

collected; and (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.

All responses to this notice 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: Lizbeth Silbermann, Chief, Electronic Benefits Transfer Branch, (703) 305-2517.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Coupon Account and Destruction Report.

OMB Number: 0584-0053.

Form Number: FNS-471.

Expiration Date: 03/31/2003.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection

Abstract: Section 7(d) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977, (7 U.S.C. 2016(d)), requires that State agencies determine and monitor food stamp coupon inventories. Section 7(f) requires that the States are strictly liable for all coupon losses except when the coupons are sent through the mail. The Food Stamp Program regulations at 7 CFR 274.7(f)-(h) require State agencies to properly dispose of certain coupons received at issuance, claims collection, inventory, and bulk storage points. These are destroyed within 30 days after the end of the month in which the coupons are received if the coupons are not suitable for a return to inventories. These include mutilated coupons, improperly manufactured coupons, or old-series coupons being exchanged for current series coupons. Coupons may be returned to local offices if found by the public, returned by recipients as payment on claims, or returned for other reasons. These coupons will likely be destroyed rather than returned to inventories and the FNS-471 is the document used to account for amounts destroyed.

Food Stamp Program coupons are Federal obligations and must be accounted for by denomination and value whether loose or in book form. The FNS-471, Coupon Account and Destruction Report, is completed by staff in local offices and sent to destruction points where the destruction point staff sign the form certifying destruction has occurred. A signed copy is returned to the originating local office. The FNS-471 is attached as documentation to other monthly coupon accountability reports.

Estimate of Burden

The proposed revision to the information collection burden for the FNS-471 reflects a reduction because of the legislated change from paper coupon issuance to electronic benefits transfer (EBT) issuance systems. Currently, just over 90 percent of Food Stamp Program benefits are issued using EBT systems. This leaves a small and declining portion in the form of paper coupons. Coupon issuance declines as State agencies implement Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) systems and eliminate coupons. Based on State EBT implementation schedules, there should be no coupon issuance by January 2005. In Fiscal Year 2002, the amount of coupons issued was \$2.59 billion, down from \$6.2 billion in Fiscal Year 1999 when this collection burden was last renewed. This represents a reduction of about 58 percent. The number of respondents is being reduced using the same percentage from 9,276 to 3,896 respondents. The estimated time per response is 7 minutes to complete the form and the forms are used monthly. The resulting burden hours are 5,454 hours annually.

Affected Public: State and local government employees and recipients.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 3,896.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 12.

Estimated Time per Response: 7 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 5,454 hours annually.

Dated: March 25, 2003.

George A. Braley,

Associate Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Lake Tahoe Basin Federal Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Lake Tahoe Basin Federal Advisory Committee will hold a meeting on April 10, 2003, at the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, Forest Service Office, 870 Emerald Bay Rd., Suite 1, South Lake Tahoe, CA. This Committee, established by the Secretary of Agriculture on December 15, 1998, (64 FR 2876) is chartered to provide advice to the Secretary on implementing the terms of the Federal Interagency

Partnership on the Lake Tahoe Region and other matters raised by the Secretary.

DATES: The meeting will be held April 10, 2003 beginning at 8:30 a.m. and ending at 10:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, Forest Service Office, 870 Emerald Bay Rd., South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Maribeth Gustafson or Jeannie Stafford, Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, Forest Service Office, 870 Emerald Bay Road Suite 1, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150, (530) 573-2642.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The committee will meet jointly with the Lake Tahoe Basin Executives Committee. Items to be covered on the agenda include: Recommendations on the USFS Report to Congress on Urban Intermix Parcel Acquisition and Management in the Lake Tahoe Basin, and public comment. All Lake Tahoe Basin Federal Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend. Issues may be brought to the attention of the Committee during the open public comment period at the meeting or by filing written statements with the secretary for the Committee before or after the meeting. Please refer any written comments to the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit at the contact address stated above.

Dated: March 24, 2003.

Maribeth Gustafson,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

National Tree-Marking Paint Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The National Tree-marking Paint Committee will meet in Manchester, New Hampshire, on May 6-8, 2003. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss activities, improvements, and concerns related to the handling and use of tree-marking paint by personnel of the Forest Service and the Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management.

