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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Consumer Service

Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC): Poverty Income Guidelines

AGENCY: Food and Consumer Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department announces adjusted poverty income guidelines to be used by State agencies in determining the income eligibility of persons applying to participate in the Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC Program). These poverty income guidelines are to be used in conjunction with the WIC Regulations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 1995.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Barbara Hallman, Branch Chief, Policy and Program Development Branch, Supplemental Food Programs Division, FCS, USDA, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, Virginia 22302, (703) 305-2730.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Regulatory Flexibility Act

This action is not a rule as defined by the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601-612) and thus is exempt from the provisions of this Act.

Paperwork Reduction Act

This notice does not contain reporting or recordkeeping requirements subject to approval by the Office of Management and Budget in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980 (44 U.S.C. 3507).

Executive Order 12372

This program is listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Programs under No. 10.557 and is subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372, which requires intergovernmental consultation with State and local officials (7 CFR Part 3015, Subpart V, 48 FR 29112).

Description

Section 17(d)(2)(A) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786 (d)(2)(A)) requires the Secretary to establish income criteria to be used with nutritional risk criteria in determining a person's eligibility for participation in the WIC Program. The law provides that persons will be eligible for the WIC Program only if they are members of families that satisfy the income standard prescribed for reduced price school meals under section 9(b) of the National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1758(b)). Under section 9(b), the income limit for reduced price school meals is 185 percent of the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines, as adjusted.

Section 9(b) also requires that these guidelines be revised annually to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index. The annual revision for 1995 was published by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) in the **Federal Register** on February 9, 1995 at 60 FR 7772. The guidelines published by DHHS are referred to as the poverty income guidelines.

Section 246.7(c)(1) of the WIC regulations specifies that State agencies may prescribe income guidelines either equaling the income guidelines

established under section 9(b) of the National School Lunch Act for reduced price school meals or identical to State or local guidelines for free or reduced price health care. However, in conforming WIC income guidelines to State or local health care guidelines, the State cannot establish WIC guidelines which exceed the guidelines established under section 9(b) of the National School Lunch Act for reduced price school meals, or which are less than 100 percent of the Federal poverty income guidelines. Consistent with the method used to compute eligibility guidelines for reduced price meals under the National School Lunch Program, the poverty income guidelines were multiplied by 1.85 and the results rounded upward to the next whole dollar.

At this time the Department is publishing the maximum and minimum WIC poverty income limits by household size for the period July 1, 1995 through June 30, 1996. Consistent with Section 17(f)(18) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786(f)(18)), a State agency may implement the revised WIC income eligibility guidelines concurrently with the implementation of income eligibility guidelines under the Medicaid program established under title XIX of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396 et seq.). State agencies that do not coordinate implementation with the revised Medicaid guidelines must implement the WIC income eligibility guidelines July 1, 1995. The first table of this notice contains the income limits by household size for the 48 contiguous States, the District of Columbia and all Territories, including Guam. Because the poverty income guidelines for Alaska and Hawaii are higher than for the 48 contiguous States, separate tables for Alaska and Hawaii have been included for the convenience of the State agencies.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1995-JUNE 30, 1996

Family size	Annual poverty income guidelines (PIG)	Annual FNS income guidelines for reduced-price lunches (185% of PIG)
48 States, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, and Territories, including Guam:		
1	7,470	13,820
2	10,030	18,556

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1995—JUNE 30, 1996—Continued

Family size	Annual poverty income guidelines (PIG)	Annual FNS income guidelines for reduced-price lunches (185% of PIG)
3	12,590	23,292
4	15,150	28,028
5	17,710	32,764
6	20,270	37,500
7	22,830	42,236
8	25,390	46,972
For each additional family member add	2,560	4,736
Alaska:		
1	9,340	17,279
2	12,540	23,199
3	15,740	29,119
4	18,940	35,039
5	22,140	40,959
6	25,340	46,879
7	28,540	52,799
8	31,740	58,719
For each additional family member add	3,200	5,920
Hawaii:		
1	8,610	15,929
2	11,550	21,368
3	14,490	26,807
4	17,430	32,246
5	20,370	37,685
6	23,310	43,124
7	26,250	48,563
8	29,190	54,002
For each additional family member add	2,940	5,439

Dated: March 3, 1995.

William E. Ludwig,
Administrator.

INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES
[Effective from July 1, 1995 to June 30, 1996]

Household size	Federal poverty guidelines			Reduced price meals—185%			Free meals—130%		
	Annual	Month	Week	Annual	Month	Week	Annual	Month	Week
48 contiguous United States, District of Columbia, Guam and Territories:									
1	7,470	623	144	13,820	1,152	266	9,711	810	187
2	10,030	836	193	18,556	1,547	357	13,039	1,087	251
3	12,590	1,050	243	23,292	1,941	448	16,367	1,364	315
4	15,150	1,263	292	28,028	2,336	539	19,695	1,642	379
5	17,710	1,476	341	32,764	2,731	631	23,023	1,919	443
6	20,270	1,690	390	37,500	3,125	722	26,351	2,196	507
7	22,830	1,903	440	42,236	3,520	813	29,679	2,474	571
8	25,390	2,116	489	46,972	3,915	904	33,007	2,751	635
For each add'l family member add	+2,560	+214	+50	+4,736	+395	+92	+3,328	+278	+64
Alaska:									
1	9,340	779	180	17,279	1,440	333	12,142	1,012	234
2	12,540	1,045	242	23,199	1,934	447	16,302	1,359	314
3	15,740	1,312	303	29,119	2,427	560	20,462	1,706	394
4	18,940	1,579	365	35,039	2,920	674	24,622	2,052	474
5	22,140	1,845	426	40,959	3,414	788	28,782	2,399	554
6	25,340	2,112	488	46,879	3,907	902	32,942	2,746	634
7	28,540	2,379	549	52,799	4,400	1,016	37,102	3,092	714
8	31,740	2,645	611	58,719	4,894	1,130	41,262	3,439	794
For each add'l family member add	+3,200	+267	+62	+5,920	+494	+114	+4,160	+347	+80
Hawaii:									
1	8,610	718	166	15,929	1,328	307	11,193	933	216
2	11,550	963	223	21,368	1,781	411	15,015	1,252	289
3	14,490	1,208	279	26,807	2,234	516	18,837	1,570	363

INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES—Continued

[Effective from July 1, 1995 to June 30, 1996]

Household size	Federal poverty guidelines			Reduced price meals—185%			Free meals—130%		
	Annual	Month	Week	Annual	Month	Week	Annual	Month	Week
4	17,430	1,453	336	32,246	2,688	621	22,659	1,889	436
5	20,370	1,698	392	37,685	3,141	725	26,481	2,207	510
6	23,310	1,943	449	43,124	3,594	830	30,303	2,526	583
7	26,250	2,188	505	48,563	4,047	934	34,125	2,844	657
8	29,190	2,433	562	54,002	4,501	1,039	37,947	3,163	730
For each add'l family member add	+2,940	+245	+57	+5,439	+454	+105	+3,822	+319	+74

* Increase of 2.36% over Income Eligibility Guidelines for the period of 7/1/94–6/30/95.

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Forest Service

Boppin Basin EIS; Kootenai National Forest; Lincoln County, Montana; Cancellation of Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Environmental impact statement cancellation notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Three Rivers Ranger District, Kootenai National Forest is withdrawing its plan to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Boppin Basin project. Project proposals within this area will be incorporated into the Fry-Zim Environmental Impact Statement for fire and insect mortality recovery.

The Notice of Intent, published in the **Federal Register** of January 14, 1994 is hereby rescinded (FR document is FR 94–916 Filed 1–13–94).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jack Zearfoss, Fry-Zim EIS Team Leader, Three Rivers Ranger District (406) 295–4693.

Dated: February 28, 1995.

Robert L. Schrenk,

Forest Supervisor, Kootenai National Forest.

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Fry-Zim EIS; Kootenai National Forest; Lincoln County, MT

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; intent to prepare environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: The Forest Service will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to analyze and disclose the environmental impacts of fire recovery and salvage activities. The project is located on the Three Rivers Ranger District, Kootenai National

Forest, Lincoln County, Montana, in the Northeast Yaak Physiographic Area located about 34 air miles northeast of Troy, Montana. Part of the proposed activities lie within an Inventoried Roadless Area (IRA), Mt. Henry # 666.

The Proposed Action was developed in response to the major fire events that burned over 2,200 acres in the Fish Lakes and Zimmerman Hill areas in August 1994, and mortality caused by mountain pine beetle infestations in Basin Creek Compartment #29. The proposal is to salvage timber, construct and reconstruct roads, reduce fuel concentrations, revegetate with trees/native shrubs/grasses, and obliterate roads. These actions are being considered together because they represent either connected or cumulative actions as defined by the Council on Environmental Quality (40 CFR 1508.25). The purpose of the Proposed Action's activities are to harvest fire- and insect-killed timber in a timely manner, manage road systems, reduce future potential for catastrophic fire, sustain site productivity, improve wildlife and riparian habitat (specifically for Threatened, Endangered, or Sensitive (TES) species), and accelerate watershed recovery.

Overall guidance of land management activities on the Kootenai National Forest, including timber harvest and road management, are regulated by the Kootenai National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan, September, 1987). The Proposed Action was developed using various principles of Ecosystem Management. In doing so, the post-fire conditions are characterized at a broad scale with consideration to natural processes that historically shaped this ecosystem. Based on this analysis we developed a Proposed Action that would require a Forest Plan amendment to allow timber harvest in Management Area 2 (semi-primitive, non-motorized recreation). In addition, some areas previously designated as old growth which, due to

the intensity of the fires no longer exhibit old growth characteristics, will be redesignated to other areas. Some of these burned areas will be harvested, meeting objectives of surrounding management areas.

DATES: Written comments should be received within 30 days following publication of this notice.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments and suggestions on the proposed management activities or a request to be placed on the project mailing list to Michael L. Balboni, District Ranger, Three Rivers Ranger District, Kootenai National Forest, 1437 North Highway 2, Troy, Montana 59935.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jack Zearfoss, Fry-Zim EIS Team Leader, Three Rivers Ranger District (406) 295–4693.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The timber salvage activities under consideration would occur within the 89,687 acre Northeast Yaak Physiographic Area. The general areas considered are the Fish Lakes, Windy Creek, and Basin Creek areas. Primary salvage activities would occur in two specific fire-affected areas: the Fish Fry Fire (1470 acres) located within all or portions of Sections 18 and 19, T36N, R30W, and Sections 11, 12, 13, 14, 23 and 24, T36N, R31W, PMM, Lincoln County, Montana; the Zimmerman Fire (733 acres) located within portions of Sections 3, and 4, T36N, R31W, and Sections 26 and 35, T37N, R31W, PMM, Lincoln County, Montana. Previous planning efforts (Boppin Basin Environmental Impact Statement) have identified other salvage opportunities outside of the fire-affected areas which have been incorporated into this proposal and are located within all or portions of Sections 20, 21, 22, 26, 27, 28, 29, 32, 33, and 34, T36N, R30W, PMM, Lincoln County, Montana.

Salvage harvest of dead and dying trees is proposed on 2536 acres of forested land within the two fire areas and the Basin Creek drainage.