

(*dmaW*) gene. This strain does not produce ergot alkaloids or clavine mycotoxins that are believed to cause toxicoses to grazing livestock and wildlife. Strain Lp1-981 was generated by an insertion of the *hph* construct in lysergyl peptide synthetase subunit 1 (*IpsA*). This line lacks the ability to produce ergovaline and other amides of lysergic acid, but retains the ability to produce clavines and lysergic acid.

Perennial ryegrass plants that have been inoculated with either mutant strain will be planted in the trial for the purpose of increasing seed. The endophyte is only transmitted vertically through seed. Therefore this trial will result in an increase in inoculated seed for future experiments.

On August 12, 2005, we published in the **Federal Register** (70 FR 47169–47170, Docket No. 05–062–1) a notice announcing the availability, for review and comment, of an environmental assessment (EA) for a field trial of the genetically engineered strains of *Neotyphodium* sp. isolate Lp1. We solicited comments on the EA for 30 days ending on September 12, 2005. We received eight comments by that date, from an academic professional, a public interest group, and private individuals. All eight commenters expressed concerns about the field trial. Some of the comments criticized the treatment of horizontal gene transfer and acute toxicity in the EA. Others suggested that these types of experiments should only be conducted in a contained facility. APHIS has responded to these comments in an attachment to the finding of no significant impact (FONSI).

Pursuant to its regulations (7 CFR part 340) promulgated under the Plant Protection Act, APHIS has determined that this field trial will not pose a risk of the introduction or dissemination of a plant pest for the following reasons:

1. The test fungi *Neotyphodium* sp. Lp1 strains Lp1-981 and Lp1-4175 are identical to the untransformed endophyte except for their inability to produce toxic ergot alkaloids.

2. *Neotyphodium* species are not known as animal or human pathogens, and both it and its sexually transmitted form of the species (*Epichloë* sp.) are only found in grasses.

3. Dissemination of *Neotyphodium* sp. Lp1 strains Lp1-981 and Lp1-4175 will be prevented through physical methods, normal site security, small size of the trials, and cleaning of equipment.

4. The host range of *Neotyphodium* sp. Lp1 strains Lp1-981 and Lp1-4175 and mode of transmission has not changed.

5. The *Neotyphodium* sp. Lp1 strains Lp1-981 and Lp1-4175 are expected to be less toxic to herbivores than the untransformed endophyte and therefore should not pose any new dietary threat.

6. The *Neotyphodium* species has never been associated with animal or human disease and therefore will not pose a risk to human health.

7. Hygromycin B phosphotransferase (from the marker gene) does not confer any plant pest characteristics to *Neotyphodium* species.

8. Threatened and endangered species in the area are not hosts of *Neotyphodium* sp. nor do they feed on hosts of these fungi, and therefore will not be affected by the trials.

The EA and the FONSI were prepared in accordance with (1) The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), (2) regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality for implementing the procedural provisions of NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500–1508), (3) USDA regulations implementing NEPA (7 CFR part 1b), and (4) APHIS' NEPA Implementing Procedures (7 CFR part 372). Copies of the EA and FONSI are available from the individual listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Done in Washington, DC, this 3rd day of October 2005.

**Elizabeth E. Gaston,**

*Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Food and Nutrition Service

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request—School Lunch and Breakfast Cost Study-II

**AGENCY:** Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice invites the general public and other public agencies to comment on the proposed collection of data for the School Lunch and Breakfast Cost Study-II in order to assess the adequacy of the Federal meal reimbursement rates.

**DATES:** Written comments must be received on or before December 6, 2005.

**ADDRESSES:** 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 shall 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; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments may be sent to Alberta Frost, Director, Office of Analysis, Nutrition and Evaluation, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 1014, Alexandria, VA 22302. Comments may also be submitted via fax to the attention of Alberta Frost at 703–305–2576 or via e-mail to [Alberta.Frost@fns.usda.gov](mailto:Alberta.Frost@fns.usda.gov).

All written comments will be open for public inspection at the office of the Food and Nutrition Service during regular business hours (8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday) at Room 1014, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, Virginia 22302.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will be a matter of public record.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of this information collection should be directed to Alberta Frost at 703–305–2017.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* School Lunch and Breakfast Cost Study-II.

*OMB Number:* Not yet assigned.

*Form Number:* N/A.

*Expiration Date:* Not yet determined.

*Type of Request:* New Collection of Information.

