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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights; Notice of Intent To Seek Approval of a New Information Collection; Correction

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice; correction.

SUMMARY: The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Agriculture published a document in the *Federal Register* of May 13, 2009, concerning request for comments on the notice of intent to seek approval of a new information collection. The published document requires clarification on what demographic information is being collected from the public and the method used to collect that data. The collection of information has been narrowed to focus only on race, ethnicity, and gender and will not include national origin, age, or disability. Further, the information collection process will not include a tear-off form as stated in the May 13, 2009, document.

DATES: We will consider comments that we receive by July 31, 2009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Winona Scott, Acting Director, Planning, Performance and Accountability Division, phone (202) 401-3648.

In the *Federal Register* of May 13, 2009, in FR Doc E9-11109, on page 22509, make the following corrections:

In the first column, correct paragraph one, line 11 to read:

“* * * consolidating the race, ethnicity and sex data for agencies within the * * *”

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Correction

In the second column, correct paragraph four, to read:

The goal of this data collection is to obtain information from agricultural landowners and producers, in particular, socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers that will be used to improve the operation of this program, to help USDA design additional opportunities for program participation, and to monitor enforcement of laws that require equal access to this program for eligible persons.

In the second column, delete paragraphs five and six.

In the third column, delete paragraph one.

In the third column, correct paragraph five, line one to read:

Abstract: The purpose of the collection is to enable the agency heads to report annually to the Secretary of Agriculture on the collection of race, ethnicity and sex data for all agricultural producers and landowners.

In the third column, correct paragraph six, line three to read:

“* * * estimated burden is 2 minutes per * * *”

In the third column, correct paragraph nine, line two to read:

Respondents: 466,666 hours.

Dated: June 15, 2009.

Joe Leonard, Jr.,

Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS-2009-0027]

National Animal Identification System; Public Meeting

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: This is a notice to inform the public of an addition to the schedule of upcoming meetings to discuss stakeholder concerns related to the implementation of the National Animal Identification System. The additional meeting is being organized by the

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

DATES: The meeting will be held on June 30, 2009, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held at the Embassy Suites Omaha—La Vista Hotel & Conference Center, 12520 Westport Parkway, La Vista, NE.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Adam Grow, Director, Surveillance and Identification Programs, National Center for Animal Health Programs, VS, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 200, Riverdale, MD 20737; (301) 734-3752.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As part of its ongoing efforts to safeguard animal health, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) initiated implementation of a National Animal Identification System (NAIS) in 2004. The NAIS is a cooperative State-Federal-industry program administered by USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS). The purpose of the NAIS is to provide a streamlined information system that will help producers and animal health officials respond quickly and effectively to animal disease events in the United States.

The ultimate long-term goal of the NAIS is to provide State and Federal officials with the capability to identify all animals and premises that have had direct contact with a disease of concern within 48 hours after discovery. Meeting that goal requires a comprehensive animal-disease traceability infrastructure. An NAIS User Guide and a Business Plan, both available on our Web site at http://animalid.aphis.usda.gov/nais/animal_id/index.shtml, provide detailed information about our plans for implementing the system.

Despite concerted efforts, APHIS has not been able to fully implement the NAIS. Many of the same issues that producers originally had with the system, such as the cost and impact on small farmers, privacy and confidentiality, and liability, continue to cause concern.

In order to provide individuals and organizations an opportunity to discuss their concerns regarding the NAIS and offer potential solutions, we have held several public meetings and plan to hold several more, and we are soliciting comments via our Web site. This notice is to inform the public that we are

adding a meeting to the schedule. The additional meeting will be held on June 30, 2009, in Omaha, NE.

Our goal is to gather feedback and input from a wide range of stakeholders to assist us in making an informed decision regarding both the future of the NAIS and the objectives and direction for animal identification and traceability. We would particularly welcome feedback on the following topics:

- *Cost.* What are your concerns about the cost of the NAIS? What steps would you suggest APHIS use to address cost?

