

the preceding June. Section 826 of Public Law 104-193 amended Section 8(a) effective October 1, 1996 by removing the annual adjustment provision, thus freezing the minimum benefit at \$10.

Standard Deduction

Section 5(e)(1) of the Act, 7 U.S.C. 2014(e)(1), provides that, in computing household income, households shall be allowed a standard deduction. Prior to August 22, 1996, Section 5(e) also required that the standard deduction be adjusted periodically. Section 809 of Public Law 104-193 amended Section 5(e)(1) to eliminate the periodic adjustment, freezing the standard deduction for each household in the 48 contiguous States and the District of Columbia, Alaska, Hawaii, Guam, and the Virgin Islands of the United States at the 1994 level, \$134, \$229, \$189, \$269, and \$118, respectively.

Shelter Deduction

Prior to August 22, 1996, Section 5(e) of the Act also mandated increases in the shelter deduction limitation effective July 1, 1994, and October 1, 1995, and an elimination of the limitation effective January 1, 1997. Section 809 of Public Law 104-193 amended Section 5(e)(7) of the Act to provide that a household shall be entitled to an excess shelter expense deduction to the extent that the monthly amount expended by a household for shelter exceeds an amount equal to 50 percent of monthly household income after all other applicable deductions have been allowed. However, in the case of a household that does not contain an elderly or disabled individual, in the 48 contiguous States and the District of Columbia, Alaska, Hawaii, Guam and the Virgin Islands of the United States, the excess shelter deduction shall not exceed:

(i) for the period beginning on the date of enactment of the law and ending on December 31, 1996, \$247, \$429, \$353, \$300, and \$182 per month, respectively;

(ii) for the period beginning on January 1, 1997, and ending September 30, 1998, \$250, \$434, \$357, \$304, and \$184 per month, respectively;

(iii) for fiscal years 1999 and 2000, \$275, \$478, \$393, \$334, and \$203 per month, respectively;

(iv) for fiscal year 2001 and each subsequent fiscal year, \$300, \$521, \$429, \$364, and \$221 per month, respectively.

Homeless Shelter Allowance

Prior to August 22, 1996, Section 11(e)(3)(E) of the Act, 7 U.S.C.

2020(e)(3)(E), required the Secretary of Agriculture to prescribe rules requiring State agencies to develop standard estimates of the shelter expenses that could reasonably be expected to be incurred by households in which all members were homeless but which are not receiving free shelter throughout the month. In recognition of the difficulty State agencies could face in gathering the necessary information to compute standard shelter estimates for their States, the Department offered a standard estimate which could be used by all State agencies in lieu of their own estimates.

Sections 809 and 835 of Pub. L. 104-193 required revisions in the above described procedures. Section 809 amended Section 5(e)(5) of the Act, 7 U.S.C. 2014(e)(5), to allow State agencies the option to develop a standard, stand-alone homeless shelter allowance, which shall not exceed \$143 per month and is not to be adjusted annually, for such expenses as may reasonably be expected to be incurred by households in which all members are homeless individuals but are not receiving free shelter throughout the month. State agencies that develop the allowance may use it in determining eligibility and allotments for the households. State agencies may make a household with extremely low shelter costs ineligible for the allowance. In essence, these rules match those in existence at 7 CFR 273.9(d)(5), with the exception of establishing a maximum allowance of \$143. Therefore, no additional rulemaking was required prior to the implementation of this provision of Pub. L. 104-193. Section 835 of Pub. L. 104-193 repealed Section 11(e)(3)(E) of the Act.

Dated: April 4, 1997.

William E. Ludwig,

Administrator, Food and Consumer Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Availability of Appealable Decisions

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice: Availability of appealable decisions; legal notice for availability for comment of decisions that may be appealable under 36 CFR part 215.

SUMMARY: Responsible Officials in the Southwestern Region will publish notice of availability for comment and notice of decisions that may be subject

to administrative appeal under 36 CFR part 215. These notices will be published in the legal notice section of the newspapers listed in the Supplementary Information section of this notice. As provided in 36 CFR 215.5 and 215.9, such notice shall constitute legal evidence that the agency has given timely and constructive notice for comment and notice of decisions that may be subject to administrative appeal. Newspaper publication of notices of decisions is in addition to direct notice to those who have requested notice in writing and those known to be interested in or affected by a specific decision.

