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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC): 2016/2017 Income Eligibility Guidelines

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Agriculture (“Department”) announces adjusted income eligibility guidelines to be used by State agencies in determining the income eligibility of persons applying to participate in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children Program (WIC). These income eligibility guidelines are to be used in conjunction with the WIC Regulations.

DATES: Effective date July 1, 2016.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kurtria Watson, Chief, Policy Branch, Supplemental Food Programs Division, FNS, USDA, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, Virginia 22302, (703) 605-4387.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Executive Order 12866

This notice is exempt from review by the Office of Management and Budget under Executive Order 12866.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

This action is not a rule as defined by the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601-612) and thus is exempt from the provisions of this Act.

Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995

This notice does not contain reporting or recordkeeping requirements subject to approval by the Office of Management and Budget in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3507).

Executive Order 12372

This program is listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Programs under No. 10.557, and is subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372, which requires intergovernmental consultation with State and local officials (7 CFR part 3015, subpart V, 48 FR 29100, June 24, 1983, and 49 FR 22675, May 31, 1984).

Description

Section 17(d)(2)(A) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1786(d)(2)(A)), requires the Secretary of Agriculture to establish income criteria to be used with nutritional risk criteria in determining a person’s eligibility for participation in the WIC Program. The law provides that persons will be income-eligible for the WIC Program only if they are members of families that satisfy the income standard prescribed for reduced-price school meals under section 9(b) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1758(b)). Under section 9(b), the income limit for reduced-price school meals is 185 percent of the Federal poverty guidelines, as adjusted.

Section 9(b) also requires that these guidelines be revised annually to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index. The annual revision for 2016/2017 was published by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) at 81 FR 4036, January 25, 2016. The guidelines published by HHS are referred to as the “poverty guidelines.”

Section 246.7(d)(1) of the WIC regulations (Title 7, Code of Federal Regulations) specifies that State agencies may prescribe income guidelines either equaling the income guidelines established under section 9 of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act for reduced-price school meals, or identical to State or local guidelines for free or reduced-price health care. However, in conforming WIC income guidelines to State or local health care guidelines, the State cannot establish WIC guidelines which exceed the guidelines for reduced-price school meals, or which are less than 100 percent of the Federal poverty guidelines. Consistent with the method used to compute income eligibility guidelines for reduced-price meals under the National School Lunch Program, the poverty guidelines were multiplied by 1.85 and the results rounded upward to the next whole dollar.

At this time, the Department is publishing the maximum and minimum WIC income eligibility guidelines by household size for the period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. Consistent with section 17(f)(17) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1786(f)(17)), a State agency may implement the revised WIC income eligibility guidelines concurrently with the implementation of income eligibility guidelines under the Medicaid Program established under Title XIX of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396, *et seq.*). State agencies may coordinate implementation with the revised Medicaid guidelines, *i.e.*, earlier in the year, but in no case may implementation take place later than July 1, 2016. State agencies that do not coordinate implementation with the revised Medicaid guidelines must implement the WIC income eligibility guidelines on or before July 1, 2016.

INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES										
(Effective from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017)										
Household Size	Federal Poverty Guidelines- 100%					Reduced Price Meals - 185%				
	Annual	Monthly	Twice-Monthly	Bi-Weekly	Weekly	Annual	Monthly	Twice-Monthly	Bi-Weekly	Weekly
48 Contiguous States, D.C., Guam and Territories										
1.....	\$11,880	\$990	\$495	\$457	\$229	\$21,978	\$1,832	\$916	\$846	\$423
2.....	16,020	1,335	668	617	309	29,637	2,470	1,235	1,140	570
3.....	20,160	1,680	840	776	388	37,296	3,108	1,554	1,435	718
4.....	24,300	2,025	1,013	935	468	44,955	3,747	1,874	1,730	865
5.....	28,440	2,370	1,185	1,094	547	52,614	4,385	2,193	2,024	1,012
6.....	32,580	2,715	1,358	1,254	627	60,273	5,023	2,512	2,319	1,160
7.....	36,730	3,061	1,531	1,413	707	67,951	5,663	2,832	2,614	1,307
8.....	40,890	3,408	1,704	1,573	787	75,647	6,304	3,152	2,910	1,455
Each add'l family member add	+ \$4,160	+ \$347	+ \$174	+ \$160	+ \$80	+ \$7,696	+ \$642	+ \$321	+ \$296	+ \$148
Alaska										
1.....	\$14,840	\$1,237	\$619	\$571	\$286	\$27,454	\$2,288	\$1,144	\$1,056	\$528
2.....	20,020	1,669	835	770	385	37,037	3,087	1,544	1,425	713
3.....	25,200	2,100	1,050	970	485	46,620	3,885	1,943	1,794	897
4.....	30,380	2,532	1,266	1,169	585	56,203	4,684	2,342	2,162	1,081
5.....	35,560	2,964	1,482	1,368	684	65,786	5,483	2,742	2,531	1,266
6.....	40,740	3,395	1,698	1,567	784	75,369	6,281	3,141	2,899	1,450
7.....	45,920	3,827	1,914	1,767	884	84,952	7,080	3,540	3,268	1,634
8.....	51,120	4,260	2,130	1,967	984	94,572	7,881	3,941	3,638	1,819
Each add'l family member add	+ \$5,200	+ \$434	+ \$217	+ \$200	+ \$100	+ \$9,620	+ \$802	+ \$401	+ \$370	+ \$185
Hawaii										
1.....	\$13,670	\$1,140	\$570	\$526	\$263	\$25,290	\$2,108	\$1,054	\$973	\$487
2.....	18,430	1,536	768	709	355	34,096	2,842	1,421	1,312	656
3.....	23,190	1,933	967	892	446	42,902	3,576	1,788	1,651	826
4.....	27,950	2,330	1,165	1,075	538	51,708	4,309	2,155	1,989	995
5.....	32,710	2,726	1,363	1,259	630	60,514	5,043	2,522	2,328	1,164
6.....	37,470	3,123	1,562	1,442	721	69,320	5,777	2,889	2,667	1,334
7.....	42,230	3,520	1,760	1,625	813	78,126	6,511	3,256	3,005	1,503
8.....	47,010	3,918	1,959	1,809	905	86,969	7,248	3,624	3,345	1,673
Each add'l family member add	+ \$4,780	+ \$399	+ \$200	+ \$184	+ \$92	+ \$8,843	+ \$737	+ \$369	+ \$341	+ \$171

INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES										
Supplemental Chart for Family Sizes Greater Than Eight										
(Effective from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017)										
Household Size	Federal Poverty Guidelines- 100%					Reduced Price Meals - 185%				
	Annual	Monthly	Twice-Monthly	Bi-Weekly	Weekly	Annual	Monthly	Twice-Monthly	Bi-Weekly	Weekly
48 Contiguous States, D.C., Guam and Territories										
9.....	\$45,050	\$3,755	\$1,878	\$1,733	\$867	\$83,343	\$6,946	\$3,473	\$3,206	\$1,603
10.....	49,210	4,101	2,051	1,893	947	91,039	7,587	3,794	3,502	1,751
11.....	53,370	4,448	2,224	2,053	1,027	98,735	8,228	4,114	3,798	1,899
12.....	57,530	4,795	2,398	2,213	1,107	106,431	8,870	4,435	4,094	2,047
13.....	61,690	5,141	2,571	2,373	1,187	114,127	9,511	4,756	4,390	2,195
14.....	65,850	5,488	2,744	2,533	1,267	121,823	10,152	5,076	4,686	2,343
15.....	70,010	5,835	2,918	2,693	1,347	129,519	10,794	5,397	4,982	2,491
16.....	74,170	6,181	3,091	2,853	1,427	137,215	11,435	5,718	5,278	2,639
Each add'l family member add	+\$4,160	+\$347	+\$174	+\$160	+\$80	+\$7,696	+\$642	+\$321	+\$296	+\$148
Alaska										
9.....	\$56,320	\$4,694	\$2,347	\$2,167	\$1,084	\$104,192	\$8,683	\$4,342	\$4,008	\$2,004
10.....	61,520	5,127	2,564	2,367	1,184	113,812	9,485	4,743	4,378	2,189
11.....	66,720	5,560	2,780	2,567	1,284	123,432	10,286	5,143	4,748	2,374
12.....	71,920	5,994	2,997	2,767	1,384	133,052	11,088	5,544	5,118	2,559
13.....	77,120	6,427	3,214	2,967	1,484	142,672	11,890	5,945	5,488	2,744
14.....	82,320	6,860	3,430	3,167	1,584	152,292	12,691	6,346	5,858	2,929
15.....	87,520	7,294	3,647	3,367	1,684	161,912	13,493	6,747	6,228	3,114
16.....	92,720	7,727	3,864	3,567	1,784	171,532	14,295	7,148	6,598	3,299
Each add'l family member add	+\$5,200	+\$434	+\$217	+\$200	+\$100	+\$9,620	+\$802	+\$401	+\$370	+\$185
Hawaii										
9.....	\$51,790	\$4,316	\$2,158	\$1,992	\$996	\$95,812	\$7,985	\$3,993	\$3,686	\$1,843
10.....	56,570	4,715	2,358	2,176	1,088	104,655	8,722	4,361	4,026	2,013
11.....	61,350	5,113	2,557	2,360	1,180	113,498	9,459	4,730	4,366	2,183
12.....	66,130	5,511	2,756	2,544	1,272	122,341	10,196	5,098	4,706	2,353
13.....	70,910	5,910	2,955	2,728	1,364	131,184	10,932	5,466	5,046	2,523
14.....	75,690	6,308	3,154	2,912	1,456	140,027	11,669	5,835	5,386	2,693
15.....	80,470	6,706	3,353	3,095	1,548	148,870	12,406	6,203	5,726	2,863
16.....	85,250	7,105	3,553	3,279	1,640	157,713	13,143	6,572	6,066	3,033
Each add'l family member add	+\$4,780	+\$399	+\$200	+\$184	+\$92	+\$8,843	+\$737	+\$369	+\$341	+\$171

The first table of this Notice contains the income limits by household size for

the 48 contiguous States, the District of Columbia, and all United States

Territories, including Guam. Separate tables for Alaska and Hawaii have been

included for the convenience of the State agencies because the poverty guidelines for Alaska and Hawaii are higher than for the 48 contiguous States.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Newspapers for Publication of Legal Notices in the Northern Region

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice lists the newspapers that will be used by all Ranger Districts, Forests, Grasslands, and the Regional Office of the Northern Region to publish legal notices for public comment and decisions subject to predecisional administrative review under 36 CFR parts 218 and 219. The intended effect of this action is to inform interested members of the public which newspapers will be used to publish legal notices for public comment or decisions; thereby allowing them to receive constructive notice of a decision, to provide clear evidence of timely notice, and to achieve consistency in administering the objection processes.

DATES: Publication of legal notices in the listed newspapers will begin with decisions subject to administrative review that are made the first day following the date of this publication. The list of newspapers will remain in effect until another notice is published in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Regional Administrative Review Coordinator; Northern Region; P.O. Box 7669; Missoula, Montana 59807. Phone: (406) 329-3381.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The newspapers to be used are as follows:
Northern Region Regional Forester Decisions for:

Montana: The Missoulian, Great Falls Tribune, and The Billings Gazette; Northern Idaho and Eastern Washington: Coeur d'Alene Press and Lewiston Tribune; North Dakota and South Dakota: Bismarck Tribune.

Northern Region Forest Supervisor and District Ranger Decisions for: Beaverhead/Deerlodge National Forest (NF)—Montana Standard Bitterroot NF—Ravalli Republic

Custer NF—Billings Gazette (Montana); Rapid City Journal (South Dakota) Dakota Prairie Grasslands—Bismarck Tribune (North and South Dakota) Flathead NF—Daily Inter Lake Gallatin NF—Bozeman Chronicle Helena NF—Helena Independent Record Idaho Panhandle NFs—Coeur d'Alene Press Kootenai NF—Missoulian (Note this change as it was previously the Daily Inter Lake) Lewis & Clark NF—Helena Independent Record Lolo NF—Missoulian Nez Perce-Clearwater NFs—Lewiston Tribune

Supplemental notices may be placed in any newspaper, but timeframes/ deadlines will be calculated based upon notices in newspapers of record listed above.

Dated: March 11, 2016.

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Regional Forester.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Tonto National Forest; Pinal County, AZ; Resolution Copper Project and Land Exchange Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for approval of a plan of operations for the Resolution Copper Project and associated land exchange; request for comments; and notice of public scoping.

SUMMARY: The Tonto National Forest (TNF) is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to evaluate and disclose the potential environmental effects from: (1) Approval of the "General Plan of Operations" (GPO) submitted by Resolution Copper Mining, LLC (Resolution Copper), for operations on National Forest System (NFS) land associated with a proposed large-scale mine; (2) the exchange of land between Resolution Copper and the United States; and (3) amendments to the Tonto National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (forest plan) (1985, as amended).

DATES: Comments concerning the scope of the analysis must be received by May 17, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to: Resolution EIS Comments, P.O. Box

34468, Phoenix, AZ 85067-4468. Comments may also be sent via email to: Comments@resolutionmineeis.us, submitted via Web site at www.resolutionmineeis.us, or submitted by leaving a verbal message at 1-866-546-5718. Additional information regarding submittal of comments is provided below in the Scoping section. Written and oral comments may also be submitted during open houses that will be held by the U.S. Forest Service (Forest Service), as follows:

1. March 31, 2016, 5:00-8:00 p.m. Queen Valley Recreation Hall, 1478 East Queen Valley Drive, Queen Valley, Arizona.
2. April 4, 2016, 5:00-8:00 p.m. Superior High School, Multi-purpose room, 100 Mary Drive, Superior, Arizona.
3. April 5, 2016, 5:00-8:00 p.m. Elks Lodge, 1775 East Maple Street, Globe, Arizona.
4. April 6, 2016, 5:00-8:00 p.m. Southwest Regional Library, 775 North Greenfield Road, Gilbert, Arizona.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark Nelson, Project Manager, at 602-225-5222 or mrnelson@fs.fed.us during normal business hours.

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:

Purpose and Need for Action

The project is located in the Globe and Mesa Ranger Districts, Tonto National Forest, Arizona. The TNF is evaluating the proposed action at this time to comply with its statutory and regulatory obligations to respond to a proposed plan of operations submitted by Resolution Copper and to comply with Section 3003 of the Carl Levin and Howard P. 'Buck' McKeon National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015 (NDAA).

The purpose and need for this project is twofold:

1. To consider approval of the proposed GPO submitted by Resolution Copper, which would govern surface disturbance on NFS lands from mining operations that are reasonably incident to extraction, transportation, and processing of copper and molybdenum.
2. To exchange lands between Resolution Copper and the United States as directed by Section 3003 the NDAA.

Resolution Copper submitted the proposed GPO for approval by the Forest Service in November 2013. The