

Justification for a Non-Substantive Change Request

0596-0217: Federal and Non-Federal Financial Assistance Instruments

Information Collection

USDA Forest Service is requesting a non-substantive change for information collection 0596-0217: Federal and Non-Federal Financial Assistance Instruments . We are requesting approval to combine 0596-0250 / Grant or Agreement Award Face Sheet to 0596-0217 information collection. The face sheet was created as an emergency through USDA publishing a Federal Register Notice on August 10, 2021, to ensure the Paperwork Reduction Act instrument was usable, which stated: The 2018 Farm Bill expanded the ability for tribes to enter into agreements with the Forest Service to manage programs implementing the Tribal Forest Protection Act (“638 agreements,” pursuant to the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (Pub. L. 93-638). The proposed information collection approves the use of a new form needed to execute these agreements. In conjunction with the Intertribal Timber Council, the Forest Service assessed the status of development of demonstration project agreements under this important new authority and anticipates the need to evaluate and execute numerous projects in the near future. It is critical that the agency be able to support these important economic development projects in a timely fashion. If approved for emergency use, this form will be combined with 0596-0217 at the time of renewal (expiration date is 02/2023). We are seeking to combine 0596-0250 into 0596-0217 information collection and include 50 burden hours and 50 respondents.