

Notices

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency

Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Farm Service Agency, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this Notice announces the intention of the Farm Service Agency (FSA) to request approval for information collection necessary to allow USDA's County Based Agency (CBA) customers to securely and confidently share data and receive services electronically.

Authority for obtaining information from users is included in the Freedom to E-File Act, the Government Paperwork Elimination Act, and Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act ("E-SIGN"). This voluntary registration process will enable customers as well as CBA employees to register as authorized users and provide single sign-on capability for CBA on-line applications. The objectives of the registration process are to employ standardized methods for verifying the identity of CBA customers/partners and managing their credentials in support of electronic alternatives to traditional ink signatures and non-repudiation.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received on or before September 10, 2002 to be assured consideration.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS:

Brent Trout, Accountant, Accounting Systems and Planning Staff, Kansas City Finance Office, Farm Service Agency, United States Department of Agriculture, STOP 8548; 6501 Beacon Drive, Kansas City, MO 64133, telephone number (816) 823-1119; or Internet e-mail, BETROUT@kcc.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: USDA Registration Form to Request Electronic Access Code.

OMB Control Number: 0560-0219.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: The USDA CBA's have developed a management and technical process that addresses user authentication and authorization prerequisites for providing services electronically. The process provides an electronic alternative to traditional ink signatures. The process is based on a one-time registration requirement for each CBA customer desiring access to any on-line services that require user authentication. Form AD-2016 (USDA Registration Form to Request Electronic Access Code) is to be used to collect the minimum information necessary to verify and validate the identity of the customer before issuing user access credentials. Time to complete the form will vary from an estimated 10 to 15 minutes depending upon the method option the customer chooses to submit the form.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for the collection of information is estimated to average 10 to 15 minutes (dependent on type of submission) per customer.

Respondents: Individual CBA Service Center Customers.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,100,000.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 1,331,000.

Proposed topics for comment include:

(a) Whether the 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 agencies' estimate of burden, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; or (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of the information on those who respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments should be sent to the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs,

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Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503, and to Brent Trout, Accountant, Accounting Systems and Planning Staff, Kansas City Finance Office, Farm Service Agency, United States Department of Agriculture, STOP 8548; 6501 Beacon Drive, Kansas City, MO 64133, telephone number (816) 823-1119. Copies of the information collection may be obtained from Mr. Trout at the address above, or from a link at the FSA Web site at www.fsa.usda.gov. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Signed at Washington, DC, on June 28, 2002.

James R. Little,

Administrator, Farm Service Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Food Distribution Program: Value of Donated Foods From July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2003

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the value of donated foods or, where applicable, cash in lieu thereof, to be provided in the 2003 school year for each lunch served by schools participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) or by commodity only schools and for each lunch and supper served by institutions participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Program.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Suzanne Rigby, Chief, Schools and Institutions Branch, Food Distribution Division, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, Virginia 22302 or telephone (703) 305-2644.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: These programs are listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance under Nos. 10.550, 10.555, and 10.558 and are subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372, which requires

intergovernmental consultation with State and local officials. (See 7 CFR part 3015, subpart V, and final rule related notice published at 48 FR 29114, June 24, 1983.)

This notice imposes no new reporting or recordkeeping provisions that are subject to Office of Management and Budget review in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3507). This action is not a rule as defined by the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601–612) and thus is exempt from the provisions of that Act. This notice has been determined to be exempt under Executive Order 12866.

National Average Minimum Value of Donated Foods for the Period July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003

This notice implements mandatory provisions of sections 6(c), 14(f) and 17(h)(1)(B) of the National School Lunch Act (the Act) (42 U.S.C. 1755(c), 1762a(f), and 1766(h)(1)(B)). Section 6(c)(1)(A) of the Act establishes the national average value of donated food assistance to be given to States for each lunch served in NSLP at 11.00 cents per meal. Pursuant to Section 6(c)(1)(B), this amount is subject to annual adjustments as of July 1 of each year to reflect changes in a three-month average value of the Price Index for Foods Used in Schools and Institutions for March, April, and May each year (Price Index). Section 17(h)(1)(B) of the Act provides that the same value of donated foods (or cash in lieu of donated foods) for school lunches shall also be established for lunches and suppers served in the Child and Adult Care Food Program. Notice is hereby given that the national average minimum value of donated foods, or cash in lieu thereof, per lunch under NSLP (7 CFR part 210) and per lunch and supper under the Child and Adult Care Food Program (7 CFR part 226) shall be 15.25 cents for the period July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003.