DATES: Use of these newspapers for purpose of publishing legal notices for comment and decisions that may be subject to appeal under 36 CFR part 215 shall begin April 16, 1997 and continue until further notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Pat Jackson, Regional Appeals Coordinator, Southwestern Region, 517 Gold Avenue SW., Albuquerque, NM 87102, 505-842-3305.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Responsible Officials in the Southwestern Region will give legal notice of decisions that may be subject to appeal under 36 CFR part 215 in the following newspaper which are listed by Forest Service administrative unit. Where more than one newspaper is listed for any unit, the first newspaper listed is the primary newspaper which shall be used to constitute legal evidence that the agency has given timely and constructive notice for comment and for decisions that may be subject to administrative appeal. As provided in 36 CFR part 215.5, the timeframe for appeal shall be based on the date of publication of a notice for decision in the primary newspaper.

Notice by Regional Forester of Availability for Comment and Decisions Affecting New Mexico Forests

Albuquerque Journal, published daily in Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, New Mexico, for comment and decisions affecting National Forest System lands in the State of New Mexico and for any decisions of Region-wide impact.

Notice by Regional Forester of Availability for Comment and Decisions Affecting Arizona Forests

The Arizona Republic published daily in Phoenix, Maricopa County, Arizona, for comment and decisions affecting National Forest System lands in the State of Arizona and for any decisions of Region-wide impact

Notice by Regional forester of Availability for Comment and Decisions Affecting National Grasslands in New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas

Kiowa National Grassland in Colfax, Harding, Mora and Union Counties, New Mexico: Union County Leader, published weekly on Wednesday in Clayton, Union County, New Mexico

Rita Blanca National Grassland in Cimarron County, Oklahoma: Boise City News, published weekly on Wednesday in Boise City, Cimarron County, Oklahoma.

Rita Blanca National Grassland in Dallam County, Texas: The Dalhart Texan, published semi-weekly on Tuesday and Saturday in Dalhart, Dallam County, Texas.

Black Kettle National Grassland in Roger Mills County, Oklahoma: Cheyenne Star, published weekly on Thursday in Cheyenne, Roger Mills County, Oklahoma.

Black Kettle National Grassland in Hemphill County, Texas: The Canadian Record, published weekly on Thursday in Canadian, Hemphill County, Texas.

McClellan Creek National Grassland in Gray County, Texas: The Pampa News, published semi-weekly on Friday and Sunday in Pampa, Gray County, Texas.

Arizona National Forests

Apache Sitgreaves National Forests

Notice by Forest Supervisor of Availability for Comment and Decisions

Alpine District: The White Mountain Independent, published Tuesday and Friday semi-weekly in Show Low and Navajo County, Arizona.

Chevelon District: The White Mountain Independent, published Tuesday and Friday semi-weekly in Show Low and Navajo County, Arizona.

Clifton District: Cooper Era, published Wednesday weekly in Clifton, Greenlee County, Arizona.

Heber District: The White Mountain Independent, published Tuesday and Friday semi-weekly in Show Low and Navajo County, Arizona.

Lakeside District: The White Mountain Independent, published Tuesday and Friday semi-weekly in Show Low and Navajo County, Arizona.

Springerville District: The White Mountain Independent, published Tuesday and Friday semi-weekly in Show Low and Navajo County, Arizona.

Coconino National Forest

Notice by Forest Supervisor of Availability for Comment and Decisions

Arizona Daily Sun, published daily Monday-Sunday, in Flagstaff, Coconino County, Arizona.

Notice by District Ranger of Availability for Comment and Decisions

Beaver Creek District: Arizona Daily Sun, published daily Monday-Sunday, in Flagstaff, Coconino County, Arizona.

Blue Ridge District: Arizona Daily Sun, published daily Monday-Sunday, in Flagstaff, Coconino County, Arizona.

Peaks District: Arizona Daily Sun, published daily Monday-Sunday, in Flagstaff, Coconino County, Arizona.

Long Valley District: Arizona Daily Sun, published daily Monday-Sunday, in Flagstaff, Coconino County, Arizona.

Mormon Lake District: Arizona Daily Sun, published daily Monday-Sunday, in Flagstaff, Coconino County, Arizona.

Sedona District: Red Rock News, published daily Monday-Sunday, in Flagstaff, Coconino County, Arizona.

Coronado National Forest

Notice by Forest Supervisor of Availability for Comment and Decisions

The Arizona Daily Star, published daily Monday-Sunday, in Flagstaff, Coconino County, Arizona.

