

number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Rural Utilities Service

Title: 7 CFR part 1738, Rural Broadband Loan and Loan Guarantee.

OMB Control Number: 0572–0130.

Summary of Collection: Title VI, Rural Broadband Access, of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, as amended (RE Act), provides loans and loan guarantees to fund the cost of construction, improvement, or acquisition of facilities and equipment for the provision of broadband service in eligible rural communities in State and territories of the United States. The regulation prescribes the types of loans available, facilities financed and eligible applicants, as well as minimum credit support requirements considered for a loan. In addition, Title VI of the RE Act requires that Rural Utilities Service (RUS) make or guarantee a loan only if there is reasonable assurance that the loan, together with all outstanding loans and obligations of the borrower, will be repaid in full within the time agreed.

Need and Use of the Information: The information in the program application guide—RUS Bulletin 1738–1 provides applicants with needed information, definitions and details for completing and submitting an application. Information will be used to determine an applicant's eligibility, availability of broadband service for priority consideration, technical and economic feasibility of the proposed project (that the funds requested are adequate to complete the project taking into consideration any additional funding provided by the applicant and that the loan can be repaid within the allowable time frame), and the applicant complies with statutory, regulatory and administrative eligibility requirements for loan assistance.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions.

Number of Respondents: 18.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 7,305.

Kimble Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request—Annual State Report on Verification of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Participation

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is an extension, without change, of a currently approved information collection request (ICR). In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice invites the general public and other public agencies to comment on the proposed information collection for the Annual State Report of Verification of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Participation. The purpose of the Annual State Report of Verification of SNAP Participants is to ensure that no person who is deceased, or has been permanently disqualified from SNAP, improperly received SNAP benefits for the fiscal year preceding the report submission. Section 4032 of the Agriculture Act of 2014 is the basis for this collection. Section 4032 mandates that States will “submit to the Secretary a report containing sufficient information for the Secretary to determine whether the State agency has, for the most recently concluded fiscal year preceding that annual date, verified that the State agency in that fiscal year—(1) did not issue benefits to a deceased individual; and (2) did not issue benefits to an individual who had been permanently disqualified from receiving benefits.” An email from each State agency to the corresponding Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) Regional SNAP Program Director containing the answers to the above questions will be used as the mechanism for State agencies to report their compliance with § 4032 of the Agriculture Act of 2014.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before April 12, 2019.

ADDRESSES: Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimated burden for the proposed information collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the

burden of the information collection on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments may be sent to Jane Duffield, Branch Chief, State Administration Branch, Program Accountability and Administration Division, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 818, Alexandria, VA 22302. You may also download an electronic version of this notice at <http://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/federal-register-documents/rules/view-all> and comment via email at SNAPSAB@fns.usda.gov or the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal. Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and follow the online instructions for submitting comments electronically.

All written comments will be open for public inspection at the office of the Food and Nutrition Service during regular business hours (8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday) at 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 822, Alexandria, Virginia 22302.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of this information collection should be directed to Tamiaka Muns at (703) 305–2636.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Annual State Report on Verification of SNAP Participation.

OMB Number: 0584–0605.

Expiration Date: March 30, 2019.

Type of Request: Extension, without change, of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: SNAP regulations at 7 CFR 273.16 require that State agencies disqualify an individual who has committed an intentional program violation (IPV). Paragraph 7 CFR 273.16(e)(8) requires that these individuals “be disqualified in accordance with the disqualification periods and procedures in paragraph (b) of this section” (273.16(b)). Paragraph 7 CFR 273.16(i) requires State agencies to report information concerning each individual disqualified for an IPV to the disqualified recipient database, the electronic Disqualified Recipient System (eDRS), and to use eDRS data to determine the eligibility of individual applicants prior to certification. SNAP regulations at 7 CFR 272.14 require that each State agency establish a system to

verify and ensure that benefits are not issued to individuals who are deceased, and that data source is the Social Security Administration's (SSA) Death Master File. The information required for the Annual State Report on Verification of SNAP Participation is obtained by validating that the State had the appropriate systems in place and followed procedures currently mandated at 7 CFR 272.14 and 7 CFR 273.16 for the preceding fiscal year. The burdens associated with establishing a system to verify and ensure that benefits are not issued to deceased individuals or those permanently disqualified from SNAP using both the SSA Death Master File and eDRS are already approved under OMB burden number 0584-0064, expiration date July 31, 2020.

