Requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 & Overview of OMB Process Requirements for Review & Approval of Federal Surveys

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Paperwork Reduction Act - Purposes

- Minimize the paperwork burden ... resulting from the collection of information by or for the Federal Government;
- Ensure the greatest possible public benefit from and maximize the utility of information created, collected, maintained, used, shared and disseminated by or for the Federal Government;
- Improve the quality and use of Federal information to strengthen decisionmaking, accountability, and openness in Government and society;
- 44 U.S.C. § 3501
Key Points

• Collection of information from the public by federal agency
• Develop package for submission
• Process to move package forward
• Opportunities for public comment and other review
• OMB review and approval
Package and Process

1. 60-day Federal Register Notice soliciting public comment

2. Package
   • Supporting statement A
   • Supporting statement B
   • Data collection instrument
   • Burden hour worksheet

3. Forest Service and Departmental Review
   • Several levels of review

4. 30-day Federal Register Notice and submission to OMB
Public Comment and Reviews

- 60-day and 30-day opportunity announced by FRN
- Statistical and methodological input
- Internal to Forest Service
- National Agricultural Statistics Service
- USDA
- OMB review and approval
Thank you!

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