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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of Tribal Relations; Council for Native American Farming and Ranching

AGENCY: Office of Tribal Relations, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a forthcoming meeting of The Council for Native American Farming and Ranching (CNAFR), a public advisory committee of the Office of Tribal Relations (OTR). Notice of the meetings are provided in accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended. This will be the first meeting held during fiscal year 2018 and will consist of, but not be limited to: Hearing public comments, subcommittee report outs, and discussion of potential recommendations. This meeting will be open to the public.

DATES: The teleconference meeting will be held on November 29, 2017. The meeting will be open to the public with time set aside for public comment on November 29 at approximately 1:30–2:30 p.m. The OTR will make the agenda available to the public via the OTR Web site (<http://www.usda.gov/tribalrelations>) no later than 10 business days before the meeting and at the meeting.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be conducted using teleconference technology. This meeting will not be convened in person. The agenda, with the call in information, will be made public via the OTR Web site (<http://www.usda.gov/tribalrelations>) no later than 10 business days before the meeting.

Written Comments: Written comments may be submitted to the CNAFR Contact Person: Abby Cruz, Designated Federal Officer and Senior Policy Advisor for the Office of Tribal Relations, 1400 Independence Ave. SW., Whitten Bldg., 501–A, Washington, DC 20250; by Fax:

(202) 720–1058; or by email: Abigail.Cruz@osec.usda.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions should be directed to the CNAFR Contact Person: Abby Cruz, Designated Federal Officer and Senior Policy Advisor for the Office of Tribal Relations, 1400 Independence Ave. SW., Whitten Bldg., 501–A, Washington, DC 20250; by Fax: (202) 720–1058; or by email: Abigail.Cruz@osec.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended (5 U.S.C. App. 2), USDA established an advisory council for Native American farmers and ranchers. The CNAFR is a discretionary advisory committee established under the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture, in furtherance of the *Keepseagle v. Perdue* settlement agreement that was granted final approval by the District Court for the District of Columbia on April 28, 2011.

The CNAFR will operate under the provisions of the FACA and report to the Secretary of Agriculture. The purpose of the CNAFR is (1) to advise the Secretary of Agriculture on issues related to the participation of Native American farmers and ranchers in USDA programs; (2) to transmit recommendations concerning any changes to USDA regulations or internal guidance or other measures that would eliminate barriers to program participation for Native American farmers and ranchers; (3) to examine methods of maximizing the number of new farming and ranching opportunities created by USDA programs through enhanced extension and financial literacy services; (4) to examine methods of encouraging intergovernmental cooperation to mitigate the effects of land tenure and probate issues on the delivery of USDA programs; (5) to evaluate other methods of creating new farming or ranching opportunities for Native American producers; and (6) to address other related issues as deemed appropriate.

The Secretary of Agriculture selected a diverse group of members representing a broad spectrum of persons interested in providing solutions to the challenges of the aforementioned purposes. Equal opportunity practices were considered in all appointments to the CNAFR in accordance with USDA policies. The

Secretary selected the members in December 2016.

Interested persons may present views, orally or in writing, on issues relating to agenda topics before the CNAFR. Written submissions may be submitted to the CNAFR Contact Person on or before November 22, 2017. Oral presentations from the public will be heard approximately 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on November 29, 2017. Individuals interested in making formal oral presentations should also notify the CNAFR Contact Person and submit a brief statement of the general nature of the issue they wish to present and the names, tribal affiliations, and addresses of proposed participants by November 22, 2017. All oral presentations will be given three (3) to five (5) minutes depending on the number of participants.

The OTR will also make the agenda available to the public via the OTR Web site (<http://www.usda.gov/tribalrelations>) no later than 10 business days before the meeting and at the meeting. The minutes from the meeting will be posted on the OTR Web site. OTR welcomes the attendance of the public at the CNAFR meetings and will make every effort to accommodate persons with physical disabilities or special needs. If you require special accommodations due to a disability, please contact Abby Cruz at least 10 business days in advance of the meeting.

Dated: October 27, 2017.

