

Total Burden Hours: 70.

Food and Nutrition Service

Title: Food Stamp Program Pre-Screening Tool.

OMB Control Number: 0584-0519.

Summary of Collection: Consistent with Section 5 of the Food Stamp Act of 1977, the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) has initiated this program to enable potential Food Stamp Program applicants to assess their eligibility and the order of magnitude of the potential benefit they may qualify for. This Pre-Screening Tool also enables citizen advocacy groups to help constituents assess their benefit eligibility. This will also help the Food Stamp Program fulfill its role as a means-tested program in accordance with Section 5 of the Food Stamp Act and Part 273 of the Food Stamp Program regulations.

Need and Use of the Information:

This Food Stamp Program Pre-Screening Tool will be accessible to the public as an online Web-based system. The user will be prompted to enter household size, income, expenses and resource information, and the tool will calculate and provide the user with an estimated range of benefits that the household may be eligible to receive. This information will help FNS determine the degree and type of system usage as well as potential areas for further study. The survey component will help FNS to determine the degree of usage, the need for modifying the tool and potential areas of further study.

Description of Respondents:

Individuals or households; State, local, or tribal government; Not-for-profit institutions.

Number of Respondents: 264,000.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 48,183.

Charlene Parker,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. 05-020N]

National Advisory Committee on Meat and Poultry Inspection

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The National Advisory Committee on Meat and Poultry Inspection (NACMPI) will hold a public

meeting on June 16-17, 2005, to review and discuss the following issues: (1) How can FSIS best share information on new technology with small and very small plants? (2) What guidance can be provided to industry to ensure that plants hold product when FSIS tests product for an adulterant? (3) How can risk based sampling most effectively be conducted in small and very small plants? Three subcommittees will also meet on June 16-17, 2005, to work on the issues discussed during the full committee session.

DATES: The full Committee will hold a public meeting on Thursday, June 16 and Friday, June 17, 2005, from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Subcommittees will hold open meetings on Thursday, June 16, 2005, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

ADDRESSES: All Committee meetings will take place in the conference room at the south end of the USDA cafeteria located in the South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW. A meeting agenda is available on the Internet at <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/OPPDE/NACMPI>. FSIS welcomes comments on the topics to be discussed at the public meeting. Comments may be submitted by mail, including floppy disks or CD-ROM's, or by hand delivery to: Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Room 102 Cotton Annex, 300 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20250. Comments may also be sent by facsimile to (202) 205-0381. All submissions received must include the Agency name and docket number 05-020N. All comments submitted in response to this notice, as well as research and background information used by FSIS in developing this document, will be available for public inspection in the FSIS Docket Room at the address listed above between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The comments also will be posted on the Agency's Web site at http://www.fsis.usda.gov/regulations/2005_Notices_Index/.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Robert Tynan for technical information at (202) 690-6522 or e-mail robert.tynan@fsis.usda.gov and Sonya L. West for meeting information at (202) 690-1079, FAX (202) 690-6519, or e-mail sonya.west@fsis.usda.gov. Persons requiring a sign language interpreter or other special accommodations should notify Ms. West no later than June 10, 2005, at the numbers above or by e-mail.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On March 15, 2005, the Secretary of Agriculture renewed the charter for the NACMPI. The Committee provides

advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Agriculture pertaining to the Federal and State meat and poultry inspection programs, pursuant to sections 7(c), 24, 205, 301(a)(3), 301(a)(4), and 301(c) of the Federal Meat Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 607(c), 624, 645, 661(a)(3), 661(a)(4), and 661(c)) and sections 5(a)(3), 5(a)(4), 5(c), 8(b), and 11(e) of the Poultry Products Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 454(a)(3), 454(a)(4), 454(c), 457(b), and 460(e)).

The Administrator of FSIS is the chairperson of the Committee. Membership of the Committee is drawn from representatives of consumer groups, producers, processors and marketers from the meat, poultry and egg product industry, state government officials, and academia. The current members of the NACMPI are: Dr. Gladys Bayse, Spelman College; Dr. David Carpenter, Southern Illinois University; Dr. James Denton, University of Arkansas; Mr. Darin Detwiler, Lake Washington School District; Mr. Kevin Elfering, Minnesota Department of Agriculture; Ms. Sandra Eskin, Attorney; Mr. Mike Finnegan, State of Montana; Mr. Michael Govro, Oregon Department of Agriculture; Dr. Andrea Grondahl, North Dakota Department of Agriculture; Dr. Joseph Harris, Southwest Meat Association; Dr. Jill Hollingsworth, Food Marketing Institute; Mr. Michael Kowalczyk, Safe Tables Our Priority; Dr. Elizabeth Krushinskie, U.S. Poultry & Egg Association; Dr. Irene Leech, Virginia Citizens Consumer Council; Mr. Charles Link, Cargill Meat Solutions; Dr. Catherine Logue, North Dakota State University; and Mr. Mark Schad, Schad Meats.

The Committee has three subcommittees to deliberate on specific issues and make recommendations to the whole Committee. The Committee makes recommendations to the Secretary of Agriculture.

All interested parties are welcome to attend the meetings and to submit written comments and suggestions concerning issues the Committee will review and discuss. The comments and the official transcript of the meeting, when they become available, will be kept in the FSIS Docket Room at the address provided above. All comments received in response to this notice will be considered part of the public record and will be available for viewing in the FSIS Docket Room between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Members of the public will be required to register before entering the meeting.