Notice by District Ranger of Availability for Comment and Decisions

Douglas District: Arizona Daily Dispatch, published daily Tuesday-Friday, in Flagstaff, Coconino County, Arizona.

Nogales District: Nogales International, published daily Tuesday-Friday, in Flagstaff, Coconino County, Arizona.

Sierra Vista District: Sierra Vista Herald, published daily Sunday-Friday, in Sierra Vista, Cochise County, Arizona.

Safford District: Eastern Arizona Courier, published weekly on daily Wednesday, in Safford, Graham County, Arizona.

Santa Catalina District: The Arizona Daily Star, published daily Monday-Sunday, in Tucson, Pima County, Arizona.

Kaibab National Forest

Notice by Forest Supervisor of Availability for Comment and Decisions

Arizona Daily Sun, published daily Monday-Sunday, in Flagstaff, Coconino County, Arizona.

Notice by District Ranger of Availability for Comment and Decisions

Chalendar District: Arizona Daily Sun, published daily Monday-Sunday, in Flagstaff, Coconino County, Arizona.

North Kaibab District: Arizona Daily Sun, published daily Monday-Sunday, in Flagstaff, Coconino County, Arizona.

Tusayan District: Arizona Daily Sun, published daily Monday-Sunday, in Flagstaff, Coconino County, Arizona.

Williams District: Arizona Daily Sun, published daily Monday-Sunday, in Flagstaff, Coconino County, Arizona.

Prescott National Forest

Notice by Forest Supervisor of Availability for Comment and Decisions

Prescott Courier, published daily in Prescott, Yavapai County, Arizona.

Notice by Forest Supervisor of Availability for Comment and Decisions

Bradshaw District: Prescott Courier, published daily in Prescott, Yavapai County, Arizona.

Chino Valley District: Prescott Courier, published daily in Prescott, Yavapai County, Arizona.

Verde District: Prescott Courier, published daily in Prescott, Yavapai County, Arizona.

Tonto National Forest

Notice by Forest Supervisor of Availability for Comment and Decisions

Mesa Tribune, published daily in Mesa, Maricopa County, Arizona.

Newspapers Providing Additional Notice by Tonto Forest Supervisor of Availability for Comment and Decisions

Foothills Sentinel, published weekly on Wednesday in Cave Creek, Maricopa County, Arizona.

Arizona Silver Belt, published weekly on Thursday in Globe, Gila County, Arizona.

Payson Roundup, published weekly on Friday in Payson, Gila County, Arizona.

Notice by District Ranger of Availability for Comment and Decisions

Cave Creek District: Foothills Sentinel, published weekly on Wednesday in Cave Creek, Maricopa County, Arizona.

Globe District: Arizona Silver Belt, published weekly on Thursday in Globe, Gila County, Arizona.

Mesa District: Mesa Tribune, published daily in Mesa, Maricopa County, Arizona.

Payson District: Payson Roundup, published weekly on Friday in Payson, Gila County, Arizona.

Pleasant Valley District: Payson Roundup, published weekly on Friday in Payson, Gila County, Arizona.

Tonto Basin District: Payson Roundup, published weekly on Friday in Payson, Gila County, Arizona.

New Mexico National Forests*Carson National Forest*

Notice by Forest Supervisor of Availability for Comment and Decisions

The Taos News, published weekly on Thursday in Taos, Taos County, New Mexico.

Notice by District Ranger of Availability for Comment and Decisions

Canjilon District: Rio Grande Sun, published Wednesday in Espanola, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.

El Rito District: Rio Grande Sun, published Wednesday in Espanola, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.

Jicarilla District: Farmington Daily Times, published daily in Farmington, San Juan County, New Mexico.

Camino Real District: Taos News, published weekly on Thursday in Taos, Taos County, New Mexico.

Tres Piedras District: Taos News, published weekly on Thursday in Taos, Taos County, New Mexico.

Questa District: Taos News, published weekly on Thursday in Taos, Taos County, New Mexico.

Cibola National Forest

Notice by Forest Supervisor of Availability for Comment and Decisions Affecting Lands in New Mexico, Except the National Grasslands

Albuquerque Journal, published daily in Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, New Mexico.

Notice by Forest Supervisor of Availability for Comment and Decisions Affecting National Grasslands in New Mexico, Texas and Oklahoma

Kiowa National Grassland in Colfax, Harding, Mora and Union Counties, New Mexico: Union County Leader, published weekly on Wednesday in Clayton, Union County, New Mexico.

