

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The public can download the English version of Form FNS-252 from the FNS public Web site at: http://www.fns.usda.gov/fsp/retailers/retailer_app/default.htm. Requests for additional information should be directed to Andrea Gordon at (703) 305-2456 or via e-mail at: BRDHQ-WEB@fns.usda.gov. Information requests submitted through email should refer to the title of this notice and/or the OMB approval number in the subject line.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Food Stamp Program: Food Stamp Program Application for Stores, Form FNS-252 (Soliciting Comments from Retailers on the Revised Application).

OMB Number: 0584-0008.

Form Number: FNS-252.

Expiration Date: November 30, 2005.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Section 9 of the Food Stamp Act of 1977, as amended (7 U.S.C. 2018), requires retail food stores to submit applications to FNS for approval prior to participating in the Food Stamp Program (FSP). FNS recently revised Form FNS-252 to make it easier to understand and to streamline the information collected on the application. The revised Form FNS-252 is a significant improvement over the previous Form FNS-252, while adhering to the regulatory requirements for the authorization process for retailers. FNS implemented the revised Form FNS-252 when the new Store Tracking and Redemption Subsystem (STARS II) became operational during the fourth quarter of FY 2004. We know that in the past, many retailers submitted an incomplete or erroneous application to the FNS field office. This can be attributed, in part, to applicants who are purchasing a business and do not have complete inventory or financial records at the time of application to the FSP. The revised Form FNS-252 deleted redundant questions and questions that solicit information that can be collected from other FNS sources such as store visits and databases. It is our belief that the revised application is easier to understand and complete, and has resulted in fewer mistakes upfront. Use of the revised Form FNS-252 also has reduced the time it takes for a field office to process an incomplete or incorrect application. Retailers also benefit from the simplified, revised Form FNS-252 because they better understand what information is being asked of them initially. Additionally,

FNS published a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register**, on January 2, 2003 at 68 FR 79 and again on December 24, 2003 at 68 FR 74546, asking for comments from the public on the revised Forms FNS-252 and Form FNS-252-2 and the newly developed Addendum to Revised Retailer Application for Chain Stores, Form FNS-252-C respectively. We are now seeking comments on the content, design and format of the revised Form FNS-252.

Burden Estimates: As noted above, we will evaluate the revised Form FNS-252 on the appropriateness and clarity of the form's content, format and design. Before making final changes to this form, we will consider feedback from the public. The burden associated with the revised Form FNS-252 is determined from information available in the STARS database on initial authorizations and reauthorizations. For the burden associated with initial authorizations, we have used end-of-year FY 2004 data as the base number for current estimates for the burden associated with adding the one additional question referenced above to the revised Form FNS-252. We believe this number will be constant for the present year. We will use 24,658 as the base number for FY 2005 for all newly authorized stores. For burden estimates associated with applications for reauthorization, we have used FY 2004 data of 30,097 reauthorizations as the base number for FY 2005 estimates because we do not anticipate any radical variation in the number of stores to be reauthorized in the current year. We estimate that 99 percent (24,411) of the 24,658 applications and 3 percent (903) of the 30,097 reauthorizations will be submitted using the Form FNS-252. In our previous submission to OMB, we estimated that it takes a retailer, on average, 19.4 minutes to complete the revised Form FNS-252. For this submission to OMB, we estimate that it will take a retailer an additional five seconds to complete the one additional question referenced above. We estimate the annual burden for the revised Form FNS-252 to be 8,100 hours [25,314 affected retailers (24,411 new authorizations + 903 reauthorizations) × .32 (19.4 minutes)].

The estimated burden computation is provided below:

New Authorizations—24,411 (24,658 × 99%); Reauthorizations—903 (30,097 × 3%);

Total Responses = 25,314 (24,411 + 903)

Estimated Total Annual Burden: FNS-252: 8,100 (25,314 × .32) hour.

Total Annual Hours: 8,100.

Affected Public: Retail food stores.
Estimated Number of Respondents: 25,314.

Estimated Annual Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 25,314.

Estimate of Burden: 8,100.

Dated: July 25, 2005.

Roberto Salazar,

Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Foreign Agricultural Service

Trade Adjustment Assistance for Farmers

AGENCY: Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

The Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS), will begin accepting Trade Adjustment Assistance for Farmers petitions for fiscal year 2006 starting August 15, 2005. Petitioners can file their form FAS-930 or other acceptable petitions to FAS from August 15, 2005, through January 31, 2006.

Petitioners should file their petition in accordance with 7 CFR 1580.201. The petition must be received by the TAA office by close of business January 31, 2006. The TAA office address is Foreign Agricultural Service, ITP/IPPD, MS-1021, Washington, DC 20250-1021, or facsimile number is (202) 720-0876, or by e-mail to trade.adjustment@fas.usda.gov. Use of fax or e-mail is recommended.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Trade Act of 2002 (P.L. 107-210) amended the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2551, *et seq.*) to add a new chapter 6, which established a program of trade adjustment assistance for farmers, providing both technical assistance and cash benefits to producers and qualified fishermen. The statute authorizes an appropriation of not more than \$90 million for each fiscal year 2003 through 2007 to carry out the program.

