

apply to ride along with Forest Service law enforcement officers.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing on or before May 18, 2009 to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: Comments concerning this notice should be addressed to the Director of Law Enforcement and Investigations, USDA Forest Service, Mail Stop 1140, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250-1140.

Comments also may be submitted via facsimile to 703-605-5112, or by e-mail to Gene Smithson at gsmithson@fs.fed.us.

The public may inspect comments received at 1621 N. Kent Street, Room 1015, Rosslyn Plaza East, Arlington, VA, during normal business hours. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead to 703-605-4690 to facilitate entry to the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Gene Smithson, Acting Assistant Director for Enforcement and Liaison, LE&I, 703-605-4530. Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 twenty-four hours a day, every day of the year, including holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Forest Service Law Enforcement Ride-Along Program.

OMB Number: 0596-0170.

Type of Request: Renewal.

Abstract: This information collection is necessary for Forest Service Law Enforcement and Investigations (LE&I) personnel to authorize a rider who applies to participate in the Ride-Along program. The information collection also provides additional protection for LE&I personnel who allow authorized riders to accompany them in boats, cars, trucks, or other vehicles. The purpose of this program is for citizens to learn about and observe Forest Service LE&I tasks and activities. The program is intended to enhance Forest Service law enforcement community relationships, improve the quality of Forest Service customer service, and provide LE&I personnel a recruitment tool. A rider shall complete two forms in order to participate. Form FS-5300-33 asks for the participant's name, address, social security number, driver's license number, work address, location of the Ride-Along, and the reason for the Ride-Along. Law enforcement officers use form FS-5300-33 to conduct a minimum background check before authorizing a person to ride along. Form

FS-5300-34 is signed by riders to exempt law enforcement officers and the Forest Service from damage, loss, or injury liability incurred during the rider's participation in the program. If the information is not collected, riders will be denied permission to ride along with Forest Service law enforcement personnel.

Estimate of Annual Burden:

FS-5300-33: 5 minutes.

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Total: 10 minutes.

Type of Respondents: Citizens who want to learn about and observe Forest Service Law Enforcement and Investigation (LE&I) tasks and activities.

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 500.

Estimated Annual Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 84 hours per year.

Comment is invited on: (1) Whether this collection of information is necessary for the stated purposes and the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical or scientific utility; (2) the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

All comments received in response to this notice, including names and addresses when provided, will be a matter of public record. Comments will be summarized and included in the information collection submission for Office of Management and Budget approval.

Dated: March 3, 2009.

Abigail R. Kimball,

Chief, Forest Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

South Gifford Pinchot National Forest Resource Advisory Committee Meeting Notice

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The South Gifford Pinchot National Forest Resource Advisory Committee will meet on Monday, April 20, 2009, at the Columbia Gorge Riverside Lodge 200 SW Cascade Avenue, Stevenson, Washington. The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. and continue until 4 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to: Elect a chairperson and vice-chair, propose an indirect project percentage, receive an overview of Title II accomplishments, and make recommendations on approximately 60 proposals for Title II funding of projects under the Secure Rural Schools and County Self-Determination Act of 2000.

All South Gifford Pinchot National Forest Resource Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend. The "open forum" provides opportunity for the public to bring issues, concerns, and discussion topics to the Advisory Committee. The "open forum" is scheduled to occur at 9:10 a.m. on April 20. Interested speakers will need to register prior to the open forum period. The committee welcomes the public's written comments on committee business at any time.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Direct questions regarding this meeting to Roger Peterson, Public Affairs Specialist, at (360) 891-5007, or write Forest Headquarters Office, Gifford Pinchot National Forest, 10600 NE. 51st Circle, Vancouver, WA 98682.

Dated: March 6, 2009.

Janine Clayton,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

North Gifford Pinchot National Forest Resource Advisory Committee Meeting Notice

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The North Gifford Pinchot National Forest Resource Advisory Committee will meet on Tuesday, April 14, 2009, at the Salkum Timberland Library, 2480 U.S. Highway 12, Salkum, Washington. The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. and continue until 4 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to: Elect a chairperson and vice-chair, propose an indirect project percentage, receive an overview of Title II accomplishments, and make recommendations on approximately 15 proposals for Title II funding of projects under the Secure

Rural Schools and County Self-Determination Act of 2000.

All North Gifford Pinchot National Forest Resource Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend. The "open forum" provides opportunity for the public to bring issues, concerns, and discussion topics to the Advisory Committee. The "open forum" is scheduled to occur at 9:10 a.m. Interested speakers will need to register prior to the open forum period. The committee welcomes the public's written comments on committee business at any time.

