

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE****Food and Nutrition Service****Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection, Comment Request: Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children Infant and Toddler Feeding Practices Study**

**AGENCY:** Food and Nutrition Service, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice invites the public and other public agencies to comment on this proposed information collection. This collection is a revision of the currently approved WIC Infant and Toddler Feeding Practices 2 Study (ITFPS-2). The revision is to amend the 24-month data collection instrument and extend the data collection on the cohort of infants by one year, to their 3rd birthday. The data will be used to estimate the type and prevalence of various feeding practices in the WIC population and assess whether the new WIC food packages (instituted in 2009) have influenced feeding practices. This study will also examine the circumstances and influences that shape mothers' feeding decisions for their children, and will describe the impact of these decisions throughout early child development.

**DATES:** Written comments must be received on or before December 5, 2014.

**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 on the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions that were used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological methods of data collection.

Written comments may be sent to: Allison Magness, Ph.D., R.D., Social Science Research Analyst, Office of Policy Support, Food and Nutrition Service, USDA, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 1014, Alexandria, VA 22302. Comments may also be submitted via

fax to the attention of Allison Magness at 703-305-2576 or via email to [allison.magness@fns.usda.gov](mailto:allison.magness@fns.usda.gov). Comments will also be accepted through the Federal eRulemaking Portal. Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and follow the online instructions for submitting comments electronically.

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

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request more information on the proposed project, contact Allison Magness, Ph.D., R.D., Social Science Research Analyst, Office of Policy Support, Food and Nutrition Service, USDA, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 1014, Alexandria, VA 22302.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Infant and Toddler Feeding Practices Study-2 (ITFPS-2) Age 3 Extension.

*Form Number:* N/A.

*OMB Number:* 0584-0580.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* 05/31/2015.

*Type of request:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Abstract:* The Food and Nutrition Service's (FNS) WIC ITFPS-2 ("base" study) will provide information on the feeding practices of infants in the base cohort from the time of birth up to 2 years of age. The proposed revision will amend the 24-month data collection instrument and extend the longitudinal data collection of the current cohort of infants up to 3 years of age. This proposed extension is needed to understand the environmental characteristics, influence of WIC, and children's nutrient intake, meal and snack patterns, and feeding practices on children's nutrition, health, weight, and growth. The results will assist in the development of appropriate and effective prevention strategies to improve the health of young children. With over 50 percent of the nation's infants enrolled in WIC, it is hoped that prevention strategies implemented in WIC will have a substantial impact on the growth and health of U.S. infants and children.

The study activities subject to this notice include: informing State WIC office and local WIC sites that the study has been extended and their role in the extension study; collecting contact information on 2,716 mothers/caregivers in the base study during the 24-month telephone interview; administering two additional telephone interviews to up to

3,277 mothers/caregivers of children in the base study when their child is 30- and 36-months old; and obtaining their child's height and weight measurements at 36-months from WIC administrative records, health care provider records, or direct measurements at WIC sites.

The State WIC office and local WIC site staff will receive an email about the study extension and they will participate in a conference call to discuss the follow-up activities. Additionally, each study participant will receive a study flyer when their child is 21 months of age, and they will be asked to provide updated contact information to ensure ongoing participation at the time of the 24-month interview. Prior to the telephone interview, the mother/caregiver for each child in the cohort will be mailed an invitation to continue in the study that includes a toll-free number to call-in for questions. They will also be re-contacted throughout this study. Participants will receive periodic cards, calls, and text messages to remind them of upcoming data collection interviews and height and weight (H/W) measurements. State agency staff will extract H/W data of participating children from WIC administrative records; health care providers will provide H/W measurements for the majority of non-participating children (i.e., who have dropped out of WIC); and WIC site staff will weigh and measure the remaining non-participating children. WIC site staff will also provide updated contact information when requested.

*Affected Public:* Individuals/Households (4,050; 3,241 respondents including pre-testing and 809 non-respondents); State, Local or Tribal government (107 respondents and 0 non-respondents); and Business-for-profit/not-for-profit (196; 157 respondents and 39 non-respondents). There are approximately 848 non-respondents who will be contacted but choose not to participate. The burden for non-respondents is broken down in the table below.

*Type of Respondents:* Mothers/caregivers of infants in cohort; State agency data managers and WIC site staff; and health care providers.

*Estimated Total Number of Respondents:* 4,353.

*Frequency of Response:* 10.36 annually.

*Estimated Annual Responses:* 45,077.

*Estimate of Time per Respondent and Annual Burden:* The total public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated at 5,039.11 hours. The estimated burden for each type of respondent is given in the table

below. Across all study respondents and non-respondents, the estimated average annual burden is 1.16 hours.

