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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Consumer Service

Collection Requirements Submitted for Public Comment: 7 CFR Part 246, Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC)

AGENCY: Food and Consumer Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Food and Consumer Service's (FCS) intention to request an extension for and revision to a currently approved information collection in support of the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC).

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by January 26, 1996, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Send comments regarding the accuracy of the burden estimate, ways to minimize the burden, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, or any other aspect of this collection of information to: Barbara Hallman, Branch Chief, Supplemental Food Programs Division, Food and Consumer Service, USDA, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 542, Alexandria, Virginia 22302.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Barbara Hallman, (703) 305-2730.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: (7 CFR Part 246), Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC).
OMB Number: 0584-0043.

Expiration Date of Approval: November 30, 1995.

Type of Request: Extension and revision of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: The purpose of the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) is to provide supplemental foods, nutrition education, and health care referrals to low income, nutritionally at risk pregnant, breastfeeding and postpartum women, infants, and children up to age 5. Currently, WIC operates through State health departments in 50 States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, America Samoa and the Virgin Islands. Additionally, 32 Indian tribal bands and organizations serve as State agencies.

This information collection is for the reporting and recordkeeping burdens associated with the WIC Program regulations. This request is being made to extend the current information collection for an additional three years. The information reporting and recordkeeping burdens are necessary to ensure appropriate and efficient management of the WIC Program.

State Plans are the principal source of information about how each State agency WIC Program operates. Local agency applications and vendor agreements are necessary to delineate responsibility, and ensure the accountability of State agencies, local agencies, and vendors. Certification data provide the basis for determining the eligibility of program applicants. Local agency nutrition education plans facilitate the provision of quality nutrition education by local agencies and allows FCS and the State agency to assess the quality and quantity of nutrition education provided to participants. The vendor monitoring report enables FCS to evaluate vendor trends and assess State agency efforts to control vendor fraud and abuse.

Documentation of participant and vendor complaints enables FCS and the State agency to identify problems at the local agency level. The requirements that the State agency: identify the disposition of food instruments; request approval for specified costs; justify the carry-over and backspending of funds; submit preliminary and final closeout reports; submit financial, participation, and food delivery reports to FCS; develop funding procedures for local agencies; report the status of participant claims, and request waivers for

development of alternate cost containment systems, ensure the accountability of Federal funds and promote efficient program management. The requirement for State agency corrective action plans ensures the problem areas of program management are rectified. Submission of information to FCS for the biennial report to Congress ensures FCS compliance with Federal law. The food delivery requirements assist in controlling vendor fraud and abuse and promoting the integrity of State agency food delivery systems.

The information collected is used by FCS to manage, plan, evaluate and account for Government resources. The reports and records are required to ensure the proper and judicious use of public funds.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .095 hours per response.

Respondents: The respondents are State and local governments, individuals or households, and businesses.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 7,045,927 respondents.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.71.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 1,151,971 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Cato Watson, Agency Information Collection Coordinator, Food and Consumer Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, Virginia 22302.

Dated: November 10, 1995.

William E. Ludwig,

Administrator, Food and Consumer Service.

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Forest Service

St. Joe Weed Control Project; Idaho Panhandle National Forests, Benewah, Shoshone and Latah Counties, Idaho

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: The USDA, Forest Service, will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) to disclose the potential environmental effects of noxious weed

treatment on the St. Joe Ranger District. Treatment sites would be located at various locations across the district and are within the St. Maries River, St. Joe River, and North Fork of the Clearwater River Ecosystems, St. Joe Ranger District, Idaho Panhandle National Forests, Benewah, Shoshone and Latah Counties, Idaho. Most treatment sites are located near or along forest roads, trails or developed recreation sites.

The proposed action to control populations of noxious and undesirable weeds on certain travel corridors and areas is designed to prevent the spread of these weeds and promote the retention and health of native and/or desirable plants within these ecosystems. The proposed action would use an integrated pest management approach to control weeds. This approach includes mechanical, biological, cultural and chemical control.

Over 28 established, new or potential species of weed will be considered for control. The major species considered for control include spotted knapweed (*Centaurea maculosa*), diffuse knapweed (*Centaurea diffusa*), orange hawkweed (*Hieracium aurantiacum*), meadow hawkweed (*Hieracium pratense*), purple loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*), dalmatian toadflax (*Linaria dalmatica*), sulfur cinquefoil (*Potentilla recta* L.), yellow starthistle (*Centaurea solstitialis*), hound's-tongue (*Cynoglossum officinale*) and common tansy (*Tanacetum vulgare*).