Rita Blanca National Grassland in Cimarron County, Oklahoma: Boise City News, published weekly on Wednesday in Boise City, Cimarron County, Oklahoma.

Rita Blanca National Grassland in Dallam County, Texas: Dalhart Texan, published semi-weekly on Tuesday and Saturday in Dalhart, Dallam County, Texas.

Black Kettle National Grassland, Roger Mills County, Oklahoma: Cheyenne Star, published weekly on Thursday in Cheyenne, Roger Mills County, Oklahoma.

Black Kettle National Grassland, Hemphill County, Texas: The Canadian Record, published weekly on Thursday in Canadian, Hemphill County, Texas.

McClellan Creek National Grassland, Gray County, Texas: The Pampa News,

published semi-weekly on Friday and Sunday in Pampa, Gray County, Texas.

Notice by District Ranger of Availability for Comment and Decisions

Mt. Taylor District: Cibola County Beacon, published semi-weekly on Wednesday and Friday in Grants, Cibola County, New Mexico.

Newspapers Providing Additional Notice of Availability for Comment and Decisions for the Mt. Taylor District Ranger

Gallup Independent, published daily Monday through Saturday in Gallup, McKinley County, New Mexico.

Magdalena District: Defensor-Chieftain, published semi-weekly Wednesday and Saturday in Socorro, Socorro County, New Mexico.

Mountainair District: Estancia Valley Citizen, published weekly on Friday in Estancia, Torrance County, New Mexico.

Newspapers Providing Additional Notice of Availability for Comment and Decisions for the Mountainair District Ranger

Valencia County News, published semi-weekly on Wednesday and Saturday in Belen, Valencia County, New Mexico.

Sandia District: Albuquerque Journal, published daily in Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, New Mexico.

Kiowa National Grassland: Union County Leader, published weekly on Wednesday in Clayton, Union County, New Mexico.

Rita Blanca National Grassland: Boise City News, published weekly on Wednesday in Boise City, Cimarron County, Oklahoma.

Newspapers Providing Additional Notice of Availability for Comment and Decisions for the Rita Blanca National Grassland

Dalhart Texan, published semi-weekly on Tuesday and Saturday in Dalhart, Dallam County, Texas.

Black Kettle National Grassland: Cheyenne Star, published weekly on Thursday in Cheyenne, Roger Mills County, Oklahoma.

Black Kettle National Grassland: The Canadian Record, published weekly on Thursday in Canadian, Hemphill County, Texas.

McClellan Creek National Grassland: The Pampa News, published semi-weekly on Friday and Sunday in Pampa, Gray County, Texas

Newspapers providing additional Notice of Availability for Comment and Decisions for the McClellan Creek National Grassland

Amarillo Globe News, published semi-weekly on Monday and Saturday in Amarillo, Potter and Randall Counties, Texas.

Gila National Forest

Notice by Forest Supervisor of Availability for Comment and Decisions

Silver City Daily Press, published Monday-Saturday in Silver City, Grant County, New Mexico.

Notice by District Ranger of Availability for Comment and Decisions

Black Range District: The Herald, published in Truth or Consequences Weekly on Thursday, Sierra County, New Mexico.

Quemado District: Silver City Daily Press, published Monday-Saturday in Silver City, Grant County, New Mexico.

Reserve District: Silver City Daily Press, published Monday-Saturday in Silver City, Grant County, New Mexico.

Glenwood District: Silver City Daily Press, published Monday-Saturday in Silver City, Grant County, New Mexico.

Mimbres District: Silver City Daily Press, published Monday-Saturday in Silver City, Grant County, New Mexico.

Silver City District: Silver City Daily Press, published Monday-Saturday in Silver City, Grant County, New Mexico.

Wilderness District: Silver City Daily Press, published Monday-Saturday in Silver City, Grant County, New Mexico.

Lincoln National Forest

Notice by Forest Supervisor of Availability for Comment and Decisions

Alamogordo Daily News, published Sunday-Monday in Alamogordo, Otero County, New Mexico.

Notice by District Ranger of Availability for Comment and Decisions

Sacramento District: Alamogordo Daily News, published Sunday-Monday in Alamogordo, Otero County, New Mexico.

Guadalupe District: Carlsbad Current Argus, published daily except Saturday, in Carlsbad, Eddy County, New Mexico.

Smokey Bear District: Ruidoso News, published weekly Monday and Thursday in Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico.

