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### Food and Nutrition Service

*Title:* School Meals Operations Study: Evaluation of the COVID-19 Child Nutrition Waivers and Child Nutrition Programs.

*Control Number:* 0584-0607.

*Summary of Collection:* This is a revision to a currently approved information collection for the School Meals Operations Study: State Agency COVID-19 Child Nutrition Waivers Evaluation (which has been renamed for this revision). This collection is necessary to provide up-to-date information about child nutrition (CN) program operations, including the use and impact of the COVID-19 CN nationwide waivers required by the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) (Pub. L. 116-127). The annual data collected from this study allows the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) to describe and assess program operations, provide input for legislation and regulations on the CN programs, develop pertinent technical assistance and training for program staff at the State and School Food Authority (SFA) levels, and inform the budget process. This information is necessary for FNS to understand how recent and proposed legislation, regulations, policies, and initiatives change the CN program operations. Because the COVID-19 pandemic has changed the way that school meal programs operate, with other CN programs such as the Child and Adult Care Food Program and the Summer Food Service Program being used in place of or in combination with the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs to provide meals to students, this study will collect administrative and web survey data from the States on each of these programs, and web survey data from SFAs on the programs that they operate.

*Need and Use of the Information:* This mandatory study will collect data from the State CN and School Food Authority (SFA) directors. The State CN directors will complete two online surveys in 2021 and 2022 and two state-level administrative data collections covering Fiscal Years 2021 and 2022. The SFA directors (including those of private schools) will complete one online survey in 2021/2022. The state-level collection activities will focus primarily on collecting the data needed to meet the congressionally-mandated reporting requirements for the nationwide CN COVID-19 waivers

specified in section 2202 of the FFCRA and used in Fiscal Years 2021 and 2022. The survey for the SFA directors will focus on the financial impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and program operations during School Years 2020-2021 and 2021-2022. FNS will use the data to assess meal service levels to determine coverage within and across states, look for patterns and trends across site types, and assess how the waivers were used and how they improved services to children since, in the absence of these waivers, meal service may not have been possible. The information will also inform FNS's planning, policy, and guidance related to state and local meal service operations during future emergency situations and unanticipated school closures.

*Description of Respondents:* State, Local, or Tribal Government and Not-for-Profit Institutions.

*Number of Respondents:* 1,339.

*Frequency of Responses:* Reporting: Annually.

*Total Burden Hours:* 4,116.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### **Black Hills National Forest; Lawrence, Meade, Pennington, Custer, and Fall River Counties, South Dakota; Crook and Weston Counties, Wyoming; Revision of the Land and Resource Management Plan for the Black Hills National Forest**

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, Agriculture (USDA).

**ACTION:** Notice of initiating the assessment phase of the Land Management plan revision for the Black Hills National Forest.

**SUMMARY:** The Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, is initiating the Land Management Plan revision process, pursuant to the 2012 Planning Rule (36 CFR 219) and as directed by the National Forest Management Act, for the Black Hills National Forest (Black Hills), located in western South Dakota and northeastern Wyoming. This process will result in a revised Land Management Plan which will guide all resource management activities on the Black Hills National Forest for approximately fifteen years. This notice announces the initiation of the

assessment phase, the preliminary stage of the plan revision process.

Assessments will identify and consider relevant and readily accessible material about ecological, social, and economic conditions and trends in the planning area, including best available scientific information. Findings will be documented in assessment reports. Trends and conditions identified in the assessments will then help describe a need to change the existing plan and inform the revision of the Forest Plan.

**DATES:** In the fall and winter of 2021, the public will be invited to engage and participate in the assessment phase of the revision process; engagement opportunities will be posted on the Black Hills National Forest Planning website, located at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/blackhills/forestplanrevision>. The Black Hills will conduct consultation with Tribes as part of the assessment phase of revision. Information will also be shared through electronic mailing lists, social media, and media outlets. If members of the public are interested in learning more, please visit the website listed above and select the link to subscribe to updates on the Black Hills Forest Plan Revision. The public can also sign up by sending an email to [SM.FS.BlackhillFPR@usda.gov](mailto:SM.FS.BlackhillFPR@usda.gov).

The Forest Service will produce a set of draft assessments for public review and comment, expected around March 2022. The Forest Service will review and incorporate public comments and additional information from tribal consultation on the draft assessments and produce a final set of assessments to inform plan revision for the Black Hills National Forest. The Forest Service may then initiate procedures pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) to prepare a revised Land Management Plan.

**ADDRESSES:** For questions about Land Management Plan revision or comments on initiating the assessment phase of plan revision, please address mail to: Black Hills National Forest, Attn: Lou Conroy—Forest Plan Revision, 1019 N 5th Street, Custer, SD 57730, or via email to [SM.FS.BlackhillFPR@usda.gov](mailto:SM.FS.BlackhillFPR@usda.gov). All correspondence, including names and addresses, will be part of the public record.

More information on the planning process can also be found on the Black Hills National Forest Planning website at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/blackhills/forestplanrevision>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lou Conroy, Revision Team Leader, at [louie.conroy@usda.gov](mailto:louie.conroy@usda.gov) or by phone at (605) 673-9200.

Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf/hard-of-hearing (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339, 24 hours a day, every day of the year, including holidays.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The National Forest Management Act (NFMA) of 1976 requires that the Forest Service develop a Land and Resource Management Plan, often called a Forest Plan, for every national forest. Forest Plans provide the strategic direction for management of forest resources and are amendable as conditions change over time.

The Black Hills Forest Plan was first released in 1983, revised in 1997, and amended in 2006. The 2006 version serves as the current Forest Plan for the Black Hills National Forest.

This notice announces the start of the first stage of the process, during which updated information from the public, Tribes, other government agencies, and non-governmental parties, will be compiled into assessment reports. Information relevant to these reports typically includes the status and trends of ecological, social, and economic conditions within the planning area and across the broader landscape. Federal Regulation (36 CFR 219.6) requires the assessment of (1) Terrestrial ecosystems, aquatic ecosystems, and watersheds; (2) Air, soil, and water resources and quality; (3) System drivers, including dominant ecological processes, disturbance regimes, and stressors, such as natural succession, wildland fire, invasive species, and climate change, and the ability of terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems in the plan area to adapt to change; (4) Baseline assessment of carbon stocks; (5) Threatened, endangered, proposed, and candidate species, and potential species of conservation concern present in the plan area; (6) Social, cultural, and economic conditions; (7) Benefits people obtain from the national forest system planning area (ecosystem services); (8) Multiple uses and their contributions to local, regional, and national economies; (9) Recreation settings, opportunities and access, and scenic character; (10) Renewable and nonrenewable energy and mineral resources; (11) Infrastructure, such as recreational facilities and transportation and utility corridors; (12) Areas of tribal importance; (13) Cultural and historic resources and uses; (14) Land status and ownership and access patterns; and (15) Existing designated areas located in the plan area including wilderness and wild and scenic rivers and potential need and

opportunity for additional designated areas.

During this assessment phase, the Forest Service invites other government agencies, Tribes, non-governmental parties, and the public to share information about social, economic, and environmental conditions of the Black Hills National Forest and the broader landscape. Existing information about conditions on the Black Hills National Forest, supplemented with information gathered through public engagement and tribal consultation, will be integrated into final resource assessments. The Forest Service will host public outreach forums to share progress and gather additional information.

*Responsible Official:* The responsible official for the revision of the land and resource management plan for the Black Hills National Forest is Jeff Tomac, Forest Supervisor, Black Hills National Forest, 1019 N 5th Street, Custer, SD 57730, phone 605-673-9200.

Dated: September 27, 2021.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Rural Business-Cooperative Service

#### Rural Housing Service

#### Rural Utilities Service

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### Strategic Economic and Community Development Program

**AGENCY:** Rural Business-Cooperative Service, Rural Housing Service, and Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of solicitation of applications.

**SUMMARY:** The Deputy Under Secretary for Rural Development (RD) is seeking applications for the Strategic Economic and Community Development (SECD) priority, as reauthorized by Section 6401 of the Agriculture Improvement Act, 2018 (2018 Farm Bill) with modifications, for projects that support multi-jurisdictional and multi-sectoral strategic community investment plans. In Fiscal Year (FY) 2022, the Agency will implement SECD by reserving loan and or grant funds from the appropriations of the programs covered by this funding priority. This notice describes the requirements by which the Agency will consider projects eligible

for the covered programs' reserved appropriated funds and the information needed to submit an application.

**DATES:** To apply for SECD funding in FY 2022, applicants must submit Form RD 1980-88, "Strategic Economic and Community Development (Section 6401)," with their program application to the appropriate covered program. Each of the seven covered programs have different established deadlines for receipt of applications. Please refer to the Agency website or the appropriate covered program's **Federal Register** Notice for deadline information. All applicants are responsible for any expenses incurred in preparing and submitting applications.

**ADDRESSES:** This notice will be announced on [www.Grants.gov](http://www.Grants.gov). SECD applications, with the exception of Community Connect Grant Program SECD applications, must be submitted to the USDA Rural Development Office servicing the area where the project is located. A list of the USDA Rural Development State Offices can be found at: <https://www.rd.usda.gov/about-rd/state-offices>. Community Connect applicants must submit SECD applications electronically at: <https://www.rd.usda.gov/community-connect>. For lenders assigned an OneRD Loan Guarantee Initiative Customer Relationship Manager (CRM), SECD applications must be submitted to their assigned CRM.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For more information, please contact your respective Rural Development State Office listed here: <https://www.rd.usda.gov/about-rd/state-offices>.

For all other inquiries, you may contact Greg Batson, Rural Development Innovation Center, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Stop 0793, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250-0783, Telephone: (573) 239-2945. Email: [gregory.batson@usda.gov](mailto:gregory.batson@usda.gov).

A checklist of all required application information for regional planning priority can be found at: <https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/strategic-economic-and-community-development>.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

Section 6401 of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (2018 Farm Bill) re-authorized Section 6025 of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (2014 Farm Bill) with some modifications. Section 6401 of the 2018 Farm Bill enables the Secretary of Agriculture to prioritize projects that support multi-jurisdictional and multi-sectoral strategic community investment plans