions, Tribes, public and private agencies, organizations, institutions, and individuals.

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS: 98,926

FREQUENCY OF RESPONSES: Reporting: On occasion

TOTAL BURDEN HOURS: 5,618

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