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Dated: March 6, 2009.

Janine Clayton,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

Agency: U.S. Census Bureau.

Title: National Immunization Survey Evaluation Study.

Form Number(s): Numerous.

OMB Control Number: None.

Type of Request: New collection.

Burden Hours: 1,445.

Number of Respondents: 2,695.

Average Hours Per Response: 32 minutes.

Needs and Uses: On behalf of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the U.S. Census Bureau requests authorization of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to conduct an evaluation study of an alternative sampling methodology for the National Immunization Survey (NIS). The purpose of this study is to explore how collaborating with the CDC and using the American Community Survey (ACS) as the sampling frame for selecting eligible households could result in improvements to the NIS. Use of the ACS as a sampling frame, which

includes non-landline households and also identifies households with age-eligible children, would provide a more complete sampling frame for the NIS and could substantially reduce data collection costs.

The NIS is currently a continuing, nationwide random-digit-dialing (RDD) landline telephone survey of families with children aged 19 to 35 months, and teens aged 13-17 years, followed by a mailed survey to children's immunization providers. Since the survey's inception to the present, private contractors have conducted the NIS for the CDC. National, state, and local level estimates of vaccine-specific coverage, including newly licensed vaccines, are produced annually.

The NIS was established to provide an on going, consistent data set for analyzing vaccination coverage among young children in the United States and disseminating this information to state and local health departments and other interested public health partners. One of the goals of the 1993 Childhood Immunization Initiative was to achieve target vaccination coverage levels for 2-year-old children. One of the activities for meeting these goals was to improve surveillance for vaccine coverage. As a result, funding for the NIS was provided and data collection began in April 1994. Subsequently, national Healthy People 2000 and 2010 objectives included targets for childhood and adolescent vaccination rates. Currently, the NIS provides vaccination coverage estimates annually for children aged 19-35 months and teens aged 13-17 years, by state and at least six city/county areas. The information collected is used to evaluate state and local immunization programs, to develop health care policies, and to assist in the determination of funding allocations for the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program. Since 1994, the VFC program has helped families of children who may not otherwise have access to vaccines by providing free vaccines to doctors who serve them.

In recent years, the NIS has covered a decreasing portion of the target population as more households rely solely on cell phone telephone service. Based on data from January-June 2008 from the National Health Interview Survey (NHIS), 29 percent of children under three years of age lived in households without landline services. Among households with both landline and cell phone service, some may primarily use their cell phones and be less likely to respond to calls to their landlines. As part of the CDC's continuing effort to evaluate and refine the NIS, this study is intended to

explore how sampling from the ACS for households with age-eligible children having landline, cell phone only, and no telephone service could result in improvements to the survey, particularly in terms of coverage, response, and cost, and whether the ACS and supplemental administrative files can be used to identify a sufficient sample of children for national, state and local level assessment.

The NIS is the largest survey ever conducted to assess vaccination coverage of young children and adolescents in the U.S. and is used to measure and assess changes in vaccination coverage levels over time. Also, the NIS helps track progress towards public health immunization goals. The purpose of this evaluation study is to determine if using the ACS as the frame from which to select the NIS sample will result in improvements to the survey, in terms of providing a more complete sampling frame, increasing response rates, and decreasing data collection costs. The evaluation study will be kept as closely as possible to the current NIS to allow comparisons, but plans are to incorporate innovations that could be implemented eventually as part of a full production survey. With the overall goal of improving response rates and coverage, possible experiments could include offering incentives to all sampled households or using different versions of the advance letter or screener to encourage participation.

The NIS is an important tool for measuring vaccination coverage levels for the nation; however, there are limitations and challenges that the current NIS faces. The NIS evaluation study provides the CDC with the opportunity to explore some possible changes to the survey methodology in an attempt to assess new options and refine current methods. One major design change is in the sample selection. The current NIS sample is selected by landline RDD, whereas the sample for the NIS Evaluation Study is a targeted sample of age-eligible respondents drawn from the ACS sample. Using the ACS as the NIS sampling frame provides a rich source of data for non-respondents and allows for more powerful weighting adjustments. Furthermore, the NIS RDD sample is limited to households with landline telephone service. However, the Evaluation Study sample will not only include households with landline service but also non-landline households (wireless service only) and households with no phone service. The information collected from the latter two groups will assist the CDC in