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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

January 3, 2011.

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Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration

Title: USDA Race, Ethnicity and Gender Data Collection.

OMB Control Number: 0503-NEW.
Summary of Collection: Section 14006 and 14007 of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008, 7 U.S.C. 8701 (referred to as the 2008 Farm Bill) establishes a requirement for the Department of Agriculture (USDA) to annually compile application and participation rate data regarding socially disadvantaged farmers or ranchers by computing for each program of the USDA that serves agriculture producers and landowners (a) raw numbers of applicants and participants by race, ethnicity, and gender, subject to appropriate privacy protection, as determined by the Secretary; and (b) the application and participation rate, by race, ethnicity and gender as a percentage of the total participation rate of all agricultural producers and landowners for each county and State in the United States.

Need and Use of the Information: Data will be collected on a voluntary basis through a questionnaire to determine the race, ethnicity and gender of farmers and ranchers who apply for and who participate in USDA programs and services. The data will enable the Secretary and the Office of Advocacy and Outreach and the agencies' outreach offices in reaching current and prospective socially disadvantaged farmers or ranchers in a linguistically appropriate manner to focus resources in a particular county or region where low participation is indicated by the data to improve the participation of those farmers and ranchers in USDA programs. This is not a random sampling and is in no way considered to be a statistically significant analysis. The data is intended to be used as one indicator in targeting and designing outreach activities and in assessing compliance with civil rights laws in program delivery. The data may also be used as an indicator in directing compliance reviews to geographic areas where there are indications of low participation in USDA programs by minorities and women, thus serving as an "early warning system" that warrants further investigations. Failure to collect

this information will have a negative impact on USDA's outreach activities and could result in an inability of the agencies to equitably deliver programs and services to applicant and producers.

Description of Respondents:

Individuals or households.

Number of Respondents: 3,200,000.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Other (once).

Total Burden Hours: 106,667.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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Forest Service

Title: Trends in Use and Users in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness, Minnesota.

OMB Control Number: 0596-0208.

Summary of Collection: The Wilderness Act of 1964, Public Law 88-577 (Act) directs the National Wilderness Preservation System (System) be managed to preserve natural conditions and to provide outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation. The System administers wilderness for the use and enjoyment of the American people in such manner as will leave these areas unimpaired for future use and enjoyment as wilderness. The Act discourages the gathering and dissemination of information regarding the use and enjoyment of these areas as wilderness.

Need and Use of the Information: The data collected from this information collection request will update trend information for the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness in Minnesota. Managers of this Wilderness need to know and be able to inform the public, how visits (and visitors) have changed because of changing policies; natural disturbances; and national, regional, and local societal changes in 1990's and early 21st century. Managers use this information to adapt current programs to changing societal interests and needs.

Description of Respondents: Individuals or households.

Number of Respondents: 500.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 167.

Charlene Parker,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request—Evaluation of the Impact of the Summer Food Service Programs Enhancement Demonstrations on Food Insecurity

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), 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 this proposed information collection. This collection is a new collection for the purpose of conducting The Evaluation of the Impact of the Summer Food Service Programs Enhancement Demonstrations on Food Insecurity.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before March 8, 2011.

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 that were 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: Steven Carlson, Director, Office of Research and Analysis, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 1014, Alexandria, VA 22302. Comments may also be submitted via fax to the attention of Steven Carlson at 703-305-2576 or via e-mail to Steven.Carlson@fns.usda.gov.

Comments will also be accepted through the Federal eRulemaking Portal. Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>, and follow the online instructions for submitting comments electronically.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget 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 Steven Carlson at 703-305-2017.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Evaluation of the Impact of the Summer Food Service Programs Enhancement Demonstrations on Food Insecurity.

Form Number: Not yet assigned.

OMB Number: 0584-NEW.

Expiration Date: Not yet assigned.

Type of Request: New Collection of Information.

Abstract: The Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2010 (Pub. L. 111-80), Section 749(g), directed that the Secretary of Agriculture shall carry out demonstration projects to develop and test methods of providing access to food for children in urban and rural areas during the summer months when schools are not in regular session to reduce or eliminate the food insecurity and hunger of children and to improve the nutritional status of children. Demonstrations of enhancements to existing Summer Food Service Programs (SFSP) will carry out the demonstration projects Congress directed USDA to perform in this section.¹ These demonstrations will include the Home Delivery Demonstration and the Food Backpack Demonstration. The Home Delivery Demonstration will offer breakfast and lunch delivery to the homes of eligible children in rural areas. This demonstration will only operate in rural areas, and only children identified by school districts as eligible for free and reduced-price school meals will be eligible to receive delivered meals. Children, age 18 and younger, normally eligible to receive meals at SFSP sites, will be eligible to receive weekend and holiday meals under the Food Backpack Demonstration Project. In addition, the Act directed the Secretary of Agriculture to provide for an independent evaluation of the demonstration projects using rigorous methodologies. The Evaluation of the Impact of the Summer Food Service Programs Enhancement Demonstrations on Food Insecurity will carry out the provisions of the Act.

The evaluation of these projects is intended to provide policymakers with clear, rigorous and timely findings to make decisions about potential changes to Federal summer feeding programs during the next Child Nutrition reauthorization cycle. Primarily, the

¹ USDA is also conducting demonstrations of Summer Electronic Benefits for Children Household-Based demonstrations. Those demonstrations are not part of this Information Collection.