Food and Consumer Service

Information Collection Requirements Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendation

AGENCY: Food and Consumer Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Food and Consumer Service (FCS) is publishing for public comment a summary of a proposed information collection regarding Form FCS–583, Employment and Training (E&T) Program Report (OMB 0584–0339). Comments will be included in the request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval and will become a matter of public record.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection must be received by March 26, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Send comments and requests for copies of the form and instructions to the Work Program Section, Program Design Branch, Program Development Division, Food and Consumer Service, USDA, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 716, Alexandria, VA 22302. Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Work Program Section, FCS, at (703) 305–2762.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Type of Information Collection Request: Extension of an information collection currently approved by OMB that will expire on January 31, 1996. The agency wishes to extend the approval past the current expiration date without making any material change in the collection instrument, instructions, or frequency of collection. Readers should be aware that changes that would impact this reporting burden are being discussed as part of the welfare reform debate currently underway. Should any of the proposed legislative changes pass soon, it is expected that the reporting burden associated with the Food Stamp Employment and Training Program will change. Unfortunately, it is not known what the changes will be or when they may be effective. The agency would prefer to wait for the legislative changes to be decided before it takes action on the extension of the current reporting burden. However, the current burden will expire too soon for that to happen. Therefore, the agency is proceeding with the activity necessary to extend the current reporting burden, but cautions readers that changes are likely in the near future.

Title of Information Collection: E&T Program Report. Form Number: FCS–583. Use: Title 7 CFR 273.7(c)(6) requires State agencies to submit quarterly E&T Program reports containing monthly figures for participation in the program. The FCS–583 report includes the number of participants newly work registered; work registrants exempted from the E&T Program; participants who volunteered and began an approved E&T component; E&T mandatory participants who began an approved E&T component; work registrants sent a Notice of Adverse Action for failure to comply with E&T Program requirements; and the number of applicants denied food stamp certification or recertification for failure to comply with an E&T Program component. The first quarterly report includes the number of registrants exempted from the E&T Program; participants who volunteered and began an approved E&T component; E&T mandatory participants who began an approved E&T component; work registrants sent a Notice of Adverse Action for failure to comply with E&T Program requirements; and the number of applicants denied food stamp certification or recertification for failure to comply with an E&T Program component. The first quarterly report includes the number of registrants exempted from the E&T Program; participants who volunteered and began an approved E&T component; E&T mandatory participants who began an approved E&T component; work registrants sent a Notice of Adverse Action for failure to comply with E&T Program requirements; and the number of applicants denied food stamp certification or recertification for failure to comply with an E&T Program component.

Number of Respondents: 8,126,395.

Number of Responses: 3,520,853.

Average Burden per Response: 28,416.

Total Annual Burden: 58,416.

The revised application proposes to expand the existing day use ski area to a full season ski/recreation area with increased capacity and permit area. It also withdraws their previous proposal to establish the ski area as a year-round destination resort with overnight housing. The alternatives will be revised based on the new proposed action and additional analysis that is conducted. The environmental analysis will be documented as a supplement to the existing analysis. The decision on a new master plan will be a conceptual decision that amends the Mt. Hood
National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (1991). The construction of any improvements or new facilities authorized in the new master plan will be dependent upon future site specific environmental analysis and decisions.

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has requested the Forest Service analyze the improvements to the Mt. Hood Meadows access road through the ski area EIS, rather than through a separate environmental document. As a cooperating agency, FHWA will review the supplemental EIS and sign a ROD for its approval and funding actions related to the access road. The decision on the road improvements will be site specific, not conceptual, and would authorize construction of any improvements. FHWA decisions would be implemented in accordance with 23 CFR Part 771.

ADDRESS: Submit written comments to Roberta Moltzen, Forest Supervisor, Mt. Hood National Forest, 2955 NW Division Street, Gresham, Oregon 97030.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ken Davis, Hood River Ranger District, Mt. Hood National Forest, 6780 Hwy. 35, Mt. Hood-Parkdale, Oregon 97041, Telephone: (541) 352-6002.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The original proposed action was to establish Mt. Hood Meadows Ski Area as a full-season destination resort with: a capacity of 15,000 persons; 1,500 units of overnight housing on National Forest System lands; 12 lifts and 1,166 developed acres of skiing; 46.3 acres of parking; and miscellaneous winter and summer uses. An expansion of the existing permit area by 855 acres was also proposed.