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Respondent Type	Respondent Description	Type of Survey Instrument	Sample size (a)	Number of Respondents	Frequency of Response (annual)	Total Annual Responses	Average Hours per Response	Sub-Annual Burden	Number of non-respondents	Frequency of Response (annual)	Total Annual Responses	Average Hours per response	Sub-Total Annual Burden	Total Burden Hours	
Individuals and Households	WIC participants	Pretest telephone survey	4	4	1	4	0.5	2	0	1	0	0.5	0	2	
		Advance materials: participant flyer (b)	404	6	3237	1	3237	0.03	9.71	809	1	809	0.003	2.43	12.14
		Advance materials: Consent form (b)	404	6	3115	1	3115	0.05	155.75	931	1	931	0.05	46.55	202.3
		24-month telephone survey: collect contact information (c)	404	6	2716	1	2716	0.05	135.8	133	0	1330	0	0	135.8
		27-month contact information form (d)	327	7	2294	1	2294	0.1	229.4	983	1	983	0.1	98.3	327.7
		30-month advance letter (d)	327	7	2785	1	2785	0.033	91.9	492	1	492	0.033	16.24	108.14
		30-month telephone survey (c)	404	6	2580	1	2580	0.5	1290	146	6	1466	0	0	1290
		Participant reminder scripts (e)	163	8	1638	3	4914	0.05	245.7	0	3	0	0.05	0	245.7
		33 month contact information form (f)	311	3	2179	1	2179	0.1	217.9	934	1	934	0.1	93.4	311.3
		36-month advance letter (f)	311	3	2646	1	2646	0.033	87.32	467	1	467	0.033	15.41	102.73
		36-month telephone survey (c)	404	6	2444	1	2444	0.5	1,222	160	2	1602	0	0	1222
		HIPPA form (g)	244	196	1	196	0.05	9.8	48	1	48	0.05	2.4	12.2	
		Height and weight measurement (h)	978	685	1	685	1	685	293	1	293	0	0	685	
		Birthday card	327	7	3277	1	3277	0.03	9.83	0	1	0	0.003	0	9.83
<b>Individuals and Households Subtotal</b>			<b>405</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3241</b>	<b>3307</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4392.1</b>	<b>809</b>	<b>9355</b>	<b>274.7</b>	<b>4666.8</b>	<b>4</b>		
State & Local Government	State WIC data manager	Communication materials(i)	27	27	1	27	0.5	14.85	0	1	0	0.55	0	14.85	
		Height/ Weight Admin data form (j)	27	27	1	27	0.5	13.5	0	1	0	0.5	0	13.5	
		<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>28.35</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>28.35</b>					
	WIC site staff	Communication materials (i)	80	80	1	80	0.5	44	0	1	0	0.55	0	44	
		Request for contact information (k)	80	80	20	1600	0.08	128	0	20	0	0.08	0	128	
		Height and weight measurement (l)	80	80	9	720	0.217	156.24	0	9	0	0.217	0	156.24	
		<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>2400</b>	<b>328.24</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>328.24</b>					
<b>State/Local Government Subtotal</b>			<b>107</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>2454</b>	<b>356.59</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>356.59</b>					
Profit/Non-Profit Business	Provider data manager	Provider Data Request Form (m)	196	157	1	157	0.08	12.56	39	1	39	0.08	3.12	15.68	
<b>Profit/Non-Profit Business Subtotal</b>			<b>196</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>12.56</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>3.12</b>	<b>15.68</b>					
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>			<b>435</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3545</b>	<b>3568</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4761.2</b>	<b>848</b>	<b>9394</b>	<b>277.8</b>	<b>5039.1</b>	<b>1</b>		

- (a) 4046 = base study total live birth cohort
- (b) Assume 80% will read flyer and 77% will sign consent form
- (c) Of base study total live birth cohort -- assume about 67% will complete 24-month survey, 64% will complete 30-month survey, 60% will complete 36-month survey
- (d) Assume study attrition from current cohort will be 10% per year x 2 years = 4,046\*.9\*.9 = 3,277 at end of 24-months. Assume 70% will complete the contact information form and 85% will read the advance letter.
- (d) Assume 64% of base study total live birth cohort will respond.

- (e) Assume 50% of cohort at 24-months will require reminders (e.g., telephone, email, text). Assume average of 3 contacts each
- (f) Assume study attrition @ 33-month will be 5%.  $4046 \cdot .9 \cdot .9 \cdot .95 = 3113$ . Assume 70% will return contact information form and 85% will read advance letter.
- (g) Assume 10% of respondents to 36-month interview will no longer be on WIC and will need HIPAA to collect H/W measurements from provider. Of those, about 80% will sign and return the form.
- (h) Assume 40% of respondents to the 36-month interview will no longer be on WIC but will be able to visit their WIC site for H/W measurement; of those, 70% will be measured.
- (i) Includes reviewing one email (5 minutes) and participating in a conference call (30 minutes)
- (j) Assume administrative H/W records will be provided by State WIC office 1 time.
- (k) Assume will request participant contact information from WIC sites about once a month over the data collection period.
- (l) Assume that for the 40% participants no longer on WIC and returning to WIC site for measurements, about 9 children will be weighed and measured per site. Assume 10 minutes for measurements and 3 minutes for data transfer, for a total of 13 minutes per child.
- (m) Assume H/W data for participants who returned HIPAA form will be provided by 80% of providers.

