

FNS would continue to use the reported information for program monitoring, funds management, budget projections, monitoring caseload, policy development, and responding to requests from Congress and the interested public.

Additionally, nonentitlement programs such as the WIC Program are required to conduct an annual closeout and reconciliation of grants. Departmental regulations at 7 CFR 3016.23(b) require that "[a] grantee must liquidate all obligations incurred under the award not later than 90 days after the end of the funding period (or as specified in a program regulation) to coincide with the submission of the annual Financial Status Report (SF-269)." WIC Program regulations at 7 CFR 246.17(b)(2) instruct WIC State agencies to "submit to FNS, within 150 days after the end of the fiscal year, final fiscal year closeout reports." The WIC Program Annual Closeout Report (FNS-227) with addendum (FNS-227A) is currently substituted for the SF-269, because a closeout form which maintains the integrity of WIC's two grant components (food and nutrition services and administration) and captures State agencies' decisions to shift WIC grant funds between Federal fiscal years is needed. The final WIC Financial Management and Participation Report (FNS-798) submitted for the year with its addendum (FNS-798A) would replace the WIC Program Annual Closeout Report (FNS-227) with addendum (FNS-227A) as the substitute for the SF-269. The consolidated format is expected to reduce the reporting burden associated with the annual closeout and reconciliation of grants.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 3.1 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

Respondents: Directors or Administrators of WIC State agencies.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 88 respondents.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: Seventeen.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 4637.6 hours.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Supplemental Form for Collecting Taxpayer Identifying Numbers; Notice

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition 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 the Agency's proposed information collection of taxpayer identifying numbers. The proposed collection is a new collection of information.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before October 25, 1999.

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 has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methods and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to Mark Porter, Grants Management Division, Food and Nutrition Service, US 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 or copies of the information collection form and instruction should be directed to Mark Porter at (703) 305-2847.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Supplemental Form for Collecting Taxpayer Identifying Numbers.

OMB Number: Not yet assigned.

Expiration Date: 3 years from date of approval.

Type of Request: New collection.

Abstract: Section 3100(y) of the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104-134), codified at 31 U.S.C.

3325(d), requires Federal agencies to include the taxpayer identifying number (TIN) of all persons or organizations they pay whenever a request for payment is submitted to Federal payment officials. Departmental Regulation 2100-2 requires all individuals and entities doing business with USDA to furnish a TIN. The purpose of the Supplemental Form for Collecting Taxpayer Identifying Numbers is to comply with Federal law by enabling the Agency to legally obtain a TIN from all persons and organizations who are entered into a direct payment relationship with FNS.

Affected Public: Individuals and entities who enter into a direct payment agreement with FNS under any of the various nutrition and nutrition education programs administered by FNS.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 800.

Number of Responses per respondent:

1.

Estimated Total annual responses: 800.

Hours per response: 0.0833.

Total Annual Reporting Hours: 66.6.

Number of record keepers: 8.

Estimated Annual hours per record keeper: 1.0.

Total Annual record keeping hours: 8.

Total annual burden hours: 74.6 (annual reporting hours plus annual record keeping hours).

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Whiskey Campo Resource Management Project, Boise National Forest, Elmore County, ID

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

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

SUMMARY: The proposed action for the Whiskey Campo Resource Management Project has changed. (The original notice of intent appeared in the **Federal Register** on January 5, 1998, pp. 200-201.) The fish passage improvement activities in the original Whiskey Campo proposed action are being implemented under Trinity Fish Passage Restoration Project Decision Memo signed July 22, 1999. The Mountain Home Ranger District of the Boise