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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion; Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request—Consumer Food Guide Pyramid Study

AGENCY: Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion, 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 a proposed information collection. This notice announces the Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion's intention to request the Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection instruments to be used during consumer research with focus groups of consumers to identify key issues of concern related to understanding and use of the Food Guide Pyramid. The information collected will be used in the reassessment and potential revision of the Food Guide Pyramid.

DATES: Written comments on this notice must be submitted on or before February 1, 2002.

ADDRESSES: 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 will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments may be sent to Carole Davis, Nutrition Promotion Staff Director, Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 1034, Alexandria Virginia, 22302.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information should be directed to Patricia Britten, (703) 305-2477.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Consumer Food Guide Pyramid Study.

OMB Number: Not assigned yet.

Expiration Date: Not applicable.

Type of Request: New collection of information.

Abstract: The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Guide Pyramid is designed to help all healthy Americans two years of age and over implement the Dietary Guidelines for Americans. The proposed qualitative consumer research will describe consumers' understanding and use of the Food Guide Pyramid along with possible barriers to following the Pyramid's guidance. This study involves eighteen focus group sessions, 6 with general consumers and 4 each with the elderly, overweight, and food stamp recipients, to explore how consumers understand the concepts and messages of the consumer brochure and graphic illustration of the Food Guide Pyramid. The study will also obtain feedback on how and to what extent consumers use the Pyramid to make food choices, and will help to identify any barriers they face in applying Pyramid recommendations to their food choices. The information gathered along with additional information will be used by USDA in the reassessment and potential revision of the Food Guide Pyramid, and in message development and other communications efforts used to promote the Pyramid.

Affected Public: Adult Consumers.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 180.

Estimated Time Per Response: 2 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 360 hours.

Dated: November 28, 2001.

Steven N. Christensen,

Acting Deputy Director, Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Foreign Agricultural Service

AGENCY: Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA.

ACTION: Advisory Committee on Emerging Markets: Nominations.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that nominations are being sought for qualified persons to serve on the Advisory Committee on Emerging Markets. The role of the committee is to provide information and advice, based upon knowledge and expertise of the members, useful to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) in implementing the Emerging Markets Program. The committee also advises USDA on ways to increase the involvement of the U.S. private sector in cooperative work with emerging markets in food and rural business systems and reviews proposals submitted to the Program for funding technical assistance activities.

DATES: Written nominations must be received by the Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) before or at the close of business January 2, 2002.

ADDRESSES: All nominating materials should be sent to Mr. Douglas Freeman, Foreign Agricultural Service, Room 4932-Stop 1042, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-1042. Forms may also be submitted by fax to (202) 720-9361.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Persons interested in serving on the Advisory Committee on Emerging Markets or in nominating individuals to serve, should contact FAS by telephone (202) 720-4327, by fax (202) 720-9361, by mail (Mr. Douglas Freeman, Foreign Agricultural Service, Room 4932-Stop 1042, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-1042), or by electronic mail to emo@fas.usda.gov and request Form AD-755 and Form SF-181. Form AD-755 is required and is available at the FAS home page: <http://www.fas.usda.gov/admin/>

ad755.pdf. Form SF-181 is requested but optional, and is available at <http://www.fas.usda/admin/sf181.pdf>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Advisory Committee on Emerging Markets is authorized by section 1542 of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 (Public Law 101-624), as amended. The overall purpose of the Committee is "to provide the Secretary with information that may be useful * * * in carrying out the provisions of [the Emerging Markets Program]." The Committee is to be composed of representatives of the various sectors of the food and rural business systems of the United States. More information about the purpose and function of the Advisory Committee may be found at the FAS/Emerging Markets Program Web site: <http://www.fas.usda.gov/mos/em-markets/acem.html>. The members of the Advisory Committee are appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture and serve at the discretion of the Secretary. Committee members serve without compensation, but can receive reimbursement for travel expenses to attend Committee meetings if requested, in accordance with USDA travel regulations.