*Abstract:* The School Lunch and Breakfast Cost Study-II will collect and analyze data from a nationally representative sample of public schools participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP). Data will be collected so as to provide sufficient information on school meal production costs to assess the adequacy of Federal meal reimbursement rates. The information will be used to determine the national average reported and full costs to produce NSLP and School Breakfast Program (SBP) reimbursable meals, the extent to which indirect costs are charged to School Food Authority (SFA) accounts for food service operations, the value of administrative costs used to produce reimbursable

NSLP and SBP meals, and the composition of SFA revenues, including federal reimbursements, cafeteria sales and State and local cash assistance in comparison to costs.

**Respondents:** State Child Nutrition (CN) Directors, State Commodity Distributing Agency (SDA) Directors, and State Department of Education (SEA) Finance Officers. For public school districts participating in the NSLP: SFA directors and business managers, local educational agency (LEA) finance officers, and school administrators and food service managers.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** One hundred twenty-two SFA directors will complete a mail questionnaire with telephone follow-up and be interviewed in-person using several different instruments. One hundred twenty-two SFA business managers and 122 LEA finance officers will be interviewed in person. One food service manager in each of three schools in each SFA (a total of 366 food service managers) will be interviewed by telephone prior to site visits. During the site visits the 366 food service managers will be interviewed in-person using several different instruments. Approximately 25 State CN

directors; 25 SDA directors, and 25 SEA finance officers will be interviewed by telephone.

**Number of Responses per Respondent:** Each instrument will be administered once to each respondent except for food service managers. Food service managers will be interviewed once by telephone prior to the site visit; in addition food service managers will be interviewed on each day of the five-day site visit to complete menu and recipe records.

**Estimated Time per Response:** The attached table presents the burden for each type of respondent.

Estimated time per response

Respondent	Number	Number of administrations	Minutes	Total minutes
State CN Director Interview .....	25	1	20	500
State SDA Administrator .....	25	1	20	500
SEA Finance Officer Interview .....	25	1	20	500
SFA Director:	122			
• Pre-Visit Questionnaire .....	122	1	30	3,660
• School Paid Staff Roster .....	122	1	15	1,830
• Central Staff Paid Staff Roster .....	122	1	10	1,220
• Central Staff Time Allocation Grid .....	122	1	10	1,220
• Food Service Expense Statement .....	122	1	30	3,660
• Off-Budget Staff Roster .....	122	1	10	1,220
• Off-Budget Time Allocation Grid .....	122	1	10	1,220
Food service managers/Cooks:	366			
• School Information Summary .....	366	1	10	3,660
• Kitchen Staff Time Allocation Grid .....	366	1	15	5,490
• Menu Record .....	366	5	15	27,450
• Recipe Record .....	366	5	30	54,900
SFA Business Manager .....	122	1	60	7,320
School Administrator Interview .....	366	1	80	29,280
LEA Finance Officer .....	122	1	60	7,320
Total Respondent Burden .....				150,950

**Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:** 2516 hours.

Dated: October 3, 2005.

**Roberto Salazar,**

Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Klamath National Forest, California and Oregon, Mt. Ashland LSR Habitat Restoration and Fuels Reduction Project

**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 promote the development of late-successional habitat

and reduce the risk of uncharacteristic wildfires on approximately 5013 acres.

**DATES:** Comments concerning the scope of the analysis must be received within 30 days of the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. The draft environmental impact statement is expected by January, 2006, and the final environmental impact statement is expected by July, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments to Margaret J. Boland, Forest Supervisor, Klamath National Forest, 1312 Fairlane Road, Yreka, California 96097. ATTN: Sue Stresser

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Susan Stresser, Wildlife Biologist and Interdisciplinary Team Leader, Klamath National Forest, 132 Fairlane Road, Yreka, California 96097 or call (503) 841-4538.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

### Purpose and Need for Action

The purpose of the Mt. Ashland Late-Successional Reserve (LSR) Habitat Restoration and Fuels Reduction Project is to promote the development of habitat for species dependent on late-successional forests and reduce the vulnerability of these stands and existing late-successional habitat to uncharacteristic wildfire. This project is proposed under the direction of Seciton 7(a)(1) of the Endangered Species Act that directs federal agencies to carry out programs for the conservation of threatened and endangered species. Agencies are also directed to conduct habitat restoration and enhance protection from catastrophic wildfire by the Healthy Forest Restoration Act, Northwest Forest Plan as incorporated in the Klamath National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan of 1995, and the National Fire Plan.

The need for actions in these watersheds results primarily from turn