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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

October 6, 2009.

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(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: Models of SNAP-Ed and Evaluation.

OMB Control Number: 0584-NEW.

Summary of Collection: The Food and Nutrition of the U.S. Department of Agriculture promotes optimal health and well-being of low-income individuals through improved nutrition and well-designed nutrition education efforts within the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Under Section 17 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2026) the Secretary may undertake research that will help improve the administration and effectiveness of the SNAP. The nutrition assistance programs are a critical component to attaining FNS' goals. FNS defines SNAP-Ed activities as those designed to increase the likelihood of healthy food choices by SNAP recipients and those eligible for SNAP, but who are currently not participating in the program. The Models of SNAP-Ed and Evaluation Study will conduct rigorous independent evaluation of four SNAP-Ed demonstration projects.

Need and Use of the Information: The Models of SNAP-Ed and Evaluation Study will provide FNS with sound, independent estimates of the effectiveness of four SNAP-Ed approaches, and will provide SNAP-Ed educators with examples of evaluation designs that are both feasible and scientifically robust.

Description of Respondents: Individuals or households; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 2,796.

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

Total Burden Hours: 1,548.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Research Service

Notice of Intent To Seek Reinstatement of an Information Collection

AGENCY: Agricultural Research Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The notice to seek comment on the Agricultural Research Services (ARS) intent to seek approval from OMB to reinstatement the ARS Animal Health National Program Assessment Survey was published in the **Federal Register** on August 6, 2009. The document contained the wrong date for public comment.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Cyril G. Gay, 301-504-4786.

Correction

In the **Federal Register** of August 6, 2009, in FR Doc. E9-18848, on page 1501, in the Dates column, correct section to read as follows:

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before October 9, 2009.

Dated: October 5, 2009.

Yvette Anderson,

Federal Register Liaison Officer for Agriculture Research Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Helena National Forest, MT, Warm Springs Habitat Enhancement Project

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: The Helena National Forest is going to prepare an environmental impact statement for vegetation management actions in the Warm Springs area of the Elkhorn Mountains. The purpose and need for action is to restore and promote a fire-dependent ecosystem that is resilient to high intensity wildfire. There is a need to restore ponderosa pine and aspen habitats.

DATES: Comments concerning the scope of the analysis must be received by

November 9, 2009. The draft environmental impact statement is expected February 2010 and the final environmental impact statement is expected June 2010.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Liz VanGonderen, Helena National Forest, 2880 Skyway Drive, Helena, MT 59602. Comments may also be sent via e-mail to comments-northern-Helena@fs.fed.us, or via facsimile to 406-449-5436.

It is important that reviewers provide their comments at such times and in such a way that they are useful to the Agency's preparation of the EIS. Therefore, comments should be provided prior to the close of the comment period and should clearly articulate the reviewer's concerns and contentions.

Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be part of the public record for this proposed action. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered, however.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Liz VanGonderen at 406-449-5201.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose and Need for Action

A variety of factors have influenced the need for treatment in this area. The project area represents the only place in the Elkhorn Mountains with a substantial component of ponderosa pine and aspen groves. Due to wildfire suppression and the lack of frequent, low-intensity fires, the ponderosa pine forests have filled in with younger conifers and are currently experiencing high levels of mortality associated with mountain pine beetles. The fuels available for supporting a large wildfire are extensive and becoming more continuous.

Aspen stands have declined due to the lack of natural fire which aspen clones need to survive and thrive. Fire suppression has also allowed the growth of conifers in areas which compete with aspen.

The project is also part of the Birds and Burns Network, a research study led by the Rocky Mountain Research Station to examine fire effects on populations and habitats of wildlife in ponderosa pine forests in eight states across the western United States. The goal of this research in the project area has now

expanded to include consequences of mountain pine beetle for wildlife in ponderosa pine.

Proposed Action

The types of treatments being proposed include intermediate harvest, regeneration harvest, and prescribed fire. Approximately 3,770 acres of ponderosa pine would be enhanced by a combination of regeneration and intermediate harvests, and prescribed fire. Aspen that occur in these acres would also be enhanced. Approximately 170 acres of aspen and grassland would also be enhanced by using prescribed fire following the use of a masticator or chainsaw. Approximately 260 acres of Douglas-fir enhancement would be achieved by a combination of regeneration and intermediate harvest, and prescribed fire. Aspen occurring in these acres would also be enhanced. Up to 11.4 miles of new temporary road construction and reconstruction of approximately 10.2 miles would be necessary to implement the proposed action. The temporary roads would be fully recontoured following the project.

Responsible Official

Helena National Forest Supervisor.

Nature of Decision To Be Made

The decision to be made includes: whether to implement the proposed action or an alternative to the proposed action, what monitoring requirements would be appropriate to evaluate the implementation of this project, and whether a forest plan amendment would be necessary as a result of the decision for this project.

Scoping Process

This notice of intent initiates the scoping process, which guides the development of the environmental impact statement. In October 2009, a scoping package will be mailed, an open house will be scheduled, and Web site information will be posted.

It is important that reviewers provide their comments at such times and in such manner that they are useful to the agency's preparation of the environmental impact statement. Therefore, comments should be provided prior to the close of the comment period and should clearly articulate the reviewer's concerns and contentions. The submission of timely and specific comments can affect a reviewer's ability to participate in subsequent administrative appeal or judicial review.

Dated: October 2, 2009.

Kevin T. Riordan,
Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Meeting of the Land Between the Lakes Advisory Board

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Land Between the Lakes Advisory Board will hold a meeting on Thursday, October 29, 2009. Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App.2.

The meeting agenda includes the following:

- (1) Welcome/Introductions;
- (2) LBL Web Site Updates;
- (3) Environmental Education Updates and Discussion;
- (4) LBL General Updates;
- (5) Board Discussion of Comments Received.

The meeting is open to the public. Written comments are invited and may be mailed to: William P. Lisowsky, Area Supervisor, Land Between the Lakes, 100 Van Morgan Drive, Golden Pond, Kentucky 42211. Written comments must be received at Land Between The Lakes by October 22, 2009, in order for copies to be provided to the members at the meeting. Board members will review written comments received, and at their request, oral clarification may be requested at a future meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on October 29, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., CST.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Kenlake State Resort Park, Hardin, Kentucky, and will be open to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sharon Byers, Advisory Board Liaison, Land Between the Lakes, 100 Van Morgan Drive, Golden Pond, Kentucky 42211, 270-924-2002.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: None.

William P. Lisowsky,
Area Supervisor, Land Between the Lakes.
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