In order to meet the reporting requirements specified in section 4032 of the Act, States are required to confirm via email to their FNS Regional SNAP Program Director that in the immediately preceding Federal fiscal year, they had the appropriate systems in place to meet the requirements of regulations at 7 CFR 272.14 and 273.16(i)(4) and that they conducted the matches required by these regulations. States are required to submit their section 4032 reports to the FNS Regional SNAP Director by March 31 each year for the preceding Federal fiscal year. The estimated annual burden for this collection is 57.41 hours. This estimate includes the time it takes each State agency to confirm that they have complied with FNS regulations for performing mandated checks against both eDRS and the SSA Death Master File, send an email to their FNS Regional Office SNAP Program Director to provide the verification, and any additional recordkeeping associated with this burden. States must perform this verification once a year and must retain these records for 3 years.

Annual Reporting Burden Estimates

Affected Public: State, Local and Tribal Government Agencies.

Number of Respondents: 53 State Agencies.

Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Total Annual Responses: 53.

Reporting time per Response: 1 Hour.

Estimated Annual Reporting Burden Hours: 53.

Annual Recordkeeping Burden Estimates

Affected Public: State, Local and Tribal Government Agencies.

Number of Respondents: 53 State Agencies.

Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Total Annual Responses: 53.

Reporting time per Response: 0.08333 Hours or 5 minutes.

Estimated Annual Reporting Burden Hours: 4.41649.

Annual Grand Total Burden Estimates for Reporting and Recordkeeping: 57.41 hours.

Dated: February 1, 2019.

Brandon Lipps,

Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Information Collection Request for Volunteer Program—Earth Team

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is requesting comments from all interested individuals and organizations on an extension and a revision of a currently approved information collection associated with Volunteer Program—Earth Team. The Volunteer Interest and Placement Summary and the Timesheet forms are used by the respondents. The information NRCS collects on the forms is used to match the skills of individuals, who are 14 years of age or older and interested in volunteering for opportunities that will further NRCS's mission.

APPLICABLE DATES: We will consider comments that we receive by April 12, 2019.

ADDRESSES: We invite you to submit comments on this notice. In your comments, include OMB Control Number 0578-0024. You may submit comments through the Federal eRulemaking Portal website: <http://www.regulations.gov> via docket number NRCS-2018-0011. Follow the instructions for submitting comments electronically.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions related to the collection activities or to request a copy of the information collection, contact Alan Benge, Program Specialist, NRCS Distribution Center/Earth, USDA Farm Production and Conservation, 4407 121st Street, Urbandale, IA 50323, (515) 776-3846, or alan.benge@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Volunteer Program—Earth Team.

OMB Number: 0578-0024.

Expiration Date of Approval: February 28, 2019.

Type of Request: Revision.

Abstract: NRCS is collecting information from individuals who are interested in volunteering to work with NRCS. The information will be used by NRCS to assign the volunteer to an appropriate position, and to track their volunteer time. Collection of this information is necessary to match volunteers with NRCS assignments as authorized by section 1526 of the Food and Agriculture Act of 1981 (Pub. L. 97-98). NRCS is authorized to recruit, train, and accept (following Civil Service classification laws, rules, or regulations) individuals to serve without compensation. Subject to certain conditions, most volunteers may assist in agency programs or projects, and may perform activities that the employees may perform. The two forms Volunteer Interest and Placement Summary Forms, NRCS-PER-002, and Timesheet Form, NRCS-PER-004, are used to collect information from the individuals.

The timesheet is an optional form and provides the volunteer or volunteer's supervisor a simplified method for tracking the volunteer's time. The form is placed in a volunteer "case file" and will be destroyed 3 years after the volunteer has completed service. In the event the volunteer is injured while engaged in volunteer activities and claims workman's compensation, the "case file" will be transferred to an Official Personnel Folder.

The information collection burden estimates have been updated. There were no other revisions required.

Estimate of Average Time to Respond: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 4 minutes per response.

Type of Respondents: Retirees, students, teachers, or senior citizens.

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 7,120.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.5.

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 14,440.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 1,010.80 hours.

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

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

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the estimate of the burden of the collection