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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** CCC acquires farmer-stock peanuts through the forfeiture of marketing assistance loans obtained in accordance with the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002. CCC's general sales policy is to maximize the returns to the Corporation. The authority for selling CCC-owned peanuts is the CCC Charter Act and section 165 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996. The regulations at 7 CFR, part 1402, contain CCC policy for certain commodities available for sale by CCC.

CCC has contracted with The Seam, LLC, of Memphis, Tennessee to provide online marketing services to sell CCC-owned peanuts on the Internet. CCC will entertain offers from prospective buyers for the purchase of CCC-owned peanuts that are included in the inventory listed on The Seam's web site.

CCC owns 41,925 tons of farmer-stock peanuts. The inventory is composed of the following: 24,329 tons of Runner-type; 10,546 tons of Spanish-type; 4,836 tons of Virginia-type; and 2,214 tons of Valencia-type peanuts. The peanuts will be made available in an auction sale format in lieu of individual negotiated sales. All CCC inventoried peanuts will be available for sale as unrestricted use at [www.theseam.com](http://www.theseam.com) on November 29, 2006, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Central Time (CT). This inventory will be made available for advance review only, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. CT, on November 27 and November 28, 2006. On November 29, 2006, an additional preview period will be provided from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. CT. Any unsold CCC peanut inventory may be placed on The Seam's website at anytime following November 29, 2006, without prior notification to the public. Interested parties are encouraged to check The Seam's website on a regular basis for inventory that may be made available for sale.

To participate in the online peanut sales, The Seam requires users to enter into a participation agreement. There are no commission charges to place bids online; however, successful bidders are charged a commission fee of \$0.75 per ton for completed sales.

Additional information on The Seam is available by contacting Kevin Brinkley, by telephone at (901) 374-0374, or by e-mail at [kevin.brinkley@theseam.com](mailto:kevin.brinkley@theseam.com) or Charles Garner at (478) 988-1125, or by e-mail at [charles.garner@theseam.com](mailto:charles.garner@theseam.com)

Any questions about this notice may be directed to Jose Gonzalez by calling (202) 690-2534 or e-mail [jose.gonzalez@wdc.usda.gov](mailto:jose.gonzalez@wdc.usda.gov).

Signed at Washington, DC, November 17, 2006.

**Glen L. Keppy,**

*Acting Executive Vice President Commodity Credit Corporation.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Food and Nutrition Service

#### **Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request: Food Stamp Program: State Issuance and Participation Estimates—Form FNS-388**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) is publishing for public comment a summary of a proposed information collection. The proposed collection is a revision of a collection currently approved under OMB No. 0584-0081 for the Food Stamp Program for the form FNS-388, State Issuance and Participation Estimates.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by January 26, 2007 to be assured of consideration.

**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.

Send comments and requests for copies of this information collection to Barbara Hallman, Chief, State Administration Branch, Food Stamp Program, Food and Nutrition Service, USDA, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302. Copies of the estimate of the information collection can be obtained by contacting Ms. Hallman.

All comments will be summarized and included in the request for Office of

Management and Budget approval of the information collection. All comments will become a matter of public record.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Barbara Hallman at (703) 305-2383.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** *Title:* Form FNS-388, State Issuance and Participation Estimates.

*OMB Number:* 0584-0081.

*Expiration Date:* 1/31/2007.

*Type of Request:* Revision of a currently approved information collection.

*Abstract:* Section 18(b) of the Food Stamp Act, (the Act) 7 U.S.C. 2027(b), limits the value of allotments paid to food stamp households to an amount not in excess of the appropriation for the fiscal year. If allotments in any fiscal year would exceed the appropriation, the Secretary of Agriculture is required to direct State agencies to reduce the value of food stamp allotments to the extent necessary to stay within appropriated funding limits. Timely State monthly issuance estimates are necessary for FNS to ensure that it remains within the appropriation. The estimates will also have a direct effect upon the manner in which allotments would be reduced if necessary. While benefit reductions have never been ordered in the past under Section 18(b) nor are they anticipated based on current data, the Department must continue to monitor actual program costs against the appropriation.

Section 11(e)(12) of the Food Stamp Act, 7 U.S.C. 2020 (e)(12), requires that the State Plan of Operations provide for the submission of reports required by the Secretary of Agriculture. State agencies are required to report on a monthly basis on the FNS-388, State Issuance and Participation Estimates, estimated or actual issuance and participation data for the current month and previous month, and actual participation data for the second preceding month. The FNS-388 report provides the necessary data for an early warning system to enable the Department to monitor actual and estimated costs for all benefit types against the appropriation.

State agencies in general only submit one Statewide FNS-388 per month which covers benefits from their electronic benefit transfer (EBT) system. The exception is that State agencies which choose to operate an approved alternative issuance demonstration project such as a cash-out system submit a separate report for each additional type of issuance system. There has been a small increase in these issuance demonstration and operation projects since the last information collection submission.

In addition, State agencies are required to submit a project area breakdown on the FNS-388A of issuance and participation data twice a year. This data is useful in identifying project areas that operate fraud detection units in accordance with the Act.