DATES: The meeting will be held May 6-8, 2003, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Best Western Executive Court Inn,

13500 South Willow Street, Manchester, New Hampshire 03109. Written comments may be mailed before or after the meeting until June 8, 2003, to Bob Monk, Chair, National Tree-marking Paint Committee, Forest Service, USDA, San Dimas Technology and Development Center, 444 East Bonita Avenue, San Dimas, California 91773, or sent via e-mail to: rmonk@fs.fed.us.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bob Monk, Project Leader, San Dimas Technology and Development Center, Forest Service, USDA, (909) 599-1267, extension 267; e-mail: rmonk@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Tree-marking Paint Committee comprises representatives from the Forest Service national headquarters, each of the nine Forest Service Regions, the Forest Products Laboratory, the Forest Service San Dimas Technology and Development Center, and the Bureau of Land Management. The General Services Administration and the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health are ad hoc members and provide technical advice to the committee.

A field trip will be held on May 6 and is designed to supplement information related to tree-marking paint. This trip is open to any member of the public participating in the public meeting on May 7-8. However, transportation is provided only for committee members.

The main session of the meeting, which is open to public attendance, will be held on May 7-8.

Closed Sessions

While certain segments of this meeting are open to the public, there will be two closed sessions during the meeting. The first closed session is planned for approximately 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on May 7. This session is reserved for individual paint manufacturers to present products and information about tree-marking paint for consideration in future testing and use by the agency. Paint manufacturers also may provide comments on tree-marking paint specifications or other requirements. This portion of the meeting is open only to paint manufacturers, the committee, and committee staff to ensure that trade secrets will not be disclosed to other paint manufacturers or to the public. Paint manufacturers wishing to make presentations to the National Tree-marking Paint Committee during the closed session should contact the Chair at the telephone number listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. The second closed session is planned for approximately 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on May

8. This session is reserved for Federal Government employees only.

Any person with special access needs should contact the Chair to make those accommodations. Space for individuals who are not members of the National Tree-marking Paint Committee is limited and will be available to the public on a first-come, first-served basis.

Dated: March 24, 2003.

Gloria Manning,

Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest System.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Eastern Idaho Resource Advisory Committee; Caribou-Targhee National Forest, Idaho Falls, ID

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the authorities in the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463) and under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-393) the Caribou-Targhee National Forests' Eastern Idaho Resource Advisory Committee will meet Wednesday, April 30, 2003 in Idaho Falls for a business meeting. The meeting is open to the public.

DATES: The business meeting will be held on April 30, 2003 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting location is the Caribou-Targhee National Forest Headquarters Office, 1405 Hollipark Drive, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83402.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jerry Reese, Caribou-Targhee National Forest Supervisor and Designated Federal Officer, at (208) 524-7500.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The business meeting on April 30, 2003, begins at 9 a.m. at the Caribou-Targhee National Forest Headquarters Office, 1405 Hollipark Drive, Idaho Falls, Idaho. Agenda topics will include presentations from project proposals and the resource advisory committee making final funding requests.

Dated: March 24, 2003.

Jerry B. Reese,

Caribou-Targhee Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

South Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie Resource Advisory Committee (RAC)

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: The South Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will meet Thursday, April 17, 2003 in the Forest Supervisor's Office of the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, 21905 64th Avenue West, Mountlake Terrace, WA 98043. The meeting, which is scheduled from 9 a.m. until 12 noon, will involve participation of some advisory committee members by conference telephone. Agenda items to be covered during the meeting: (1) Discussion and agreement on a committee process for 2004 Title II project review and prioritization and (2) identification of a May meeting date for 2004 Title II project evaluation.

All South Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie Resource Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend.

The South Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie Resource Advisory Committee advises King and Pierce Counties on projects, reviews project proposals, and makes recommendations to the Forest Supervisor for projects to be funded by Title II dollars. The South Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie Resource Advisory Committee was established to carry out the requirements of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Direct questions regarding this meeting to Penny Sundblad, Management Specialist, USDA Forest Service, Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, 810 State Route 20, Sedro Woolley, Washington 98284 (360-856-5700, Extension 321).

Dated: March 25, 2003.

John Phipps,

Designated Federal Official.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Notice of Southwest Idaho Resource Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: USDA, Forest Service.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.