Dated: September 30, 2014.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### **Kootenai National Forest; Lincoln County; Montana; Lower Yaak, O'Brien, Sheep Project EIS**

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

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

**SUMMARY:** The Forest Service will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to disclose the environmental effects of commercial and non-commercial vegetation management activities, prescribed burning, watershed and recreation improvement activities, and granting road access to private timber lands. Access management changes and other design features are included to protect resources and facilitate management activities. The project is located in the Lower Yaak, O'Brien, and Sheep planning subunits on the Three Rivers Ranger District, Kootenai National Forest, Lincoln County, Montana, near Troy, Montana.

**DATES:** Comments concerning the scope of the analysis must be received by November 5, 2014. The draft environmental impact statement is expected June 2015 and the final environmental impact statement is expected August 2015.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments to Kirsten Kaiser, District Ranger, Three Rivers Ranger District, 12858 US Highway 2, Troy, MT 59935. Comments may also be sent via email to [comments-northern-kootenai-three-rivers@fs.fed.us](mailto:comments-northern-kootenai-three-rivers@fs.fed.us), or via facsimile to 406-295-7410.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Leslie McDougall, Project Team Leader,

Three Rivers Ranger District, 12858 US Highway 2, Troy, MT 59935. Phone: (406) 295-4693. 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 Time, Monday through Friday.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Lower Yaak, O'Brien, Sheep project area is approximately 67,500 acres in size and is located adjacent to and east of Troy, Montana along the Kootenai River. O'Brien, Lynx, Rabbit, Hummingbird, Kilbrennan, and Arbo Creeks are the main watersheds in the project area. The legal description includes Townships 31, 32, 33, and 34 North, Ranges 32, 33, and 34 West, PMM, Lincoln County, Montana.

#### **Purpose and Need for Action**

The purpose and need for this project is to: (1) Promote resilient vegetation by managing towards Forest Plan desired conditions for landscape-level vegetation patterns, structure, patch size, fuel loading, and species composition; (2) maintain or improve water quality and native aquatic species habitat; (3) provide forage opportunities while maintaining wildlife security; (4) provide wood products that are in demand by the American public, contribute to the local economy by generating jobs and income, and provide a safe and efficient transportation system; and (5) treat hazardous fuels to reduce crown fire potential and stand replacing wildfire within the wildland urban interface (WUI) and other areas while promoting fire behavior characteristics and fuel conditions that allow for safe and effective fire management.

#### **Proposed Action**

The proposed action includes timber harvest and associated fuels treatments, prescribed burning, and watershed work to address the purpose and need. The proposed action includes:

- (1) Approximately 2,202 acres of regeneration harvest and 1,149 acres of

intermediate harvest are being proposed. These treatments would be accomplished through 2,500 acres of tractor harvest and 851 acres of skyline yarding. There are 40 units proposed that would create or contribute to 24 different openings larger than 40 acres. This action requires a 60-day public review and Regional Forester approval (FSM 2471.1). This document serves as the beginning of the 60-day comment period. The largest of these treatment units would be approximately 190 acres in size. Approximately 769 acres of the total 2,080 proposed prescribed burning and fuel reduction treatments are within the WUI, while 2,894 of the total 3,351 acre proposed timber harvest treatment is within the WUI. Total WUI treatment is approximately 3,663 acres.

(2) In an effort to return fire to the landscape and to promote wildlife foraging opportunities approximately 1,508 acres of prescribed burning (1,482 acres of broadcast burning and 26 acres of maintenance underburning) is being proposed. Approximately 727 acres in the WUI are proposed for burning. Approximately 660 acres of this burning will occur in the Inventoried Roadless Areas.

(3) It is estimated that two temporary roads, totaling approximately 0.4 mile would be constructed to accomplish the timber harvest and associated fuel reduction work. These roads would be decommissioned following activities. Two segments of road would be rerouted for resource protection (approximately 0.5 mile on near Kilbrennan Lake and 0.3 mile near the Troy shooting range).

(4) Implementation of best management practice (BMP) work and road maintenance work would be implemented on Forest Service haul roads. Approximately 45 miles of National Forest System road (NFSR) would be reconstructed to meet State BMPs for water quality.

(5) Implementation of BMPs on roads not used for haul routes, including NFSR 4429 O'Brien Lynx Creek road, and NFSR 4445 Lynx Creek. This road