The Committee has a balanced membership of up to 20 members, representing a broad cross-section of the U.S. agricultural and agribusiness industry. All appointments will expire two years from the date of appointment. The Secretary may renew an appointment for one or more additional terms.

Most meetings will be held in Washington, DC, though other locations may be selected on an occasional basis. Committee meetings will be open to the public, unless the Secretary of Agriculture determines that the Committee will be discussing issues the disclosure of which justify closing all or a portion of a meeting, in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552(c).

Nominations are open to all individuals without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, physical handicap, marital status, or sexual orientation. To ensure that the work of the Committee takes into account the needs of the diverse groups served by the Department of Agriculture, membership shall include, to the extent practicable, individuals with demonstrated ability to represent the interest of minorities, women, and persons with disabilities.

Members are selected primarily for their experience, expertise and knowledge of international agriculture and of trade and development issues as

they affect emerging markets. No person, company, producer, farm organization, trade association, or other entity has a right to representation on the Committee. In making selections, every effort will be made to maintain balanced representation of the various broad industries within the United States, and of a geographic diversity as well.

Signed at Washington, DC, November 26, 2001.

Mary T. Chambliss,

Acting Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

North End Sheep Allotment Range Analysis, Caribou-Targhee National Forest, Caribou and Bonneville Counties, ID

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: The Soda Springs Ranger District, Caribou-Targhee National Forest, will be preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to analyze the effects to grazing on several sheep allotments. Allotment Management Plans for the following sheep allotments; Bald Mountain, Barnes Creek, Black Canyon, Bridge Creek, Comb Creek, Deep Creek, Eagle Creek-Morgan Meadow, Hell Creek, Keenan City, Little Elk Mountain, Miners Delight, Pole Creek, Spring Creek, Squaw Creek, Taylor Creek, West Jensen and Wolverine-Kirk will be updated based on the analysis. All of these allotments are located on the North end of the Caribou Range in Townships 2-5 South, Ranges 43-46 East, Boise Meridian, within Caribou and Bonneville Counties. An EIS will be prepared to display the effects of sheep grazing on these allotments. Public comments will be used to develop issues and alternative management systems. The purpose for this project is to assess current conditions on the allotments and ensure that riparian and upland vegetation are meeting Forest Plan objectives and other applicable laws and regulations. The EIS will outline standards and guidelines for livestock management, which will be used to revise Allotment Management Plans for each allotment. The EIS and subsequent revision of the Allotment Management Plans will bring these

allotments into compliance with Public Law 104, the Caribou National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan, and other applicable laws and regulations. The decision to be made by the District Ranger is what changes need to be made for future livestock management within the boundaries of these allotments.

DATES: Written comments concerning the analysis should be received within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Soda Springs Ranger District, Attn: David Whittekiend, 421 West 2nd South, Soda Springs, Idaho 83276. The responsible official for this decision is David Whittekiend, District Ranger.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions concerning the proposed action and EIS should be directed to Derek Hinckley, Range Management Specialist, at (208) 547-4356.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The EIS and subsequent revision of the Allotment Management Plans will bring these allotments into compliance with Public Law 104, the Caribou National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan, and other applicable laws and regulations.

Initial scoping and issue development identified the following tentative issues: riparian/fisheries, wildlife, vegetation and watershed/soils.

The Forest Service has previously scoped this project in February of 2001. If you have already commented, your comments are part of the record and will be considered in determining issues, and alternatives. The Forest Service invites written comments and suggestions on the issues related to the proposal and the area being analyzed. Information received will be used in preparation of the Draft EIS and Final EIS. For most effective use, comments should be submitted to the Forest Service within 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice in the **Federal Register**.

Agency representatives and other interested people are invited to visit with Forest Service officials at any time during the EIS process. Two specific time periods are identified for the receipt of formal comments on the analysis. The two comment periods are, (1) during the scoping process, the next 30 days following publication of this Notice in the **Federal Register**, and (2) during the formal review period of the Draft EIS.

The Draft EIS is estimated to be filed with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and available for public review in August of 2002. At that time,