

proposed Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement. In addition to allowing the opportunity to comment via a toll-free telephone line, mail, and e-mail at the addresses listed previously, FSA plans to hold six public scoping meetings to provide information and opportunities for discussing the issues and alternatives to be covered in the Draft PEIS and to receive oral and written comments. Each scoping meeting will be conducted in the evening, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., to allow the greatest opportunity for public input.

The meetings will be held on the following dates in these locations:

- May 7, 2002 7–9 p.m.; Chesapeake College Auditorium; 1000 College Drive; Wye Mills, Maryland 21679
- May 9, 2002 7–9 p.m.; Mobile County Cooperative Extension Auditorium; 1070 Schiller Road North; Mobile, Alabama 36608
- May 14, 2002 7–9 p.m.; Ambassador Hotel; 3100 I–40 West; Amarillo, Texas 79102
- May 16, 2002 7–9 p.m.; Mt. Hood Community College; 2600 SE Stark St.; Portland, Oregon 90730
- May 21, 2002 7–9 p.m.; Holiday Inn; 200 McDonald Dr.; Lawrence, Kansas 66044
- May 23, 2002 7–9 p.m.; Northwest Technical College; 1900 28th Ave. S; Moorehead, Minnesota 56560

Description of Preliminary PEIS Alternatives

FSA has developed a set of preliminary alternatives to be studied in the draft PEIS to initiate the process. This is not a final list of alternatives. The alternatives will be amended, as appropriate, based on input by the public and agencies during the public scoping process.

CRP/CREP Alternatives

New Farm Bill changes

The proposed action is for FSA to implement changes in CRP/CREP administration based on the requirements of new farm legislation should the current Farm Bill under consideration produce new provisions dealing with these programs. Some of the changes being considered in Congress currently include increasing the enrollment cap for CRP/CREP acreage and changing the eligibility and cropping history requirements.

No Program (baseline)

This alternative would be used as an analytical device to establish a baseline upon which to evaluate the other alternatives.

No Action (Current program)

To continue FSA administration of the CRP/CREP as they are now carried out. Under this alternative, FSA will continue administration of the CRP/CREP with no substantive changes.

Program Realignment

Under this alternative FSA would alter the mix of program goals and change acreage allocations to CREP, continuous sign-up and general CRP.

ECP Alternatives

Program Modifications

The proposed action would provide for consolidation of possible program changes including changes to allow for a consistent cost-share rate, do away with the tiered level of cost sharing currently in use, and provide for a higher level of cost share for limited resource producers.

No Action

Under this alternative, ECP would continue as currently administered with no substantive changes.

No Program

This program would be used as an analytical device to establish a baseline upon which to evaluate the other alternative.

Signed in Washington, DC, on April 22, 2002.

James R. Little,

Administrator, Farm Service Agency, and Executive Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Economic Research Service

Notice of Intent of Seek Approval To Collect Information

AGENCY: Economic Research Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–13) and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations at 5 CFR part 1320 (60 FR 44978, August 29, 1995), this notice announces the Economic Research Service's (ERS) intention to request renewal of approval for annual information collection on supplemental food security questions in the Current Population Survey, commencing with the December 2002 survey. These data will be used: to

monitor household level food security, food insecurity, and hunger in the United States; to assess food security and changes in food security for population subgroups; to assess the need for, and performance of, domestic food assistance programs; to improve the measurement of food security; and to provide information to aid in public policy decision making.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by June 28, 2002 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Address all comments concerning this notice to Mark Nord, Team Leader for Food Stamp and Food Security Research, Food and Rural Economics Division, Economic Research Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1800 M Street NW Room N–2078, Washington, DC 20036–5831. Tel. 202–694–5433. Submit electronic comments to marknord@ers.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Application for Annual Food Security Supplement to the Current Population Survey, beginning in December 2002.

Type of Request: Approval to collect information on household food insecurity.

OMB Number: New number not yet assigned. Number for previous collection, 0536–0043.

Expiration Date: N/A

Abstract: The U.S. Census Bureau will supplement the December Current Population Survey, beginning in 2002, with questions regarding household food shopping, food sufficiency, coping mechanisms and food scarcity, and concern about food sufficiency. A similar supplement has been appended to the CPS annually since 1995. The last collection was in December 2001. Copies of the information to be collected can be obtained from the address in the preamble.

