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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Trent Rogers, Senior Loan Specialist, (202) 720-3889.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Description of Information Collection**

*Title:* Guaranteed Farm Loans.

*OMB Number:* 0560-0155.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* 05/31/2017.

*Type of Request:* Extension with a revision.

*Abstract:* This information collection is needed to effectively administer the FSA guaranteed farm loan programs. The information is collected by the FSA loan official in consultation with participating lenders. The basic objective of the guaranteed loan program is to provide credit to applicants who are unable to obtain credit from lending institutions without a guarantee. The reporting requirements imposed on the public by the regulations at 7 CFR part 762 and 763 are necessary to administer the guaranteed loan program in accordance with statutory requirements of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act and are consistent with commonly performed lending practices. Collection of information after loans are made is necessary to protect the Government's financial interest.

The estimated total annual burden hours are amended due to the EZ Guarantee Program and the Micro Lender Program (MLP), which reduced the information collection requirements. Therefore, the burden hours are being provided currently in this request for OMB approval. The annual responses have been reduced by 23,764 while the burden hours reduced by 33,340 hours in the request.

For the following estimated total annual burden on respondents, the formula used to calculate the total burden hours is the estimated average time per responses multiplied by the estimated total annual of responses.

*Estimate of Average Time to Respond:* Public reporting burden for collecting information under this notice is estimated to average 0.9989 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. The average travel time, which is included in the total annual

burden, is estimated to be 1 hour per respondent.

*Type of Respondents:* Businesses or other for-profits and Farms.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 14,585.

*Estimated Average Number of Responses Per Respondent:* 15.308.

*Estimated Total Annual Responses:* 220,213.

*Estimated Average Time per Response:* 0.9989.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 220,213 hours.

We are requesting comments on all aspects of this information collection to help us to:

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden of the collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Evaluate the quality, utility and clarity of the information technology; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the information collection on those who respond through the use of appropriate 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 where provided, will be made a matter of public record. Comments will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval.

**Val Dolcini,**

*Administrator, Farm Service Agency.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

**Food Safety and Inspection Service**

[Docket No. FSIS-2016-0049]

**Codex Alimentarius Commission: Meeting of the Codex Committee on Food Additives**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Deputy Under Secretary for Food Safety, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting and request.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Food Safety, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), U.S. Department of Health and

Human Services are sponsoring a public meeting on February 21, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The objective of the public meeting is to provide information and receive public comments on agenda items and draft United States (U.S.) positions discussed at the 49th Session of the Codex Committee on Food Additives (CCFA) of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (Codex), taking place in Macao SAR, China March 20-24, 2017. The USDA Office of Food Safety and FDA recognize the importance of providing interested parties the opportunity to obtain background information on the 49th Session of the CCFA and to address items on the agenda.

**DATES:** The public meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 21, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The public meeting will take place in Rooms 1A-001 and 1A-002, The Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Harvey Wiley Federal Building, 5001 Campus Drive, College Park, MD 20740.

Documents related to the 49th Session of the CCFA will be accessible via the Internet at the following address: <http://www.codexalimentarius.org/meetings-reports/en/>.

The U.S. Delegate to the 49th Session of the CCFA, Paul Honigfort, invites interested U.S. parties to submit their comments electronically to the following email address: [ccfa@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:ccfa@fda.hhs.gov).

*Registration:* Attendees may register by emailing [ccfa@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:ccfa@fda.hhs.gov) by February 14, 2017. Early registration is encouraged because it will expedite entry into the building and its parking area. If you require parking, please include the vehicle make and tag number when you register. Because the meeting will be held in a Federal building, you should also bring photo identification and plan for adequate time to pass through security screening systems. Attendees that are not able to attend the meeting in-person but wish to participate may do so by phone. Those wishing to participate by phone should request the call-in number and conference code when they register for the meeting.

For further information about the 49th Session of the CCFA contact: Paul Honigfort, Ph.D., Consumer Safety Officer, Division of Food Contact Notifications, Office of Food Additive Safety, U.S. Food and Drug Administration 5001 Campus Drive, College Park, MD 20740, Telephone: (240) 402-1206, Fax: (301) 436-2965, email: [Paul.Honigfort@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:Paul.Honigfort@fda.hhs.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE****PUBLIC MEETING CONTACT:** Daniel E.