The Price Index is computed using five major food components in the Bureau of Labor Statistics Producer Price Index (cereal and bakery products; meats, poultry and fish; dairy products; processed fruits and vegetables; and fats and oils). Each component is weighted using the relative weight as determined by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The value of food assistance is adjusted each July 1 by the annual percentage change in a three-month average value of the Price Index for March, April and May each year. The three-month average of the Price Index decreased by 2.1 percent from 136.60 for March, April and May of 2001 to 133.79 for the same three months in 2002. When computed on the basis of unrounded data and rounded to

the nearest one-quarter cent, the resulting national average for the period July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003 will be 15.25 cents per meal. This is an decrease of .25 cents from the school year 2002 rate.

In addition to the 15.25 cents per meal, Congress has authorized additional funds to be used to purchase foods under section 6(e) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 1755(e)). Therefore, for this school year, schools will receive more than 15.25 cents per meal in commodities.

Section 14(f) of the Act provides that commodity only schools shall be eligible to receive donated foods equal in value to the sum of the national average value of donated foods established under section 6(c) of the Act and the national average payment established under section 4 of the Act (42 U.S.C. 1753). Such schools are eligible to receive up to 5 cents per meal of this value in cash for processing and handling expenses related to the use of such commodities.

Commodity only schools are defined in section 12(d)(2) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 1760(d)(2)) as “schools that do not participate in the school lunch program under this Act, but which receive commodities made available by the Secretary for use by such schools in nonprofit lunch programs.” For the 2003 school year, commodity only schools shall be eligible to receive donated food assistance valued at 35.25 cents for each free, reduced price, and paid lunch served. This amount is based on the sum of the Section 6(c) level of assistance announced in this notice and the adjusted section 4 minimum national average payment factor for school year 2003. The section 4 factor for commodity only schools does not include the two cents per lunch increase for schools where 60 percent of the lunches served in the school lunch program in the second preceding school year were served free or at reduced prices, because that increase is applicable only to schools participating in the NSLP.

Authority: Sections 6(c)(1)(A) and (B), 6(e)(1), 14(f) and 17(h)(1)(B) of the National School Lunch Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1755(c)(1)(A) and (B) and 6(e)(1), 1762a(f), and 1766(h)(1)(B)).

Dated: July 5, 2002.

Roberto Salazar,

Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Black Hills National Forest, Mystic Ranger District, SD, Prairie Project Area Proposal and Analysis

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

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

SUMMARY: The Forest Service will prepare an environmental impact statement on a proposal to implement multiple resource management actions within the Prairie Project Area as directed by the Black Hills National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan. The Prairie Project Area covers about 29,000 acres of National Forest System land and about 6,300 acres of interspersed private land within the lower Rapid Creek watershed directly west of Rapid City, South Dakota. Proposed actions include: *Promoting natural fuel breaks* (via vegetation treatment) to reduce potential for large-scale intense wildfire; *Reduction of fuels* that currently exist and fuel created by vegetation treatment within the wildland-urban interface; *Wildlife habitat improvement* to protect critical big game winter range and habitat for a variety of plant and animal species; Supporting the preceding actions using *Vegetation treatments* on an estimated 8,000 acres to reduce the density of pine trees and restore hardwoods; *Providing a mix of motorized and non-motorized use opportunities*.

DATES: Comments concerning the scope of the analysis must be received by August 19, 2002. The draft environmental impact statement is expected to be available for public review by November 2002 and the final environmental impact statement is expected to be completed by March 2003.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Robert J. Thompson, District Ranger, Black Hills National Forest, Mystic Ranger District, 803 Soo San Drive, Rapid City, South Dakota 57702. Telephone Number: (605) 343-1567. e-mail: mailroom_r2_blackhills@fs.fed.us. With “Prairie” as subject.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Phillip Grumstrup, Project coordinator, Black Hills National Forest, Mystic Ranger District, at above address, phone (605) 343-1567.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The actions proposed are in direct response to management direction provided by the Black Hills National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest