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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion; Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Report—Nutrition and Your Health: Dietary Guidelines for Americans in 2000

AGENCY: Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion, 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 a proposed information collection. This notice announces the Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion’s intention to request the Office of Management and Budget’s approval of the information collection instruments to be used during research with focus groups of consumers to gauge their understanding of the concepts and messages of the Dietary Guidelines for Americans. Approval is also requested for an additional collection instrument to be used during consumer research with focus groups to test prototype sections of nutrition education materials based on preliminary drafts of the anticipated Dietary Guidelines fifth edition. The information collected will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information should be directed to Catherine Tarone, (202) 606-4154.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title: Nutrition and Your Health: Dietary Guidelines for Americans in 2000. OMB Number: Not assigned yet. Expiration Date: Not applicable. Type of Request: New collection of information.

Abstract: The Dietary Guidelines for Americans were first introduced over 15 years ago. Section 301 of the National Nutrition Monitoring and Related Research Act of 1990 requires the Secretaries of Agriculture (USDA) and Health and Human Services (DHHS) to publish jointly at least every 5 years a report entitled, Report of the Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee on the Dietary Guidelines for Americans. The next report is due by December 2000. The 1995 Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee recommended that USDA and DHHS gather information about consumer understanding of the Dietary Guidelines’ messages and concepts. This study involves twelve focus groups: four adult general consumer groups (two male and two female), two African-American groups (one male and one female), two overweight adult groups (one male and one female), two older adult groups (one male and one female), two food stamp participant groups (one male one female), to gauge the understanding and effectiveness of the Dietary Guidelines. Two focus groups of health professionals will gauge the use of the Dietary Guidelines and effectiveness of the concepts and messages. The information collected will be analyzed and summarized in a report made available to the Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee and will be used to refine the nutrition prototypes, to develop new nutrition promotion products, and to plan a national campaign to promote the Dietary Guidelines for Americans, fifth edition. Affected Public: Adult consumers. Estimated Number of Respondents: 234. Estimated Time Per Response: 4 hours/focus group. Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 936 hours.


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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Wild and Scenic River Suitability Study for Pine Creek (Box/Death Hollow Wilderness Section), Mamie Creek and Its West Tributary, Death Hollow Creek (Box/Death Hollow Wilderness Section), East Fork Boulder Creek, Slickrock Canyon, Cottonwood Canyon, Steep Creek, Water Canyon, Lamanite Arch Canyon, and The Gulch, Dixie National Forest, Garfield County, UT

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Forest Service, USDA, will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) which analyzes the suitability of

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