- *Impact on small farmers.* What are your concerns about the effect of the NAIS on small farmers? What approaches would you suggest APHIS take to address the potential impact on small farmers?

- *Privacy and confidentiality.* What are your concerns regarding how the NAIS will affect your operation's privacy and/or the confidentiality of your operation? What steps or tactics would you suggest APHIS use to address privacy and confidentiality issues?

- *Liability.* What are your concerns about your operation's liability under the NAIS? What would you suggest APHIS consider to address liability concerns?

- *Premises registration.* Do you have any suggestions on how to make premises registration, or the identification of farm or ranch locations, easier for stakeholders? How should we address your concerns regarding premises registration?

- *Animal identification.* Do you have any suggestions on how to make animal identification practical and useful to stakeholders while simultaneously meeting the needs of animal health officials who must conduct disease tracebacks?

- *Animal tracing.* Do you have any suggestions on how to make the animal tracing component practical, in particular the reporting of animal movements to other premises, while meeting the needs of animal health officials who must conduct disease tracebacks?

The meeting schedule is tentative as of the date of this publication. Please check our Web site at <http://www.usda.gov/nais/feedback> for the most up-to-date meeting information. The list of discussion topics is also available on the Web site. On-site registration will begin at 8 a.m. on the day of each meeting. All persons attending must register prior to the meetings.

Although preregistration is not required, participants are asked to

preregister by sending APHIS an e-mail at NAISSessions@aphis.usda.gov or calling 301-734-0799. In the subject line of the e-mail, indicate your name (or organization name) and the location of the meeting you plan to attend. If you wish to present comments during one of the meetings, please include your name (or organization name) and address in the body of the message. Members of the public who are not able to attend may also submit and view comments via the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov/fdmspublic/component/main?main=DocketDetail&d=APHIS-2009-0027>. Additional information regarding the meetings may be obtained from the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.**

Done in Washington, DC, this 16th day of June 2009.

Kevin Shea,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Eastern Washington Cascades Provincial Advisory Committee and the Yakima Provincial Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Eastern Washington Cascades Provincial Advisory Committee and the Yakima Provincial Advisory Committee will meet on July 1, 2009 at the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Headquarters office, 215 Melody Lane, Wenatchee, WA. During this meeting information will be shared about the Forest's Travel Management plan and process. All Eastern Washington Cascades and Yakima Province Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Direct questions regarding this meeting to Becki Heath, Designated Federal Official, USDA, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, 215 Melody Lane, Wenatchee, Washington 98801, 509-664-9200.

Dated: June 15, 2009.

Rebecca Lockett Heath,

Designated Federal Official, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of closed virtual meeting.

SUMMARY: The National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council will meet through a Web cast, July 21-22, 2009. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss general Council business.

DATES: The meeting will be held on July 21 and 22, 2009, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held through a Webinar. Written comments concerning this meeting should be addressed to Nancy Stremple, Executive Staff to National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council, 201 14th St., SW., Yates Building (1 Central) MS-1151, Washington, DC 20250-1151. Comments may also be sent via e-mail to nucfac_ucf_proposals@fs.fed.us, or via facsimile to 202-690-5792.

All comments, including names and addresses when provided, are placed in the record and are available for public inspection and copying. The public may inspect comments received at 201 14th St., SW., Yates Building (1 Central) MS-1151, Washington, DC 20250-1151.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy Stremple, Executive Staff to National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council, phone 202-205-1054.

Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is closed to the public. Council discussion is limited to Forest Service staff and Council members; however, persons who wish to bring urban and community forestry matters to the attention of the Council may file written statements with the Council staff (201 14th St., SW., Yates Building (1 Central) MS-1151, Washington, DC 20250-1151, e-mail: nstremple@fs.fed.us) before or after the meeting.

Dated: June 12, 2009.

Robin L. Thompson,

Associate Deputy Chief, State & Private Forestry.

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