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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request—Forms FNS-806-A, Claim for Reimbursement (National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs), and FNS-806-B, Claim for Reimbursement (Special Milk Program for Children)

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice invites the public to comment on the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) use of forms FNS-806-A and FNS-806-B, Claims for Reimbursement. The forms are used to collect data to determine the amount of reimbursement school food authorities participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), School Breakfast Program (SBP), and Special Milk Programs for Children (SMP) are eligible to receive.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by February 3, 2003, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Send comments and requests for copies of this information collection to Mr. Terry Hallberg, Chief, Program Analysis and Monitoring Branch, Child Nutrition Division, Food and Nutrition Service, USDA, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 640, Alexandria, Virginia 22302.

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; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be

collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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: Mr. Terry Hallberg at (703) 305-2590.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Forms FNS-806-A, Claim for Reimbursement (National School Lunch, and School Breakfast Programs), and FNS-806-B, Claim for Reimbursement (Special Milk Program).

OMB Numbers: 0584-0284.

Expiration Date: October 31, 2002.

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

Abstract: The NSLP, SBP and SMP claims for reimbursement forms, FNS-806-A and FNS-806-B, are used to collect meal and cost data from school food authorities whose participation in these programs are administered directly by FNS Regional Offices (Regional Office Administered Programs, or ROAP). In order to determine the amount of reimbursement for meals and milk served, the school food authorities are required to complete these forms. The completed forms are submitted to FNS Regional Offices where they are entered into a computerized payment system. The payment system computes earned reimbursement.

Earned reimbursement in the NSLP, SBP and SMP is based on performance that is measured as an assigned rate per meal or half pint of milk served, with cost comparisons for free milk and severe need breakfasts. To fulfill the earned reimbursement requirements set forth in NSLP, SBP and SMP regulations issued by the Secretary of Agriculture (7 CFR 210.8, 220.11,215.10), the meal and cost data must be collected on forms FNS-806-A and FNS-806-B. These forms are an intrinsic part of the accounting system being used currently by the subject programs to ensure proper reimbursement as well as to facilitate adequate recordkeeping.

This request is being made to extend the current information collection for an additional three years. Current methods are the only practical means of

collecting this information considering the resources of form users.

The claims for reimbursement for the NSLP and SBP are on the FNS-806-A and the claims for SMP are on the FNS-806-B.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .5 hours per response.

Respondents: The respondents are school food authorities and facilities participating in the NSLP, SBP and SMP under the observation of the FNS ROAP.

Estimated Number of Respondents—

Form 806-A: 209

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent—Form 806-A: 10

Estimated Total Annual Responses—

Form 806-A: 2090

Estimated Time per Response—Form 806-A: .5

Estimated Total Annual Burden—Form 806-A: 1045 hours

Estimated Number of Respondents—

Form 806-B: 151

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent—Form 806-B: 10

Estimated Total Annual Responses—

Form 806-B: 1510

Estimated Time per Response—Form 806-B: .5

Estimated Total Annual Burden—Form 806-B: 755 hours

Total Annual Burden: Form 806-A and Form 806-B: 1045 + 755 = 1800 hours

Dated: November 26, 2002.

Roberto Salazar,

Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Newspapers Used for Publication of Legal Notice of Appealable Decisions for the Northern Region; Idaho, Montana, North Dakota, and portions of South Dakota and Eastern Washington

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice lists the newspapers that will be used by all Ranger Districts, Forests, and the Regional Office of the Northern Region to publish legal notice of all decisions subject to appeal under 36 CFR 215 and

217 and to publish notices for public comment and notice of decision subject to the provisions of 36 CFR 215. The intended effect of this action is to inform interested members of the public which newspapers will be used to publish legal notices for public comment or decisions; thereby allowing them to receive constructive notice of a decision, to provide clear evidence of timely notice, and to achieve consistency in administering the appeals process.

DATES: Publication of legal notices in the listed newspapers will begin with decisions subject to appeal that are made on or after December 1, 2002. The list of newspapers will remain in effect until another notice is published in the *Federal Register*.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Appeals and Litigation Group Leader; Northern Region; P.O. Box 7669; Missoula, Montana 59807. Phone: (406) 329-3696.

The newspapers to be used are as follows:

Northern Regional Office

Regional Forester decisions in Montana: The Missoulian, Great Falls Tribune, and The Billings Gazette.

Regional Forester decisions in Northern Idaho and Eastern Washington: The Spokesman Review.