Santa Fe National Forest

Notice by Forest Supervisor of Availability for Comment and Decisions

Albuquerque Journal, published daily in Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, New Mexico.

Notice by District Ranger of Availability for Comment and Decisions

Coyote District: Albuquerque Journal, published daily in Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, New Mexico.

Cuba District: Albuquerque Journal, published daily in Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, New Mexico.

Espanola District: Albuquerque Journal, published daily in Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, New Mexico.

Jemez District: Albuquerque Journal, published daily in Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, New Mexico.

Pecos-Las Vegas District: Albuquerque Journal, published daily in Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, New Mexico.

Dated: September 3, 1997.

John R. Kirkpatrick,

Deputy Regional Forester.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

California Coast Province Advisory Committee (PAC)

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Meeting.

SUMMARY: The California Coast Province Advisory Committee (PAC) will meet for a field trip to the Fork Fire area of the Upper Lake Ranger District, Mendocino National Forest, on May 7, 1997. The field trip will begin at 10:30 a.m. at the Upper Lake Ranger District, 10025 Elk Mtn. Road, Upper Lake, CA, and conclude at 4 p.m. The PAC will also meet from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on May 8, 1997, at the Aurora RV Park meeting room, 2985 Lakeshore Blvd., Nice, CA. Agenda items to be covered include: (1) Discussion of Fork Fire field trip and PAC recommendations; (2) Summary of April 3, 1997, Interagency Advisory Committee presentation; (3) Report and recommendations from Public/Private Subcommittee; (4) Report and recommendations from Monitoring Subcommittee; (5) Report and recommendations from Work on the Ground Subcommittee; (6) Report and recommendations from the PAC/SCERT coordinating committee; (7) Agency updates; and (8) Open public forum. All California Coast Province Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Direct questions regarding this meeting

to Daniel Chisholm, USDA, Forest Supervisor, Mendocino National Forest, 825 N. Humboldt Avenue, Willows, CA 95988, (916) 934-3316 or Phebe Brown, Province Coordinator, USDA, Mendocino National Forest, 825 N. Humboldt Avenue, Willows, CA, 95988, (916) 934-3316.

Dated: April 8, 1997.

Daniel K. Chisholm,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission For OMB Review; Comment Request

DOC has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

Agency: Bureau of the Census.

Title: National Employers Survey-III.

Form Number(s): Automated survey instrument.

Agency Approval Number: 0607-0787.

Type of Request: Reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection.

Burden: 3,250 hours.

Number of Respondents: 6,500.

Avg Hours Per Response: 30 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The Census Bureau plans to conduct the National Employers Survey (NES)-III. This survey is an extension and expansion of two previous NES surveys that were conducted in 1994 and 1996. As with the previous surveys, the NES-III will be conducted on a reimbursable basis for the National Center on the Employment Quality of the Workforce (EQW) administered through the Institute for Research in Higher Education of the University of Pennsylvania. The EQW is a group of professors, social scientists, and researchers from universities around the country studying the workplace in America. The EQW will incorporate the results of this survey into a larger five-year examination of the American workplace and will coordinate their efforts with similar studies and groups in other countries and with the World Bank.

The NES-III will provide unique information on employers' hiring and human resources practices and policies. In addition to adding to the base of information from the previous NES surveys, this survey will provide several

new and important data products, such as hiring and workforce characteristics, expanded analysis and estimation of return on human and physical capital, new data on partnerships between business and schools, measurements of technological change, and an employee survey.

This project is designed to provide planners and policymakers, in government and the private sector, with sophisticated information on how our workforce compares and competes with other countries in South America and the Far East.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit.

Frequency: One time.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title 13 USC, Sections 8 and 9.

OMB Desk Officer: Jerry Coffey, (202) 395-7314.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, DOC Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3272, Department of Commerce, room 5312, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Jerry Coffey, OMB Desk Officer, room 10201, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: April 10, 1997.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Economic Development Administration

[Docket No. 970310048-7048-01]

RIN 0610-xx03

Wisconsin Steel Site—Proposed Settlement

AGENCY: Economic Development Administration (EDA), Department of Commerce (DoC).

ACTION: Notice of proposed settlement

SUMMARY: The Economic Development Administration has agreed to a settlement with Navistar International Transportation Corporation (Navistar) regarding the Wisconsin Steel Works, located in Chicago, Illinois (the Site), pursuant to Section 122 (i) of the Comprehensive Environmental