ERS is responsible for conducting studies and evaluations of the Nation's food assistance programs that are administered by the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), U. S. Department of Agriculture. The Department spends about \$38 billion each year to ensure access to nutritious, healthful diets for all Americans. The Food and Nutrition Service administers the 15 food assistance programs of the USDA including Food Stamps, Child Nutrition, and WIC programs. These programs, which serve 1 in 6 Americans, represent our Nation's commitment to the principle that no one in our country should lack the food needed for an active healthy life. They provide a safety net to people in need. The programs' goals are to provide needy persons with

access to a more nutritious diet, to improve the eating habits of the Nation's children, and to help America's farmers by providing an outlet for the distribution of food purchased under farmer assistance authorities.

These data will be used to monitor the prevalence of food security, food insecurity, and hunger among the Nation's households. The prevalence of these conditions as well as year-to-year trends in their prevalence will be estimated at the national level and for population subgroups. The data will also be used to monitor the amounts that households spend for food and their use of community food pantries and emergency kitchens. These statistics along with research based on the data will be used to identify the causes and consequences of food insecurity, and to assess the need for, and performance of, domestic food assistance programs. The data will also be used to improve the measurement of food security and to develop measures of additional aspects and dimensions of food security. This consistent measurement of the extent and severity of food insecurity will aid in policy decision making. The supplemental survey instrument was developed in conjunction with food security experts nationwide as well as survey method experts within the Census Bureau. This supplemental information will be collected by both personal visit and telephone interviews in conjunction with the regular monthly CPS interviewing. All interviews, whether by personal visit or by telephone, are conducted using computers.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this data collection is estimated to average 7.5 minutes for each household that responds to the laborforce portion of the CPS.

Respondents: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 57,000.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 7,126 hours.

Comments: 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;
- (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 should be sent to the address in the preamble. 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.

Dated: March 14, 2002.

Susan Offutt,

Administrator, Economic Research Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Trinity County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC); Meeting

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Trinity County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will meet on April 29, 2002, Weaverville, Calif. The purpose of the meeting is voting on road restoration and vegetation reduction projects; forming subcommittees to address contracting, grants and agreements; and discussing the community model forest concept.

DATES: The meeting will be held on April 29, 2002 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Trinity County Office of Education conference room, 201 Memorial Drive, Weaverville, Calif.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joyce Andersen, Designated Federal Official, USDA, Shasta-Trinity National Forest, P.O. Box 1190, Weaverville, CA 96093. Phone: (530) 623-2121. Email: jandersen@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public. Public input opportunity will be provided and individuals will have the opportunity to address the committee at that time.

Dated: April 16, 2002.

James M. Peña,

Deputy Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Madera County Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Resource Advisory Committee Meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the authorities in the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (Pub. L. 92-463) and under the secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-393) the Sierra National Forest's Resource Advisory Committee for Madera County will meet on Monday, May 20, 2002. The Madera Resource Advisory Committee will meet at the Yosemite Sierra Visitor Bureau, 40637 Highway 41, Oakhurst, CA 93644. The purpose of the meeting is to review current project proposal applications.

DATES: The Madera Resource Advisory Committee meeting will be held Monday, May 20, 2002. The meeting will be held from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The Madera County RAC meeting will be held at the Yosemite Sierra Visitor Bureau, 40637 Highway 41, Oakhurst, CA 93644.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dave Martin, U.S.D.A., Sierra National Forest, 57003 Road 225, North Fork, CA, 93643 (559) 877-2218 ext. 3100; e-mail: dmartin05@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Agenda items to be covered include: (1) Review current project proposal applications, (2) public comments. The meeting is open to the public. Public input opportunity will be provided and individuals will have the opportunity to address the Committee at that time.

Dated: April 17, 2002.

David W. Martin,

District Ranger.

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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 of the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13.

International Trade Administration

Title: Application for an Export Trade Certificate of Review.

Agency Form Number: ITA-4093P.

OMB Number: 0625-0125.

Type of Request: Regular Submission.

Burden: 960 hours.

Number of Respondents: 30.

Avg. Hours per Response: 32 hours.

Needs and Uses: Title III of the Export Trading Company Act of 1982 (Pub.L.