Under this program, a group of agricultural commodity producers and qualified fishermen may petition the Administrator for trade adjustment assistance. Petitions will be reviewed for completeness and timeliness. Once the petition is completed in accordance with 7 CFR 1580.201, the acceptance of the petition will be published in the **Federal Register**. Once a petition has been accepted, a determination will be made to verify that the most recent

marketing year price for the commodity produced by the group is less than 80 percent of the average of the national average prices for the 5 marketing years preceding the most recent marketing year and that increases in imports of a like or directly competitive product contributed importantly to the decline in price. If these conditions are met, the Administrator will certify the group as eligible for trade adjustment assistance.

Once a petition has been certified, eligible producers and qualified fisherman will have 90 days to contact the Farm Service Agency to apply for assistance.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR ASSISTANCE IN COMPLETING FORM FAS-930, CONTACT:

Jean-Louis Pajot, Coordinator, Trade Adjustment Assistance for Farmers, FAS, USDA, (202) 720-2916, e-mail: trade.adjustment@fas.usda.gov.

Additional program information can be obtained at the TAA website. The URL is <http://www.fas.usda.gov/itp/taa/taaindex.htm>.

Kenneth L. Roberts,

Acting Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Information Collection; Request for Comment; National Survey on Recreation and the Environment

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Forest Service is seeking comments from all interested individuals and organizations on the revised information collection, National Survey on Recreation and the Environment.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing on or before October 7, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Comments concerning this notice should be addressed to H. Ken Cordell, Southern Research Station, Forest Service, USDA, 320 Green Street, Athens, GA 30602-2044.

Comments also may be submitted via facsimile to (706)559-4266 or by e-mail to: kcordell@fs.fed.us

The public may inspect comments received at Research Work Unit SRS-4901, Room 233, Forest Service, USDA, 320 Green Street, Athens, GA, during normal business hours. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead to (706) 559-4262 to facilitate entry to the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: H. Ken Cordell, Research Work Unit SRS-4901, 706-559-4263. Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339, 24 hours a day, every day of the year, including holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Title:* National Survey on Recreation and the Environment.

OMB Number: 0596-0127.

Expiration Date of Approval: 08/31/2007.

Type of Request: Renewal.

Abstract: The Forest Service intends to revise this information collection. Because more sponsors have requested use of the National Survey on Recreation and the Environment (NSRE) for their government research needs, additional modules by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), United States Coast Guard, and Forest Service have been included. These additional modules have been balanced with existing or shortened modules to stay within the specified time frame for all versions.

Federal land managing agencies are responsible for the management of over 650 million acres of public lands. These lands are managed according to the legislation and overall mission pertaining to each agency. For all federal agencies, this includes management for recreation opportunities. To manage well and wisely, knowledge of recreation demands, opinions, preferences and attitudes regarding the management of these lands is imperative.

Understanding these dimensions of public demand is important, expected, and necessary to the development of effective policy, planning, and on-the-ground management. For all federal agencies, input from and knowledge about the public is mandatory. For the non-land managing agencies as well, the collection and analysis of public demand data is vital to defining effective policies and to implementation of programs affecting the management and use of water, forest and wildlife resources. Recreation choice behavior has been identified as an effective measure of the value of natural resources. The Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act (RPA) (PL 93-378) was enacted in 1974 and directed the Secretary of Agriculture to assess periodically the status of the nation's forest and range lands and to recommend a Forest Service program for their sustained management and use. Among the program areas included in the Forest

Service assessment are outdoor recreation and wilderness.

This collection is a multi-agency partnership with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service and the U.S. Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) as the lead agencies. NSRE 2005 will be the eighth time this survey has been conducted since 1960. The survey is used to measure the demands the public makes on the Nation's land, water, and other natural resources for outdoor recreation; to identify the public perceptions of accessibility to recreational sites, especially those of persons with disabilities; to gain feedback from the public about the management of public recreation sites and natural resources; to ask the public how they think public agencies could improve management of public recreation areas and natural resources; to understand public attitudes about the environment and preferences of visitors for public and private recreational sites; and to keep abreast of shifts in recreational demands that might influence the delivery of recreational services.

The NSRE 2005 will be implemented by a telephone survey of 75,000 individuals, age 16 or older, residing in the United States. The survey will be conducted using computer-assisted telephone interviewing (CATI) technology. A CATI system is efficient because it enables a series of "skips" so that respondents are not asked questions that do not apply to them. Sample elements will be selected by means of a Random Digit Dialing technique, permitting a natural stratification of the sample by state, county, and area code. This represents the civilian, non-institutionalized population, 16 years of age or older in the U.S. The Human Dimensions Research Laboratory at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, Tennessee will conduct the telephone interviews and data collection. Analysis will be conducted by a board of research scientist who represent the main federal agencies involved in the NSRE.

The telephone surveys are stratified random samples done in versions. Each version consists of modules of questions. Activity Participation and demographics make up the CORE of the survey and are asked of all those in the sample. Other sets of questions (modules) are included in each version. Each version is tested to ensure an average time of 15 minutes to complete. Approximately 5,000 people are surveyed in each version; each group is a nationally representative sample. Research scientist will use U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the