DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request—Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program—Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (D–SNAP)

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. This information collection is based on the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act and Section 5(h) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, which provide the Secretary of Agriculture with the authority to develop a Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (D–SNAP) to address the needs of families temporarily in need of food assistance after a disaster. The information collection under this notice is required for the establishment and operation of a D–SNAP.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before June 26, 2012.

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

Comments may be sent to Angela Kline, Chief, Certification Policy Branch, Program Development Division, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 812, Alexandria, VA 22302. Comments may also be faxed to the attention of Ms. Kline at (703) 305–2486. The Internet address is: Angela.Kline@FNS.USDA.GOV.

All written comments will be open for public inspection at the office of the FNS during regular business hours (8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday) at 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 800, 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 should be directed to Ms. Kline at (703) 305–2495.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (D–SNAP).

OMB Number: 0584–0336.

Expiration Date: 09/30/2012.

Type of Request: Extension of a previously approved collection.

Abstract: Pursuant to the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, Public Law 100–707, and Section 5(h) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, 7 U.S.C. 2014(h), the Secretary of Agriculture has the authority to develop a Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (D–SNAP) to address the temporary food needs of people following a disaster. The information collected under this notice is required from State agencies in order to receive approval from the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) to operate a D–SNAP.

The number of disasters that occur annually and the average number of households affected by the disasters cannot be predicted. During the period from calendar year 2006 through calendar year 2011, the number of State requests for disaster programs ranged from 4 to 25 requests. These included program modifications requested by some States to accommodate evacuees from disasters which did not directly affect the States themselves. The information collection under this reporting burden is limited to the burden experienced by State agencies in preparing their requests to operate D–SNAPs. The burden associated with the actual operation of D–SNAPs, including the processing of applications from households affected by disasters, is included under OMB information collection No. 0584–0064, titled “Food Stamp Forms: Applications, Periodic Reporting, Notices” (expiration date 03/31/2013), which includes all information collection activities associated with the certification of participating and applicant households.

The D–SNAP participation and issuance form FNS–292–B, Report of Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Benefit Issuance, is covered under the OMB information collection No. 0584–0037 (expiration date: 07/31/2014) and will not be reflected in this submission.

FNS estimates that approximately 10 hours of State personnel time are required to prepare D–SNAP requests. The burden associated with preparing requests to operate a D–SNAP does not vary significantly from disaster to disaster and is relatively independent of the scope of the disaster. Major disasters require little additional document preparation time than relatively minor disasters. Based on an estimate of 14 State agency requests per year to operate D–SNAPs and 10 hours of State agency personnel time to prepare each application, FNS has calculated an estimated burden of 140 hours per year in an average year. No increase in burden was estimated under this collection.

Summary of burden hours:

Affected Public: State agencies and local governments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 14.

Estimated Number of Responses: 14.

Estimated Hours per Response: 10.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 140.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Amended Land Management Plans for the Angeles, Cleveland, Los Padres, and San Bernardino National Forests, California

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare a supplemental environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: The Department of Agriculture, Forest Service will prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for a proposed amendment of the Land Management Plans for the Angeles, Cleveland, Los Padres, and San Bernardino National Forests (hereinafter referred to as Land Management Plans). This notice describes the specific portions of the current Land Management Plans to be amended, estimates dates for filing the supplemental environmental impact statement, information concerning public participation, and the names and contact information of the agency officials who can provide additional information. The Forest Service proposes to amend the Land Management Plans to change Land Use Zone allocations within select Inventoried Roadless Areas (IRAs) in the four southern California National Forests. The amendment also proposes to change the Land Management Plan monitoring protocols for the four forests. This joint planning process will maintain the consistent management direction and format across the four Forests. One Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be prepared with a Record of Decision (ROD) for each Land Management Plan.

DATES: Comments concerning the scope of the analysis must be received by June 11, 2012. The draft supplemental environmental impact statement is expected November 2012. There will be a 90 day comment period on the draft supplemental environmental impact statement. The final supplemental environmental impact statement is expected June 2013.

ADDRESS: Send written comments to Cleveland National Forest, 10845 Rancho Bernardo Road, Suite 200, San Diego, CA 92127–2107, ATTN: LMP Amendment. Comments may also be sent via email to socal_lmp_amendment@fs.fed.us, or filed through the project web page at http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/fs-usda-pop.php?project=35130.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bob Hawkins, Project Manager at socal_lmp_amendment@fs.fed.us, or visit the project Web site at http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/fs-usda-pop.php?project=35130.


Purpose and Need for Action

The purpose of the proposed action is to amend Land Management Plan land use zone allocations for select IRAs and to amend Land Management Plan monitoring protocols. This action is needed to respond to the terms of the Settlement Agreement between the Forest Service, State of California, and other settlement parties.

Land Management Plans are required by the National Forest Management Act (NFMA). They are an integrated document that describes the goals, objectives, and management direction for each component of the National Forest System. The original Land Management Plans for the four southern California national forests were adopted between 1986 and 1989, and revised in 2006 consistent with NFMA requirements. This proposed amendment to the 2006 Land Management Plans is limited in scope and designed to address the terms of the settlement agreement.

Proposed Action

The action proposed by the Forest Service to meet the purpose and need is to modify the existing land use zones in the identified IRAs to include more Back Country Non-Motorized (BCNM) and Recommended Wilderness (RW) areas. An alternate monitoring framework is also proposed.

The proposed action would change the LUZ allocation to BCNM on approximately 300,000 acres, and change the LUZ allocation to RW on approximately 80,000 acres. The majority of the additional BCNM allocations are located in IRAs on the Los Padres National Forest, and San Bernardino National Forest. Additions to the RW allocations are within IRAs on the Angeles and Cleveland National Forests.

On the Angeles National Forest, the Fish Canyon and Salt Creek IRAs were combined to create the proposed 40,000 acre Fish Canyon RW area. On the Cleveland National Forest, the proposed 23,000 acre Eagle Peak RW area includes portions of the Eagle Peak, Sill Hill, and No Name IRAs, along with portions of the Cedar Creek and Upper San Diego River undeveloped areas. The 11,000 acre Barker Valley and 5,000 acre Caliente RW areas are also proposed on the Cleveland National Forest.

The proposed action monitoring and evaluation requirements are based on the current monitoring framework (Part 3, Appendix C of the Land Management Plans). Revisions include updates to the monitoring requirements for forest health, riparian condition, and biological resource condition. Monitoring indicators were also clarified to reflect current inventory methodology in several areas, and an indicator was added to track unclassified (unauthorized) roads and trails. The revision also include more details on how monitoring will be implemented, and how projects will be selected for monitoring.

Lead and Cooperating Agencies

The Forest Service is the lead federal agency for the Land Management Plan Amendment. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Marine Fisheries Service, Environmental Protection Agency, State of California Natural Resources Agency, and the Departments of Fish and Game, Parks and Recreation, and Forestry and Fire