Folmer, Ph.D., Review Chemist, Division of Petition Review, Office of Food Additive Safety, CFSAN/FDA HFS-265, 5001 Campus Drive, College Park, MD 20740, Telephone: (240) 402-1269, Fax: (301) 436-2972, email: [daniel.folmer@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:daniel.folmer@fda.hhs.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Background**

Codex was established in 1963 by two United Nations organizations, the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the World Health Organization (WHO).

Through adoption of food standards, codes of practice, and other guidelines developed by its committees, and by promoting their adoption and implementation by governments, Codex seeks to protect the health of consumers and ensure that fair practices are used in trade.

The CCFA establishes or endorses permitted maximum levels for individual food additives; prepares priority lists of food additives for risk assessment by the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA); assigns functional classes and International Numbering System (INS) numbers to individual food additives; recommends specifications of identity and purity for food additives for adoption by Codex; considers methods of analysis for the determination of additives in food; and considers and elaborates standards or codes for related subjects such as labeling of food additives when sold as such. The CCFA is hosted by China.

**Issues To Be Discussed at the Public Meeting**

The following items on the agenda for the 49th Session of the CCFA will be discussed during the public meeting:

- Matters Referred by the Codex Alimentarius Commission and other subsidiary bodies
- Matters of Interest arising from FAO/WHO and from the 82nd Meeting of the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA)
- Proposed draft Specifications for Identity and Purity of Food Additives arising from the 82nd JECFA Meeting
- Endorsement and/or Revision of Maximum Levels for Food Additives and Processing Aids in Codex Standards
- Alignment of the food additive provisions of commodity standards: Report of the EWG on Alignment
- General Standard for Food Additives (GSFA): Outstanding provisions from the 48th session of CCFA; provisions

for benzoates in FC 14.1.4; provisions in FC 5.0 and 5.1; provisions associated with Note 22; provisions in FC 01.1.1, 01.1.1.1, 01.1.3 and 01.1.4 (Report of the EWG on the GSFA)

- General Standard for Food Additives (GSFA): Use levels for adipic acid (INS 355) in various food categories (replies to CL 2016/9-FA)
- General Standard for Food Additives (GSFA): Proposals for new and/or revision of food additive provisions (replies to CL 2016/8-FA, point 4 (a), 4(b) & 4 (c))
- Discussion paper on the use of food additives in the production of wine
- Proposed draft revision to the International Numbering System (INS) for Food Additives (CAC/GL 36-1989)
- Proposals for additions and changes to the Priority List of Substances proposed for evaluation by JECFA (replies to CL 2016/13-FA)
- Discussion paper on the management of CCFA work
- Other Business and Future Work

Each issue listed will be fully described in documents distributed, or to be distributed, by the Codex Secretariat prior to the meeting. Members of the public may access these documents at <http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings-reports/detail/en/?meeting=CCFA&session=49>.

**Public Meeting**

At the February 21, 2017 public meeting, draft U.S. positions on the agenda items will be described and discussed, and attendees will have the opportunity to pose questions and offer comments. Written comments may be offered at the meeting or sent to the U.S. Delegate for the 49th Session of the CCFA, Paul Honigfort, Ph.D. at the following address: [ccfa@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:ccfa@fda.hhs.gov). Written comments should state that they relate to activities of the 49th Session of the CCFA.

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**Mail:** U.S. Department of Agriculture, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250-9410.

**Fax:** (202) 690-7442.

**Email:** [program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov).

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication (Braille, large print, audiotope, etc.) should contact USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TDD).

Dated: January 12, 2016.

**Mary Frances Lowe,**

*U.S. Manager for Codex Alimentarius.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### **Coconino and Tonto National Forests; Arizona; Fossil Creek Wild and Scenic River Comprehensive River Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement**

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Revised notice of intent to extend the scoping period for the Fossil Creek Wild and Scenic River Environmental Impact Statement and Comprehensive River Management Plan.

**SUMMARY:** The Coconino and Tonto national forests published a Notice of Intent in the **Federal Register** on November 29, 2016 for the Fossil Creek Wild and Scenic River Environmental Impact Statement and Comprehensive River Management Plan. This notice extends the comment period to January 27, 2017.

