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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request—School Nutrition Dietary Assessment Study-III

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Food and Nutrition Service's intention to request Office of Management and Budget approval for the collection of data for the School Nutrition and Dietary Assessment Study-III.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before October 1, 2004.

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; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments may be sent to Alberta Frost, Director, Office of Analysis, Nutrition and Evaluation, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive,

Alexandria, VA 22302. Comments may also be submitted via fax to the attention of Alberta Frost at 703-305-2576 or via e-mail to Alberta.Frost@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 1014.

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 or copies of this information collection should be directed to Alberta Frost at 703-305-2017.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: School Nutrition Dietary Assessment Study-III.

OMB Number: Not yet assigned.

Form Number: N/A.

Expiration Date: N/A.

Type of Request: New Collection of Information.

Abstract: The School Nutrition Dietary Assessment Study-III will collect and analyze data from a nationally representative sample of public schools participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), and students in those schools. Data will be collected so as to provide sufficient information to examine the school environment, food service operating practices, student participation and other characteristics of schools and School Food Authorities (SFAs) in the NSLP and School Breakfast Program (SBP); examine school meal participation, participant/nonparticipant characteristics; determine the nutrient content and types of food offered and served to students; determine student dietary intakes and the impact of USDA meals on meal specific and total intake—at school and over twenty-four hours; and compare findings to previously conducted studies on school meals.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden is estimated to be 60 minutes for SFA directors completing the mail questionnaire and assisting the kitchen

managers in the menu survey; 25 minutes for the school principal completing the in-person interview; 20 minutes for the kitchen manager completing the in-person interview, plus 510 minutes for completing the mail menu survey; 125 minutes for elementary students completing the in-person interview alone and with a parent; 90 minutes for middle/high school students completing the in-person interview; 80 minutes for parents of elementary school students completing the in-person interview; and, 20 minutes for parents of middle/high school students completing the telephone interview.

Respondents: SFA directors, school principals and kitchen managers of public schools participating in the NSLP and elementary, middle and high school students attending those schools who may or may not be participants in the NSLP.

Estimated Number of Respondents: One hundred thirty-five SFA directors will complete a mail questionnaire and assist kitchen managers in a mail menu survey; 405 school principals will be interviewed in-person; 405 kitchen managers will be interviewed in-person and will complete a mail menu survey; 700 elementary students will be interviewed in-person initially with a subset of 175 to be interviewed a second time; 1720 middle/high school students will be interviewed in-person initially with a subset of 430 to be interviewed a second time; 700 parents of elementary school students will be interviewed in-person with a subset of 175 to be interviewed a second time; and, 1720 parents of middle/high school students will be interviewed by telephone.

Number of Responses per Respondent: SFA directors, school principals, and kitchen managers will respond one time; 75 percent of the students will respond one time and 25 percent will respond twice; 75 percent of parents of elementary school students will respond one time and 25 percent will respond twice; and, parents of middle/high school students will respond once.

Estimated Time per Response:

Respondents	Number	Minutes	Total minutes
SFA Director: mail survey	135	60	8100
Principals: in-person	405	25	10,125

Respondents	Number	Minutes	Total minutes
Kitchen Manager: In-person interview	405	20	8100
Mail menu survey	405	510	206,550
Elementary students:			
Initial in-person interview	700	70	49,000
Second in-person interview	175	55	9,625
Middle/HS students:			
Initial in-person interview	1720	55	94,600
Second in-person interview	430	35	15,050
Elementary School Parents:			
Initial in-person interview	700	50	35,000
Second in-person interview	175	30	5,250
Middle/High School Parents: Phone interview	1720	20	34,400
Total Respondent Burden			475,800

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 7,930 hours.

Dated: July 27, 2004.

Roberto Salazar,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Information Collection; Request for Comment; Public Attitudes, Beliefs, and Values About National Forest Systems Land Management

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 new information collection, Public Attitudes, Beliefs, and Values about National Forest Systems Land Management.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing on or before October 1, 2004, to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: Comments concerning this notice should be addressed to Fred P. Clark, Human Dimensions Program Manager, Forest Service, USDA, 626 East Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53202.

Comments also may be submitted via facsimile to (414) 944-3974 or by e-mail to: fclark@fs.fed.us.

The public may inspect comments received at the first floor information desk at the Forest Service, USDA, 626 East Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, during normal business hours. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead to Fred Clark at (414) 297-1181 to facilitate entry to the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Fred Clark, Human Dimensions Program Manager for Region 9 at (414) 297-1181.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Public Attitudes, Beliefs, and Values about National Forest Systems Land Management.

OMB Number: 0596-New.

Expiration Date of Approval: New.

Type of Request: New.

Abstract: As a steward of public lands the USDA Forest Service must use public attitudes, beliefs, and values (ABV) information to inform resource allocation and land management decisions. Several tests will be done at a state level over the next three years. This series of tests will be used to develop a set of questions that will be pre-approved by OMB to facilitate on-time data collection and ease of use by forest level social scientists and contractors.

The need for this information is stated in various legislative acts, regulatory documents, laws and executive orders that define and guide the mission and conduct of the Forest Service, including MUSY, NEPA, RPA, NFMA, HFRA, Environmental Justice Executive Order, Civil Rights Act, and Government Performance and Results Act. The authority, objectives, and responsibilities associated with this guide are outlined in the Forest Service Handbook, Forest Service Strategic Plan.

The information will be collected using a standard multiple response collection instrument. Trained interviewers will ask the questions on the telephone or paper questionnaires will be mailed to respondents. Information collection will be done by contract with a proven data collection manager. Information collected will include attitudes, beliefs, and values

ABVs about fire management and associated treatments, vegetation management, recreation demand and recreation use. ABV Information will be collected from a statistically representative random sample of the population to enable contrasts at a local level, State level and national level. This information will be used to inform decisionmakers and as input to the forest planning process. Information will be analyzed by Forest Service subject matter experts and statisticians.

The consequence to Forest Service Planning and Management if the collection is not conducted would be significant. Managers are required to make decisions which consider public opinion. Without the ability to use this standard design which includes statistically valid and documented methods for the collection of ABV information, data collection and the incorporation of that information into decisions may not happen. Managers may be forced to write forest plans and make resource allocation decisions without the benefit of knowing public values and beliefs about the issues and resources under consideration.

Estimate of Annual Burden: 15 minutes.

Type of Respondents: Respondents will be a random sample of the population of a State for these tests.

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 2000.

Estimated Annual Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 30,000 minutes.

Comment is invited on: (1) Whether this collection of information is necessary for the stated purposes and the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical or scientific utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance