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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Secretary

Forest Land Recovery Program; Determination of Primary Purpose of Certain Payments for Federal Tax Purposes

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of determination.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Agriculture has determined that cost-share payments made to individuals under the Forest Land Recovery Program (FLRP) are made primarily for the purpose of conserving soil and water resources, restoring the environment, restoring and improving forests, or restoring and providing a habitat for wildlife. This determination permits recipients to exclude certain payments under the FLRP from gross income for Federal income tax purposes to the extent allowed by the Internal Revenue Service.

DATES: The Secretary's determination was signed on June 21, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Questions may be addressed to Karl R. Dalla Rosa, Cooperative Forestry Staff, Forest Service, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Mail Stop 1123, Washington, DC 20250-1123. A copy of the determination is available upon request.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karl R. Dalla Rosa, Cooperative Forestry Staff, USDA Forest Service, 202-205-6206.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 126 of the Internal Revenue Code (26 U.S.C. 126, as amended) provides that all or part of payments made to persons under certain cost-sharing programs in 26 U.S.C. (a)(1) through (10) may be excluded from the recipient's gross income for Federal income tax purposes under two conditions: (1) If the Secretary of Agriculture determines that the payments are made primarily for the

purpose of conserving soil and water resources, protecting or restoring the environment, improving forests, or providing a habitat for wildlife (the criteria for making such a determination are set forth in 7 CFR part 14, Determining the Primary Purpose of Certain Payments for Federal Tax Purposes), and (2) If the payments are determined by the Secretary of the Treasury as not increasing substantially the annual income derived from the property.

To make such a determination, the Secretary of Agriculture evaluates a cost-share conservation program based on the criteria set out in 7 CFR part 14. Following a primary purpose determination by the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of the Treasury must determine that payments made under the cost-share conservation program do not substantially increase the annual income derived from the property benefited by the payments.

Therefore, having carefully examined the authorizing legislation for the Forest Land Recovery Program (FLRP) (Section 110 of the The Military Construction Appropriations and Emergency Hurricane Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2005; Pub. L. 108-324) and the planned operating procedures, the Secretary of Agriculture has determined, according to the criteria set forth in 7 CFR part 14, that the cost-share payments for implementing approved practices under the FLRP are made primarily for the purpose of conserving soil and water resources, improving forests, protecting and restoring the environment, and providing a habitat for wildlife.

Subject to further determination by the Secretary of the Treasury that payments made under the FLRP do not substantially increase the annual income derived from the property benefited by these payments, this determination by the Secretary of Agriculture permits payment recipients to exclude from gross income for Federal income tax purposes, all or part of the cost-share payments made under this program to the extent allowed by the Internal Revenue Service.

Dated: June 21, 2006.

Mike Johanns,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request Worksheet for Food Stamp Program Quality Control Reviews

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice invites the general public and other public agencies to comment on the proposed information collection of the FNS-380, Worksheet for Food Stamp Program Quality Control Reviews. This proposed collection is a revision of a collection currently approved under OMB No. 0584-0074.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before September 5, 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 has 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 the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Send comments and requests for copies of this information collection to Daniel Wilusz, Chief, Quality Control Branch, Program Accountability Division, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 822, Alexandria, VA 22302. You may fax comments on this notice to (703) 305-0928. You may also download an electronic version of this notice at <http://www.fns.usda.gov/jsp/rules/Regulations/default.htm> and comment via e-mail at Daniel.Wilusz@fns.usda.gov.

All responses to this notice will be included in the request for OMB's

approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection form and instruction should be directed to Daniel Wilusz at (703) 305-2460.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Worksheet for Food Stamp Program Quality Control Reviews.

OMB Number: 0584-0074.

Form Number: FNS-380.

Expiration Date: November 30, 2006.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The Form FNS-380 is a worksheet used in the Food Stamp Program to determine eligibility and benefits for households selected for review in the quality control (QC) sample of active cases. We estimate the reporting burden for this collection of information averages 8.9764 hours per each State agency's response. This includes the time for analyzing the household case record; planning and carrying out the field investigation; gathering, comparing, analyzing and evaluating the review data and forwarding selected cases to the Food and Nutrition Service for Federal validation. In addition to the State agency's burden, we also estimate the average burden on each household to be 0.50 hours for each of the estimated 57,146 households being interviewed. This includes a face-to-face interview with the QC reviewer to verify the identity and existence of the household and to explore the household circumstances affecting the eligibility and benefit level. This is an increase of 2,443 State and household responses from the estimate made to substantiate the currently approved collection. The increase in responses is a result of an augmented participation rate that resulted in an increase in the number of cases being sampled. We estimate that the total reporting burden associated with this information collection for both State agencies and households is 541,432 hours. This is a 23,044 increase in hours from the currently approved burden of 518,388. The recordkeeping burden for the State agency is 0.0236 hours per record. There was a corresponding increase in the recordkeeping burden from 1,291 hours to 1,349 hours based on the increase in sample size. The aggregate of the reporting (541,432 hours) and recordkeeping (1,349 hours) resulted in a total annual burden of 542,781 hours.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; State or local governments.

Estimated Number of Responses Per Respondent: 1.00.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 57,199.

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 57,199 Responses.

Estimated Hours Per Response: 9.47 Hours.

Total Annual Reporting Burden: 541,432 Hours.

Estimated Number of Recordkeepers: 53.

Estimated Hours Per Recordkeeper: .0236 Hours.

Total Annual Recordkeeping Burden: 1,349 Hours.

Total Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden: 542,781 Hours.

Dated: June 22, 2006.

Roberto Salazar,

Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request Generic Clearance To Conduct Formative Research

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice invites the general public and other interested parties to comment on a proposed information collection. This information collection will conduct research in support of FNS' goal of delivering science-based nutrition education to targeted audiences. From development through testing of materials and tools with the target audience, FNS plans to conduct data collections that involve formative research including focus groups, interviews (dyad, triad, telephone, etc.), surveys and web-based collection tools.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before September 5, 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 has 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 Judy F. Wilson, Director, Nutrition Services Staff, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 1012, Alexandria, VA 22302. Comments may also be faxed to the attention of Judy F. Wilson at (703) 305-2576.

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 1012.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information should be directed to Judy F. Wilson or Anita Singh at (703) 305-2585.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Generic Clearance to Conduct Formative Research for Development of Nutrition Education Materials and Related Tools for FNS Population Groups.

OMB Number: 0584-0524.

Expiration Date: December 31, 2006.

Type of Request: Extension of a previously approved information collection.

Abstract: This information collection is based on the Child Nutrition Act of 1966, as amended, the National School Lunch Act of 1966, as amended, the Food Stamp Act of 1977, as amended, the Agriculture and Consumer Protection Act of 1973, as amended, and the Emergency Food Assistance Act of 1983, as amended. This request for approval of information collection is necessary to obtain input into the development of nutrition education interventions for population groups served by the U.S. Department of Agriculture—Food and Nutrition Service (USDA-FNS).

Diet has a significant impact on the health of citizens and is linked to four leading causes of disease, which can reduce the quality of life and cause premature death. While these diet-related problems affect all Americans, they have a greater impact on the disadvantaged populations served by many FNS programs. One of FNS' goals includes improving the nutrition of children and low-income families by