Additional Public Notification

Public awareness of all segments of rulemaking and policy development is important. Consequently, in an effort to ensure that minorities, women, and persons with disabilities are aware of this notice, FSIS will announce it online through the FSIS Web Page located at http://www.fsis.usda.gov/regulations/2005_Notices_Index/index.asp. FSIS also will make copies of this **Federal Register** publication available through the FSIS Constituent Update, which is used to provide information regarding FSIS policies, procedures, regulations, **Federal Register** notices, FSIS public meetings, recalls, and other types of information that could affect or would be of interest to constituents and stakeholders. The update is communicated via Listserv, a free electronic mail subscription service for industry, trade, and farm groups, consumer interest groups, allied health professionals, and other individuals who have asked to be included. The update is available on the FSIS Web page. Through the Listserv and web page, FSIS is able to provide information to a much broader and more diverse audience.

In addition, FSIS offers an electronic mail subscription service that provides an automatic and customized notification when popular pages are updated, including **Federal Register** publications and related documents. This service is available at http://www.fsis.usda.gov/news_and_events/email_subscription/ and allows FSIS customers to sign up for subscription options in eight categories. Options range from recalls to export information to regulations, directives, and notices. Customers can add or delete subscriptions themselves and have the option to protect their accounts with passwords.

Done in Washington, DC, on: May 25, 2005.

Barbara J. Masters,

Acting Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Myrtle Creek HFRA, Healthy Forest Restoration Act Project, Bonners Ferry Ranger District, Idaho Panhandle National Forests; Boundary County, ID

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

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

SUMMARY: The Bonners Ferry Ranger District of the Idaho Panhandle National Forest is proposing fuels reduction treatments in the Myrtle Creek and Snow Creek watersheds, identified as the Myrtle Creek HFRA project area. These watersheds are located nine miles west of Bonners Ferry, Idaho.

The USDA Forest Service will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to disclose the potential environmental effects of implementing fuels reduction treatments on National Forest System lands within these drainages, which include portions of the Selkirk and Kootenai Peak Inventoried Roadless Areas.

DATES: Comments, suggestions, or requests to be placed on the project mailing list, should be received on or before July 5, 2005. The draft environmental impact statement is expected to be filed with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and available for public review in July, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments and suggestions on the proposal or requests to be placed on the project mailing list to District Ranger Mike Herrin, Bonners Ferry Ranger District, 6286 Main St., Bonners Ferry, Idaho 83805; comments may also be submitted electronically to e-mail address: comments-northern-idpanhandle-bonners-ferry@fs.fed.us in one of the following formats: MSWord, Word Perfect or rtf.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Doug Nishek, Myrtle Creek HFRA Project Team Leader, Bonners Ferry Ranger District, at the above address, by phone at (208) 267-5561, or e-mail address: dnishek@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The project area encompasses Myrtle Creek (about 17,000 acres) and the lower section of Snow Creek drainage (about 3,200 acres) within the Selkirk Mountains of northern Idaho. In September 2003 a wildfire burned approximately 3,450 acres in the lower portion of the Myrtle Creek drainage—the municipal watershed and primary source of drinking water for the City of Bonners Ferry. The fire burned across the intake diversion structure for the City's water system, and caused some short-term effects to the water quality. It also heightened the community's awareness of potential risks if another catastrophic fire burned within the watershed.

The City of Bonners Ferry, Boundary County Commissioners and Kootenai Tribe of Idaho have asked the Forest Service to evaluate the current and future conditions of the watershed.

Their overall goal for the area is continuing use of Myrtle Creek as a source of high quality municipal water. They are concerned about the following: (1) Maintaining a continuous supply of potable water from Myrtle Creek for the City of Bonners Ferry and its customers. (2) Reducing the risk of catastrophic fire in the Myrtle Creek watershed, while maintaining and restoring habitat for fish and wildlife species.

Under the auspices of the Kootenai Valley Resource Initiative (KVRI), the Myrtle Creek working group has been providing a forum to foster discussions between local government agencies, the Kootenai Tribe, interested members of the public and Forest Service personnel. The purpose of this KVRI subcommittee has been to look at community goals for Myrtle Creek, develop an overarching goal for the watershed and identify issues. KVRI publishes advance notice of working group meetings, which are open to all members of the public, in the local newspaper (Bonners Ferry Herald).

As a primary land management agency within the Myrtle Creek watershed and adjacent areas, the Forest Service was asked to design treatments that will foster long-term reduction of risks from catastrophic wildfire within the municipal watershed. The Forest Service developed a three-part purpose and need for the Myrtle Creek project: (1) Maintain Myrtle Creek watershed as a source of high quality drinking water for the City of Bonners Ferry; (2) Reduce hazardous fuels in the Myrtle Creek watershed and adjacent forests; (3) Trend vegetation in Myrtle Creek watershed and adjacent forest towards conditions that would be less susceptible to catastrophic fire, while maintaining and restoring habitat for fish and wildlife species.

The purpose and need are consistent with the Land and Resource Management Plan for the Idaho Panhandle National Forests (Forest Plan). Findings of the Interior Columbia Basin Ecosystem Management Project and the Kootenai River Geographic Assessment provide documentation of the currently dense, insect- and disease-prone state of the dry-site ecosystems and fire risks across the Idaho Panhandle National Forests and in the Kootenai River basin, and the marked changes these ecosystems have undergone over the past century. Site specific information indicates these same conditions are present in the vegetation in the Myrtle Creek and Snow Creek watersheds, tributaries to the Kootenai River.

The Forest Service has presented a proposed action to the Myrtle Creek working group. The proposal is to treat