The May 1995 Record of Decision would have authorized expansion of Mt. Hood Meadows from a day-use ski area to a full-season resort with: a maximum capacity of 15,000 persons; 500 units of overnight housing on National Forest System lands; 14 lifts and 1,165 developed acres of skiing; parking based upon an average car occupancy and transit ridership formula; and miscellaneous winter and summer uses. An expansion of the permit area by 796 acres has been authorized.

Since the reversal of the May 1991 decision, additional cultural resource analysis has been conducted; the Northwest Forest Plan has designated portions of the proposed permit expansion area as Late Successional Reserve and Tier II Watershed; and additional facilities authorized under the ski area's 1978 Master plan (Gulch chairlift and Hood River Meadows base area expansion) have been approved and constructed. In May 1995, Mt. Hood Meadows resort submitted a revised application for a new Master Plan. FHWA has also requested that improvement of the Mt. Hood Meadows access road be analyzed in the ski area EIS, rather than through a separate environmental document.

The new proposed action would expand the existing day-use ski area to a full-season ski/recreation area with: a capacity of 15,210 persons; 15 chairlifts, an unspecified number of surface lifts and associated ski terrain; 36.9 acres of parking; overnight use of skier service facilities for ski/snowboard camps; miscellaneous winter uses; and summer recreation facilities and uses. An expansion of the existing permit area by 796 acres is proposed. The new proposed action includes amending the Mt. Hood National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan to permit ski area expansion and adoption of a new master plan.

FHWA proposes to improve 0.7 mile of Oregon Highway 35 and 0.6 mile of the Mt. Hood Meadows access road (Forest Road 3555) to improve safety and to accommodate projected growth in traffic levels and expansion of the ski area. These improvements will be analyzed through the supplemental EIS. The FHWA will make a separate ROD for the road improvements.

The supplement will be prepared and circulated in the same manner as the draft and final EIS (40 CFR 1502.9). Comments received on the draft supplemental EIS will be considered in the preparation of the final supplement. The draft supplement is expected to be available for public review and comment in April 1996. The comment period on the draft supplement will be 45 days from the date the Environmental Protection Agency's notice of availability appears in the Federal Register.

The Forest Service believes it is important for the EIS early stage to give reviewers notice of several court rulings related to public participation in the environmental review process. First, reviewers of the draft supplement to the EIS must structure their participation in the environmental review of the proposal so that it is meaningful and alerts an agency to the reviewer position and contentions. Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corp. v. NRDC, 435 U.S. 519.333 (1978). Also environmental objections that could be raised at the draft supplemental stage but that are not raised until after completion of the final Supplemental EIS may be waived or dismissed by the courts. City of Angoon v. Hodel, 803 F.2d. 1016, 1022 (9th Cir. 1986) and Wisconsin Heritage, Inc. v. Harris, 490f. Supp. 1334, 1338 (E.D. Wis. 1980).

Comments on the draft supplement should be as specific as possible. It is also helpful if comments refer to specific pages or chapters of the draft supplement. Comments may also address the adequacy of the supplement or the merits of the alternatives formulated and discussed in the supplement. 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.

At the end of the comment period on the draft supplement, comments will be analyzed and considered by the Forest Service in preparing the final Supplemental EIS. The final supplement is scheduled to be completed by July 1996.

The Responsible Official, Forest Supervisor Roberta Moltzen will consider the comments, responses, and contentions.

Deposit of Stockyard; Crockett Livestock Sales Co., Inc.; Maury City, Tennessee; Correction

On November 29, 1995, a notice was published in the Federal Register (95 FR 29119) giving notice of the depositing for certain stockyards listing their facility number, name, location, and date of posting.

This notice is to correct the notice for depositing of Crockett Livestock Sales, Inc., Maury City, Tennessee. The market below is still posted with the posting number, name, address and posting date.