Linda Cronin,

Acting Director, Office of Tribal Relations.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS–2017–0071]

Availability of an Environmental Assessment for the Biological Control of Yellow Toadflax

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability and request for comments; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: We are extending the comment period for our draft environmental assessment relative to the control of yellow toadflax (*Linaria vulgaris*), which considers the effects of, and alternatives to, the field release of a stem gall weevil, *Rhinusa pilosa*, into the continental United States for use as a biological control agent to reduce the severity of yellow toadflax infestations. This action will allow interested persons additional time to prepare and submit comments.

DATES: The comment period for the notice of availability and request for comments published on October 2, 2017 (82 FR 45796–45797), is extended. We will consider all comments that we receive on or before November 16, 2017.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by either of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov/>#!docketDetail;D=APHIS-2017-0071.

- *Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery:* Send your comment to Docket No. APHIS–2017–0071, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3A–03.8, 4700 River Road, Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737–1238.

Supporting documents and any comments we receive on this docket may be viewed at <http://www.regulations.gov/>#!docketDetail;D=APHIS-2017-0071 or in our reading room, which is located in room 1141 of the USDA South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC. Normal reading room hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 799–7039 before coming.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Colin D. Stewart, Assistant Director, Pests, Pathogens, and Biocontrol Permits, Permitting and Compliance Coordination, PPQ, APHIS, 4700 River Road, Unit 133, Riverdale, MD 20737–1231; (301) 851–2327, email: Colin.Stewart@aphis.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 2, 2017, we published in the **Federal Register** (82 FR 45796–45797, Docket No. APHIS–2017–0071) a notice of availability and request for comments¹ on our draft environmental assessment relative to the control of yellow toadflax (*Linaria vulgaris*), which considers the effects of, and alternatives to, the field release of a stem gall weevil, *Rhinusa pilosa*, into the continental United States for use as

a biological control agent to reduce the severity of yellow toadflax infestations.

Comments on the draft environmental assessment were required to be received on or before November 1, 2017. We are extending the comment period on Docket No. APHIS–2017–0071 for an additional 15 days. This action will allow interested persons additional time to prepare and submit comments.

Done in Washington, DC, this 30th day of October 2017.

Michael C. Gregoire,
Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

[FR Doc. 2017–23895 Filed 11–1–17; 8:45 am]

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

RIN 0584–AD87

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP): Eligibility, Certification, and Employment and Training Provisions of the Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008; Approval of Information Collection Request

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of approval of Information Collection Request (ICR).

SUMMARY: The final rule and interim final rule titled Eligibility, Certification, and Employment and Training Provisions of the Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008 was published on January 6, 2017 (82 FR 2010). The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) cleared the associated information collection requirements on July 13, 2017. This document announces approval of the ICR.

DATES: The ICR associated with the final rule was published in the **Federal Register** on January 6, 2017, and was approved by OMB on July 13, 2017, under OMB Control Number 0584–0064.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sasha Gersten-Paal, Branch Chief, Certification Policy Branch, Program Development Division, Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), at (703) 305–2507, sasha.gersten-paal@fns.usda.gov.

Dated: October 24, 2017.

Brandon Lipps,
Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request: Collection of Contact Information of Schools That Participate in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and Organizations That Participate in the USDA's Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) for Sharing Team Nutrition's Nutrition Education, Training, and Technical Assistance Resources

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), 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 this proposed information collection. This is a new collection for facilitating a communication network among CACFP organizations and USDA Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) Child Nutrition Programs, as well as between schools participating in the National School Breakfast Program and National School Lunch programs, both via the Team Nutrition initiative.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before January 2, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be sent to: Kaylyn Padovani, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 628, Alexandria, VA 22302. Comments may also be submitted via fax to the attention of Kaylyn Padovani at 703–305–2549 or via email to TeamNutrition@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: Requests for additional information or copies of this information collection should be directed to Team Nutrition at 703–305–1624.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 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,

¹ To view the notice and environmental assessment, go to <http://www.regulations.gov/>#!docketDetail;D=APHIS-2017-0071.