As of June 2006, 90 percent of the total responses submitted the FNS-388 data electronically and 10 percent submitted paper reports. As of March 2006, the last time the FNS-388A was submitted, 73 percent of the total response submitted FNS-388A data electronically and 27 percent submitted paper reports.

*Respondents:* State agencies that administer the Food Stamp Program.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 53.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 13.81

*Estimated Hours per Response:* 7.14

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* The annual reporting and recordkeeping burden for OMB No. 0584-0081 is estimated to be 5,226 hours. This is an increase of 683.7 hours due to an increase in the number of responses from State agencies.

Dated: November 17, 2006.

**Roberto Salazar,**

*Administrator.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Ely Westside Rangeland Project

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

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

**SUMMARY:** The Ely Ranger District, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) on a proposal to authorize continued livestock grazing within the Ely Westside Rangeland Project area. The analysis will determine if a change in management direction for livestock grazing is needed to move existing resource conditions within the Ely Westside Rangeland Project area towards desired conditions. Allotments within the project area are Big Creek, Black Rock, Cherry Creek, Currant Creek, Ellison Basin, Hooper Canyon, Irwin Canyon, Illipah, Pine/Quinn Creek, Tom Plain, Treasure Hill, and Troy Mountain. The Black Rock, Cherry Creek, Currant Creek, Ellison Basin, Illipah, Pine/Quinn Creek, Tom Plain, and Treasure Hill, are currently

permitted for grazing; Big Creek, Hooper Canyon, and Irwin Canyon allotments are currently vacant; and the Troy Mountain Allotment is currently closed. These allotments are in Lincoln, Nye, and White Pine Counties, Nevada.

**DATES:** Comments concerning the scope of the analysis are due by January 15, 2007. The draft environmental impact statement is expected May 2007 and the final environmental impact statement is expected September 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments to District Ranger, Ely Ranger District, 825 Ave. E, Ely, Nevada 89301.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information, mail correspondence to or contact David Palmer, Project Coordinator, at the Ely Ranger District, 825 Ave. E, Ely Nevada 89301. The telephone number is 775-289-5116. E-mail address is [dmpalmer@fs.fed.us](mailto:dmpalmer@fs.fed.us).

#### Purpose and Need for Action

There is a need to maintain or improve the condition of riparian resources and maintain or improve the overall health of the rangeland in the Ely Westside Rangeland Project area. The purpose of this project is to determine the management direction for livestock grazing needed to move existing resource conditions within the project area towards desired conditions.

#### Proposed Action

The Ely Ranger District, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, is proposing to authorize continued domestic livestock grazing on approximately 569,000 acres within the Ely Westside Rangeland Project area under updated grazing management direction in order to move existing rangeland resource conditions within the project area toward desired condition. The updated direction will be incorporated in attendant grazing permits and allotment management plans to guide grazing management within the project area during the coming decade, or until amendments are warranted, based on changed condition or monitoring. The Black Rock, Cherry Creek, Currant Creek, Ellison Basin, Illipah, Pine/Quinn Creek, Tom Plain, and Treasure Hill, allotments would continue to have authorized grazing. A portion of the Troy Mountain Allotment, which is currently closed, would be re-opened to livestock grazing; the rest of the allotment would remain closed. Big Creek, Hooper Canyon, and Irwin Canyon allotments are currently vacant and would be recommended for closure.

#### Possible Alternatives

In addition to the proposed action, we have tentatively identified two additional alternatives that will be analyzed in the EIS.

(1.) *No Action/No Grazing:* This is not issuing new grazing permits when existing permits expire.

(2.) *Current Management:* This is continuation of current grazing management.

#### Responsible Official

Patricia N. Irwin, District Ranger, Ely Ranger District, 825 Ave. E, Ely, Nevada 89301

#### Nature of Decision To Be Made

Based on the environmental analysis in the EIS the Forest Supervisor will decide whether to continue grazing on the allotments within the Ely Westside Rangeland Project area, in accordance with the strategies in the proposed action or as modified by additional mitigation measures and monitoring requirements.

#### Scoping Process

The Forest Service will use a mailing of information to interested parties. Public involvement will be ongoing throughout the analysis process and at certain times, public input will be specifically requested. There are currently no scoping meetings planned.

#### Preliminary Issues

The following are some potential issues identified through internal Forest Service scoping based on our experience with similar projects. The list is not considered all-inclusive, but should be viewed as a starting point. We are asking you to help us further refine the issues and identify other issues or concerns relevant to the proposed project.

- Continued livestock grazing has the potential to affect water quality within the project area.

- Continued livestock grazing has the potential to affect heritage resources within the project area.

- Continued livestock grazing has the potential to affect soil quality within the project area.

- Continued livestock grazing has the potential to affect upland and riparian vegetation within the project area.

- Continued livestock grazing has the potential to affect the health of some aspen stands within the project area.

- Continued livestock grazing has the potential to affect wildlife habitat, particularly for elk and sage grouse, within the project area.