Regional Forester decisions in North Dakota: Bismarck Tribune.

Regional Forester decisions in South Dakota: Rapid City Journal.

Beaverhead/Deerlodge—Montana Standard.

Bitterroot—Ravalli Republic.

Clearwater—Lewiston Morning Tribune.

Custer—Billings Gazette (Montana).
Rapid City Journal (South Dakota).

Dakota Prairie National Grasslands—Bismarck Tribune (North and South Dakota).

Flathead—Daily Inter Lake.

Gallatin—Bozeman Chronicle.

Helena—Independent Record.

Idaho Panhandle—Spokesman Review.

Kootenai—Daily Inter Lake.

Lewis & Clark—Great Falls Tribune.

Lolo—Missoulian.

Nez Perce—Lewiston Morning Tribune.

Supplemental notices may be placed in any newspaper, but time frames/deadlines will be calculated based upon notices in newspapers of record listed above.

Dated: November 25, 2002.

Kathleen A McAllister,

Deputy Regional Forester.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Plumas and Lassen National Forests; California; Administrative Study 4202-02-01

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: The USDA, Forest Service, Plumas and Lassen National Forests, in cooperation with the Pacific Southwest Research Station will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on a proposal to complete an administrative study on approximately 493,000 acres of National Forest System lands. The official title of the proposed administrative study is "Fire and Fuels Management, Landscape Dynamics, and Fish and Wildlife Resources: Study Design for Integrated Research on the Plumas and Lassen National Forests."

Direction to undertake this administrative study is in the Regional Forester's Record of Decision (January 12, 2001) for the Sierra Nevada Forest Plan Amendment. In his decision, the Regional Forester directed the Forest Service and the Pacific Southwest Research Station to cooperatively design and implement a study to examine the relationship between management-caused changes in vegetation and their effects on spotted owl habitat and spotted owl population dynamics. The Regional Forester also directed that this study include group selection provisions of the Herger-Feinstein Quincy Library Group pilot project.

To meet the Regional Forester's direction, the administrative study is designed to address four principal questions:

1. Are specific combinations of defensible fuel profile zones (DFPZs) and subsequent area fuel treatments effective in reducing the extent and severity of wildlands fires? What are practical considerations and costs of constructing, maintaining, and using (for fire suppression) alternative combinations of fuel treatments? Are hypothesized fire management gains from these fuel treatment combinations (in the form of reduced property and resource losses, increased resource benefits from wildland fires, and increased suppression efficiencies) commensurate with the costs and potential adverse ecological impacts of the treatments?

2. Is small group selection effective in promoting regeneration of shade-intolerant tree species; establishing desirable forest age, species, and size

distributions at landscape scales; and providing sustainable levels of timber harvest?

3. How does the combination of DFPZs, area treatments, group selection, riparian protection standards, and species-specific protection measures—collectively defined as a management regime—affect landscape dynamics such as forest structure, composition, and succession at multiple scales of space and time?

4. How will key species, such as California spotted owls and their prey, respond to changes in vegetation composition, structure, and distribution induced by different forest management regimes? How is change manifested at the individual or local population level and larger population scales?

DATES: Comments in response to this Notice of Intent concerning the scope of the analysis should be received in writing on or before February 3, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Forest Supervisor, Plumas National Forest, P.O. Box 11500, Quincy, CA 95971.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Anthony Matthews, Interdisciplinary Team Leader, Plumas National Forest, telephone (530) 283-5549.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Proposed Action

The proposed study encompasses eleven treatment units ranging in size from 45,000 to 79,000 acres (average size is 55,700 acres). The total area encompassed by the eleven treatment units is approximately 613,000 acres (493,000 acres of National Forest and 120,000 acres of other ownership). Two of the treatment units are located on the Lassen National Forest and nine on the Plumas National Forest.

The eleven treatment units (TUs) are divided into three treatment regimes (TRs) designed to reflect different levels of vegetative and fuels management and to create a range of forest conditions over the long term. TR-A proposes the least amount of activity and consists of 3 TUs (total of 191,000 acres); TR-B proposes the next highest amount and intensity of management activity and consists of 4 TUs (total of 198,000 acres); and, TR-C proposes the greatest amount and intensity of management activity and consists of 4 TUs (total of 224,000 acres).

Specifically, TR-A includes approximately 13,854 acres of proposed defensible fuels profile zones (DFPZ) and 30,175 acres of strategically placed area treatments (SPLAT) designed to reduce fuel levels across the landscape. An estimated 11 miles of system road