**DATES:** Comments concerning the scope of the analysis must be received by January 27, 2017. The draft environmental impact statement is expected in summer 2017, and the final environmental impact statement is expected in spring 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments via email to [comments-southwestern-coconino-redrock@fs.fed.us](mailto:comments-southwestern-coconino-redrock@fs.fed.us) (include "Fossil Creek CRMP" in the subject line); via mail to Coconino National Forest, Attention: Fossil Creek CRMP, P.O. Box 20429, Sedona, AZ 86341; via facsimile to (928) 203-7539; or in person at the Red Rock Ranger District Office, 8375 State Route 179, Sedona, AZ 86351.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Contact Marcos Roybal, Fossil Creek Project Coordinator, by email at [maroybal@fs.fed.us](mailto:maroybal@fs.fed.us) or by phone at (928) 203-2915. For information about the project, including proposed alternatives and other project documents, visit <http://tinyurl.com/FossilCreekCRMP>. Hard copy documents may be requested from the phone number above.

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 purpose of the project is to prepare a CRMP for the Fossil Creek Wild and Scenic River to meet the requirements of Section 3(d)(1) of the WSRA. The CRMP is needed to provide for the protection or enhancement of Fossil Creek's water quality, free-flowing condition, and its ORVs, and to fulfill WSRA Section 3(b) requirements to establish river corridor boundaries and recreation and wild segment classifications.

Since the decommissioning of a historic hydropower dam in 2005, public use dramatically increased as visitors sought to explore the heavily publicized Arizona landscape. Recreational use during the high-use season (June–September), for example, increased from an estimated 20,000 visitors in 2006 to approximately 80,000 visitors by 2013, with thousands turned away daily at the entrance barricades due to overcrowding. River values that need protection from impacts of recreational use include water quality, recreation, geology, Western Apache traditional and contemporary cultural values, and biological values (especially the high diversity of fish and wildlife species). Impacts have resulted from uncontrolled dispersed camping, creation of unapproved camp sites, creation of unplanned trail systems, excessive littering, and human waste near the creek. Monitoring since 2011 indicates there are increasing impacts to upland vegetation that is habitat for wildlife species; damage to heritage sites; and unsafe conditions for visitors, Forest Service personnel and emergency responders. In April 2016, an interim management reservation system was successfully implemented to reduce the daily capacity of visitors during the high-use season; this interim management reservation system will remain in place until the CRMP's completion.

### Proposed Action

The Coconino and Tonto National Forests propose to establish a CRMP to guide management of the designated 17-mile Fossil Creek Wild and Scenic River corridor and to protect or enhance the area's outstandingly remarkable values. Within a range of alternatives, the proposed action is designated to include the most flexibility to increase capacity and recreation infrastructure—maximizing recreation opportunities in the future—while providing protection for sensitive river and tribal values at the same time through both a management plan and site-specific actions. Project actions would address

recreation capacity, corridor access, recreation facilities, services, and public health and safety.

During all or part of the year, a reservation system would manage visitor use by limiting the number of people at one time (PAOT) in the river corridor. The initial PAOT in the river corridor would be set at the current 2016 reservation management level—approximately 154 vehicles and 780 PAOT, including administrative use. Over time, if appropriate, adaptive management would increase capacity to a permitted maximum of approximately 338 vehicles and 1,705 PAOT if infrastructure is built, management capacity allows, and visitor behavior promotes sustainable river value protection. The proposed action also includes the following potential elements:

- Existing recreation sites would be expanded, particularly at the Irving site.
- Additional trails would be developed to link recreation sites and provide a greater variety of opportunities for a different hiking levels.
- A portion of Forest Road 708 would become a motorized trail.
- A limited amount of camping would be allowed at designated sites.
- Opportunities for outfitters/guides and concessionaries would be provided.
- Limited or no waterplay would exist at some creek locations due to cultural or natural resource issues.
- Some system routes would be closed or decommissioned, and other restoration actions would occur.

The existing Coconino and Tonto Forest Plans would be programmatically amended under the 2012 Planning Rule to incorporate management direction for the Fossil Creek WSR corridor. The proposed amendments would add, replace, delete or revise (as needed) direction for the management of the Wild and Scenic River corridor.

### Possible Alternatives

A range of alternatives to the proposed action, including a no action alternative and three additional action alternatives, are being considered. The no action alternative (Alternative A) represents no change (a CRMP would not be established) and serves as the baseline for comparison of the effects of the action alternatives. The four action alternatives, which are based on extensive public engagement that has occurred since 2010, include: Alternative B (Enhanced Protections), Alternative C (Non-motorized Experience), Alternative D (Motorized Use and Refugia), and Alternative E (Long-term Adaptive Management—