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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

December 16, 2005.

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirements(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments regarding (a) whether the 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 burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; (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 should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV, or fax (202) 395-5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250-7602. Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-8958.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control 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.

Food and Nutrition Service

Title: School Lunch and Breakfast Cost Study-II.

OMB Control Number: 0584-NEW.

Summary of Collection: In light of all of the changes that have taken place in school food service and school finance over the past 12 years, there is a critical need for updated information on the adequacy of Federal meal reimbursement rates. There is an important need to understand the current cost and revenue structure of School Food Authorities (SFAs). Rising labor costs, food costs, and tighter school district budgets may have changed the way in which school meals are produced. The School Lunch and Breakfast Cost Study-II will collect and analyze data from a nationally representative sample of public schools participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP). Data will be collected so as to provide sufficient information on school meal production costs to assess the adequacy of Federal meal reimbursement rates.

Need and Use of the Information: The collected information from the study will be used to determine the national average reported and full costs to produce NSLP and School Breakfast Program (SBP) reimbursable meals, the extent to which indirect costs are charged to SFA accounts for food service operations, the value of administrative costs used to produce reimbursable NSLP and SBP meals, and the composition of SFA revenues, including federal reimbursements, cafeteria sales and State and local cash assistance in comparison to costs.

Description of Respondents: State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 904.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Other (one-time).

Total Burden Hours: 2,874.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Food Stamp Program: Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Disaster Food Stamp Program

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice invites the general public and other public agencies to comment on proposed information collections. This information collection is based on the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act and Section 5(h) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977, as amended, which provide the Secretary of Agriculture with the authority to develop an emergency food stamp program to address the needs of families temporarily in need of food assistance after a disaster. The information collection under this notice is required for the establishment and operation of emergency food stamp assistance programs.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before February 21, 2006.

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 shall 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 to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who 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 Patrick Waldron, Chief, Certification Policy Branch, Program Development Division, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302. Comments may also be faxed to the attention of Mr. Waldron at (703) 305-2486. The Internet address is:

Patrick.Waldron@FNS.USDA.GOV. 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, Alexandria, Virginia, 22302, Room 812.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will be a matter of public record.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information should be directed to Mr. Waldron at (703) 305-2495.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Disaster Food Stamp Program.

OMB Number: 0584-0336.

Expiration Date: March 31, 2006.

Type of Request: Revision of a previously approved collection.

Abstract: Pursuant to the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act and Section 5(h) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977, as amended, the Secretary of Agriculture has the authority to develop an emergency food stamp program to address the temporary food needs of families following a disaster. The information collection under this notice is required to be provided by State agencies in order to receive approval from the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) to operate an emergency food stamp program as the result of a disaster.

The number of disasters that occur annually and the average number of households affected by disasters cannot be accurately predicted. During the period from calendar year 1996 through calendar year 2004, the number of disasters has ranged from a low of three (in calendar years 2000 and 2001) to highs of 13 and 14 (for calendar years 2003 and 1998 respectively). The information collection under this reporting burden is limited to burden encountered by State agencies in preparing their requests to operate disaster food stamp programs. FNS estimates that approximately 10 hours of State agency personnel time would be required to prepare such requests. Burden associated with the process of applying for food stamp benefits under disaster food stamp programs and the processing of these applications by State and local food stamp personnel are approved under OMB docket #0584-0064. The burden associated with preparing requests to operate disaster food stamp programs varies very little from disaster to disaster and is independent of the scope of the disaster with major disasters requiring little additional document preparation time than relatively minor disasters.

Based on an estimate of eight State agency requests per year to operate disaster food stamp programs and 10 hours of State agency personnel time to prepare each application, we have calculated an estimated burden of 80 hours per year in an average year. This represents a small increase from our 2003 estimate based on a slight increase in the annual average number of disasters. We note that in most years the number of disasters (eight) necessitating the operation of disaster food stamp programs falls below the minimum threshold for which OMB approval of the reporting burden associated with this information collection is required. Since an above average number of disasters may occur in any given year we have elected to submit this information collection to OMB for their approval, and consequently, are requesting public comments associated with the collection.

Affected Public: State and local governments.

Estimated Number of Responses: 8.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 8.

Estimated Number of Responses per Recipient: 1.

Estimated Time per Response: 10 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 80 hours.

Dated: December 12, 2005.

Roberto Salazar,

Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Tehama County Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Tehama County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will meet in Red Bluff, California. Agenda items to be covered include: (1) Introductions, (2) Approval of Minutes, (3) Public Comment, (4) Go Over Applications Received, (5) Sub-Committee Reports, (6) Chairman's Perspective, (7) General Discussion, (8) County Update, (9) Next Agenda.

DATES: The meeting will be held on January 12, 2006 from 9 a.m. and end at approximately 12 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Lincoln Street School, Conference Room A, 1135 Lincoln Street, Red Bluff, CA. Individuals wishing to speak or propose agenda items must send their

names and proposals to Jim Giachino, DFO, 825 N. Humboldt Ave., Willows, CA 95988.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Bobbin Gaddini, Committee Coordinator, USDA, Mendocino National Forest, Grindstone Ranger District, P.O. Box 164, Elk Creek, CA 95939. (530) 968-5529; E-mail *ggaddini@fs.fed.us*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public. Committee discussion is limited to Forest Service staff and Committee members. However, persons who wish to bring matters to the attention of the Committee may file written statements with the Committee staff before or after the meeting. Public input sessions will be provided and individuals who made written requests by December 4, 2005 will have the opportunity to address the committee at those sessions.

Dated: December 15, 2005.

James S. Giachino,

Designated Federal Official.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests; Arizona; Notice of New Fee Site

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and solicitation of comments.

SUMMARY: The Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests proposes to begin charging a fee for the overnight rental of Caldwell Cabin. Rentals of other cabins in the Arizona National Forests have shown that publics appreciate and enjoy the availability of historic rental cabins. Funds from the rental will be used for the continued operation and maintenance of Caldwell Cabin. Caldwell Cabin is located in T4N, R28E Sec. 14.

DATES: Caldwell Cabin is expected to become available for rent July, 2006. Comments, concerns or questions about this new fee must be submitted by June 1, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments, concerns, or questions about the new fee associated with the Caldwell Cabin rental to: Forest Supervisor, Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests, P.O. Box 640 Springerville, Arizona 85938.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard Davalos, District Ranger, (928) 339-4384 or (928) 339-4566 (TTY).