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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Consumer Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request: National Survey of WIC Participants and Their Local Agencies (NSWP)

AGENCY: Food and Consumer Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice invites the general public and other public agencies to comment on proposed information collection of the National Survey of WIC Participants and Their Local Agencies (NSWP).

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by April 28, 1997.

ADDRESSES: 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. Comments may be sent to: Michael E. Fishman, Acting Director, Office of Analysis and Evaluation, Food and Consumer Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information should be directed to Michael E. Fishman, (703) 305-2117.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: National Survey of WIC Participants and Their Local Agencies (NSWP).

OMB Number: Not yet assigned.

Expiration Date: N/A.

Type of Request: New collection of information.

Abstract: This study will survey a nationally representative sample of WIC participants through personal interviews at the time of WIC certification in order to better respond to congressional inquiries and strengthen FCS data used for budgetary and legislative estimates as well as monitoring and planning for the WIC Program. It will also provide a nationally representative estimate of case error and dollar error in current WIC certification processes through in-home income verification interviews.

The study's data collection component is comprised of:

1. Collecting income and other demographic information through in-person interviews at the time of WIC certification, with a nationally representative sample of 3,000 WIC participants consisting of approximately 600 individuals in each WIC certification category. These categories are pregnant women, breastfeeding women, postpartum women, infants up to the age of twelve months, and children under five years of age. Parents and caretakers of infants and children will be interviewed.

2. In-home interviews to verify income information obtained during the WIC certification process and other selected topics identified as of interest during the earlier in-person interviews, for example immunization documentation if not available at the time of WIC certification. Verification interviews will be conducted with 1,000 WIC participants.

3. Follow-up telephone interviews with approximately 600 WIC participants with whom in-home income verification interviews were conducted. These interviews will gather data on changes in employment and income during the first four months following WIC certification as well as inquiring about the participants'

experiences as part of the WIC Program. Special arrangements will be made to contact persons who do not have telephones in their homes.

4. A survey of 100 local WIC agencies serving the study sample will obtain information on local operating procedures.

Affected Public: WIC participants and WIC local agency administrators serving them.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 3,000 WIC participants and 100 local WIC administrators. For infants and children, parents or caretakers will serve as the interview respondent.

Estimated Time per Response: For 2,000 WIC participants, one 30 minute response; for 400 WIC participants, one 30 minute response and one 45 minute response; for 600 WIC participants one 30 minute, one 45 minute and one 15 minute response; and for 100 local WIC administrators, one 30 minute response.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 2,450 hours.

Dated: February 14, 1997.

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Administrator, Food and Consumer Service.

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Forest Service

Birch Creek/Worm Creek Proposed Timber Sale; Cache National Forest (Administered by the Caribou National Forest), Franklin County, ID

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: The USDA, Forest Service will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement to document the analysis and disclose the environmental impacts of proposed actions to harvest timber, build roads, and regenerate new stands of trees in the Birch Creek/Worm Creek area of the Cache National Forest. The project is located in Franklin County, ID in the Birch Creek, Worm Creek and South Canyon drainages, administered by the Montpelier Ranger District of the Caribou National Forest. The need for the proposal is to treat stands of timber to enhance sustainable productivity as outlined in the Caribou National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan. Treatment would be designed to address