

**SUPPORTING STATEMENT
Form T (Timber)
OMB #1545-0007**

1. CIRCUMSTANCES NECESSITATING COLLECTION OF INFORMATION

Form T (Timber), (Forest Activities Schedule), is filed on an annual basis. Individuals file Form T to report income and deductions from the operation of a timber business.

2. USE OF DATA

The IRS uses Form T to determine if the correct amount of income is reported. The IRS also uses Form T to determine if the proper amount of deductions are claimed.

3. USE OF IMPROVED INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY TO REDUCE BURDEN

Form T is available for electronic filing.

4. EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY DUPLICATION

We have attempted to eliminate duplication within the agency wherever possible.

5. METHODS TO MINIMIZE BURDEN ON SMALL BUSINESSES OR OTHER SMALL ENTITIES

In the future, steps will be pursued to simplify the form, ensuring less time for the forms completion.

6. CONSEQUENCES OF LESS FREQUENT COLLECTION ON FEDERAL PROGRAMS OR POLICY ACTIVITIES

Consequences of less frequent collections would result in these programs and policy activities possibly becoming underfunded.

7. SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRING DATA COLLECTION TO BE INCONSISTENT WITH GUIDELINES IN 5 CFR 1320.5(d)(2)

There are no special circumstances requiring data collection to be inconsistent with guidelines in 5 CFR 1320.5(d)(2).

8. CONSULTATION WITH INDIVIDUALS OUTSIDE OF THE AGENCY ON AVAILABILITY OF DATA, FREQUENCY OF COLLECTION, CLARITY OF INSTRUCTIONS AND FORMS, AND DATA ELEMENTS

In response to the **Federal Register Notice** dated July 6, 2016, (81 F.R. 44092), we received no comments during the comment period regarding Form T.

9. EXPLANATION OF DECISION TO PROVIDE ANY PAYMENT OR GIFT TO RESPONDENTS

No payment or gift has been provided to any respondents.

10. ASSURANCE OF CONFIDENTIALITY OF RESPONSES

Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential as required by 26 USC 6103.

11. JUSTIFICATION OF SENSITIVE QUESTIONS

No personally identifiable information (PII) is collected.

12. ESTIMATED BURDEN OF INFORMATION COLLECTION

<u>Form</u>	<u>No. of</u>	<u>Time per Responses</u>	<u>Response</u>
		<u>Total hours</u>	
Form T			1
			2
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			6
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The following regulations impose no additional burden.

Please continue to assign OMB number 1545-0007 to these regulations:

Recordkeeping:	1.611-3(h)	12,333 x 36	443,988
Reporting:	1.631-1, -2(c)	12,333 x .18	2,220
			446,208

The taxpayer must retain records sufficient to substantiate the right of the taxpayer to claim the deduction, including a map, where necessary, to show clearly timber and land acquired, timber cut, and timber and land sold for as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law.

13. ESTIMATED TOTAL ANNUAL COST BURDEN TO RESPONDENTS

There are no annual start-up costs associated with this collection.

14. ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The primary cost to the government consists of the cost of printing the form. We estimate the cost of printing the form is \$2,071.

15. REASONS FOR CHANGE IN BURDEN

There are no changes being made to Form T at this time.
We are making this submission to renew the OMB approval.

16. PLANS FOR TABULATION, STATISTICAL ANALYSIS AND PUBLICATION

There are no plans for tabulation, statistical analysis and publication.

17. REASONS WHY DISPLAYING THE OMB EXPIRATION DATE IS INAPPROPRIATE

We believe that displaying the OMB expiration date is inappropriate because it could cause confusion by leading taxpayers to erroneously believe that the relief provided in the notice expires as of the expiration date.

18. EXCEPTIONS TO THE CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

There are no exceptions to the certification statement.

Note: The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information in this submission:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.