This project level EIS will tier to the Idaho Panhandle National Forests Weed Pest Management EIS, October 1989, the Idaho Panhandle National Forests Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan), September 1987, and the Final EIS Noxious Weed Management Projects, Bonners Ferry Ranger District, September 1995.

DATES: Written comments and suggestions should be received on or before January 11, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments and suggestions on the proposed management activities or request to be placed on project mailing list to Brad J. Gilbert, District Ranger, St. Joe Ranger District, P.O. Box 407, St. Maries, ID 83861.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary Laws, EIS Team Leader, St. Joe Ranger District, phone number 208-245-4517.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Weed control is proposed on 131 sites that have been identified on Joe Ranger District. These sites range in size from approximately 0.10 acre to 35 acres and total approximately 3,360 gross acres.

These sites represent less than 0.47% of the 720,000 acres of National Forest System Lands on the St. Joe Ranger District.

There are a variety of purposes for weed control on the St. Joe Ranger District. The primary purposes are: (1) To protect the natural condition and biodiversity of the St. Maries River, St. Joe River and North Fork of the Clearwater River ecosystems by preventing the spread of aggressive, non-native species that displace native vegetation; (2) prevent or limit the spread of weeds to areas identified as weed free; (3) reduce weed seed sources along main travel routes; while also complying with Federal and State Laws regulating management of noxious weeds; and cooperating with other agencies and private individuals concerned with the management of weeds.

The treatment sites are located across the district. The greatest number of sites are located in the St. Joe Ecosystem. Other sites are located in the St. Maries River and North Fork of the Clearwater River Ecosystems. The Idaho Panhandle National Forests Land and Resource Management Plan provides guidance for management activities within the potentially affected area through its goals, objectives, standards and guidelines, and management area direction. The Forest Plan directed that forest pests be managed by an integrated pest management approach.

The decision to be made is what actions, if any, should be taken to control weeds in these ecosystems, where treatment should be applied, and what type of treatment(s) should be used.

The Forest Service will consider a range of alternatives. One of these will be the "no action" alternative, in which none of the proposed treatment activities would be implemented. Additional alternatives will represent the range of control methods currently available for treatment of weeds, including non-chemical methods.

Public participation is an important part of the analysis and will play an important role in developing the alternatives. The initial scoping process (40 CFR 1501.7) will occur during November and December, 1995. The mailing list for public scoping will be developed from response to this NOI and to the Idaho Panhandle National Forest Quarterly Schedule of Proposed Actions, October, 1995. In addition, the public is encouraged to visit with Forest Service officials during the analysis and prior to the decision. The forest Service will be seeking information, comments, and assistance from Federal, State, and

local agencies and other individuals or organizations who may be interested in or affected by the proposed actions. Public meetings may be held, but have not been scheduled at this time.

Comments from the public and other agencies will be used in preparation of the Draft EIS. The scoping process will be used to:

1. Identify potential issues.
2. Identify major issues to be analyzed in depth.
3. Eliminate minor issues or those which have been covered by a relevant previous environmental analysis.
4. Identify alternatives to the proposed action.
5. Identify potential environmental effects of the proposed action and alternatives (i.e., cumulative effects).

Some public concerns have already been identified from initial interdisciplinary review of the weed control proposal. The following significant issues have been identified so far:

1. Current and potential impacts of noxious weeds on ecosystem communities and processes; threatened, endangered, and sensitive plants and animals; soils; water quality; aesthetics; wildlife and fish; and recreational opportunities.
2. Potential impacts of weed control.
3. Potential effects upon human health from the application of herbicides.

This list will be verified, expanded, or modified based on public scoping and interdisciplinary review of this proposal.

The draft environmental impact statement is expected to be filed with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and available for public review in March, 1996. At that time, the EPA will publish a Notice of Availability of the draft environmental impact statement in the Federal Register. The comment period on the draft environmental impact statement will be 45 days from the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes the notice of availability in the Federal Register.

The Forest Service believes, at this early stage, it is important to give reviewers notice of several court ruling related to public participation in the environmental review process. First, reviewers of draft environmental impact statements must structure their participation in the environmental review of the proposal so that it is meaningful and alerts an agency to the reviewer's position and contentions. *Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corp. v. NRDC*, 435 U.S. 519, 553 (1978). Also, environmental objections that could be raised at the draft environmental

statement stage but that are not raised until after completion of the final environmental statement may be waived or dismissed by the courts. *City of Angoon v. Hodel*, 803 F. 2d 1016, 1022 (9th Cir. 1986) and *Wisconsin Heritages, Inc. v. Harris*, 490 F. Supp. 1334, 1338 (E.D. Wis. 1980). Because of these court rulings, it is very important that those interested in this proposed action participate by the close of the 45-day scoping comment period so that substantive comments and objections are made available to the Forest Service at a time when it can meaningfully consider them and respond to them in the final environmental impact statement.

To assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering issues and concerns on the proposed action, comments on the draft environmental impact statement should be as specific as possible. It is also helpful if comments refer to specific pages or chapters of the draft statement. Comments may also address the adequacy of the draft environmental impact statement or the merits of the alternatives formulated and discussed in the statement. Reviewers may wish to refer to the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act at 40 CFR 1503.3 in addressing these points.

I am the responsible official for this environmental impact statement. My address is St. Joe Ranger District, P.O. Box 407, St. Maries, ID, 83861.

Dated: November 6, 1995.

Bradley J. Gilbert,
District Ranger.

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Intergovernmental Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Intergovernmental Advisory Committee (IAC) will meet on December 7, 1995, at the Monarch Hotel, 12566 SE 93rd Avenue, Clackamas, Oregon 97015. The purpose of the meeting is to continue discussions on the implementation of the Northwest Forest Plan. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. on December 7 and continue until 4:30 p.m. Agenda items to be discussed include, but are not limited to: (1) Discussions on the Joint Planning Team charter for the RCERT/IAC; (2) a progress report on riparian reserve evaluation methods and techniques; (3) an update on Rescission

Bill analysis; (4) a proposal for the 1996 IAC meeting schedule; (4) a discussion of IAC performance during 1995; (5) recommendations for proposed data standards and their implementation by the IRICC Vegetation Strike Team; and (6) a Forest Ecosystem Management Assessment Team presentation. The IAC meeting will be open to the public. Written comments may be submitted for the record at the meeting. Time will also be scheduled for oral public comments. Interested persons are encouraged to attend.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions regarding this meeting may be directed to Don Knowles, Executive Director, Regional Ecosystem Office, 333 SW 1st Avenue, P.O. Box 3623, Portland, OR 97208 (Phone: 503-326-6265).

Dated: November 14, 1995.

Ranotta K. McNair,
Acting Director.

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Rural Utilities Service

Change in the 1996 Distance Learning and Telemedicine Application Submission Date

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Status of FY 1996 Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program.

SUMMARY: The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) is announcing the status of the 1996 Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 21, 1995, the RUS Distance Learning and Medical Link Grant Program (DLMLGP) was reauthorized by Congress and appropriated \$7.5 million in grant funding.

RUS is currently revising the DLMLGP's governing regulations to, among other things, further clarify the criteria for ranking grant applications. Due to these revisions, a FY 1996 grant application filing date has not been established. Applicants wishing to submit an application should postpone their submissions until new final regulations are available. It is expected that revised proposed regulations will be published for public comment by the end of this calendar year. With this schedule, the final rule could be available by the Spring of 1996. All applications received by RUS prior to publication of the final regulations will be returned to the applicants.

For additional information, please contact Barbara L. Eddy, Deputy

Assistant Administrator, Telecommunications Program at (202) 720-9556.

Dated: November 20, 1995.

Wally Beyer,
Administrator.

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ARCTIC RESEARCH COMMISSION

Meeting

November 8, 1995.

Notice is hereby given that the Arctic Research Commission will hold its 41st Meeting in Moss Landing, California, on December 11-12, 1995. On Monday, December 11, a Business Session open to the public will convene at 9:00 a.m. at the Moss Landing Marine Laboratory. Agenda items include: (1) Agency Reports, (2) Reports from Congressional Liaisons, (3) A report on the Engineering Workshop held in Anchorage, Alaska in November, (4) Reports of Task Force Activities.

On Tuesday, December 12, the Business Session will reconvene at 9:00 a.m. Agenda items for this session include: (1) Reports on Recent Research Activities, (2) Travellers Reports, (3) Correspondence.

An Executive Session will follow the close of the Business Session.

Any person planning to attend this meeting who requires special accessibility features and/or auxiliary aids, such as sign language interpreters must inform the Commission in advance of those needs.

Contact Person for More Information: Garrett W. Brass, Executive Director, Arctic Research Commission, 703-525-0111 or TDD 703-306-0090.

Garrett W. Brass,
Executive Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of the Census

[Docket No. 950807204-5204-01]

Standards for Address Lists: Public Law 103-430

AGENCY: Bureau of the Census, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Final Program.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Public Law (Pub. L.) 103-430, "The Census Address List Improvement Act of 1994," the Census Bureau will accept address