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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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February 22, 2019.

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Comments regarding this information collection received by March 29, 2019 will be considered. Written comments 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. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-8958.

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displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Food and Nutrition Service

Title: Federal-State Supplemental Nutrition Programs Agreement (Form FNS-339) Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden.

OMB Control Number: 0584-0332.

Summary of Collection: The FNS-339 is an annual contract between the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and each State, Territory, and Indian Tribal Government agency seeking to operate one or more of the following programs: The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC), the WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (FMNP), and the Seniors Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP). The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), of the USDA, is authorized to administer the WIC and the FMNP programs under the following authority: Section 17 of the Child Nutrition Act (CNA) of 1966, as amended, and the SFMNP under 7 U.S.C. 3007. Federal regulations at: 7 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 246.3(c), 248.3(c), and 249.3(c) require that each State agency desiring to administer the WIC, FMNP, and/or SFMNP programs must enter into a written agreement with the Department for administration of the program(s) in the jurisdiction of the State agency. Likewise, a signed FNS-339 between the Department and the State agency is a prerequisite to State agencies receiving federal funds in the administration of one or more programs.

Need and Use of the Information: FNS uses the signed, FNS-339 to effectuate the use of federal funds for the administration of the WIC, FMNP, and SFMNP programs. The Department agrees to make funds available to the State Agency for the administration of the WIC, FMNP, and/or SFMNP in accordance with federal regulations (7 CFR parts 246, 248, and 249) and any amendments thereto. The State agency agrees to accept Federal funds for expenditure in accordance with the applicable statutes and federal regulations, and any amendment thereto, and to comply with all the provisions of such statutes and regulations, and amendments thereto. Likewise, by signing the FNS-339, the State agency agrees that it will comply with applicable laws, regulations and policies governing civil rights,

discrimination, disability, equal employment, and a drug-free work place.

Description of Respondents: State, Territory, and Indian Tribal Governments.

Number of Respondents: 129.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 32.25.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Title: Lacey Act Declaration Requirements; Plants and Plant Products.

OMB Control Number: 0579–0349.

Summary of Collection: The Lacey Act, first enacted in 1900 and significantly amended in 1988, is the United States' oldest Wildlife Protection Statute. The Act combats trafficking in "illegal" wildlife, fish, or plants. The Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008, which took effect May 22, 2008, amended the Lacey Act by expanding its protection to a broader range of plants and plant products (Section 8204, Prevention of Illegal Logging Practices).

Need and Use of the Information: Under the amended Lacey Act, importers are required to submit a declaration form (PPQ 505) for all plants. The PPQ 505B is the supplemental form which is provided the declarer if additional space is needed to enter the required information. The declaration must contain, among other things, the scientific name of the plant, value of the importation, quantity of the plant, and name of the country from which the plant was harvested. If species varies or is unknown, importers will have to declare the name of each species that may have been used to produce the product. This information will be used to support investigations into illegal logging practices by the Justice Department and also acts as a deterrent to illegal logging practices worldwide.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 26,044.

Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 338,019.

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Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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Agricultural Research Service

Title: Your Perspective on Your Grasslands in the Northern Great Plains.

OMB Control Number: 0518–NEW.

Summary of Collection: The Agricultural Research Service within the Department of Agriculture will conduct a mail survey. This survey is a key component of a project that will provide comprehensive evaluation of

the ecological and social benefits, costs and risks of different land management practices in northern Great Plains grasslands invaded by Kentucky bluegrass.

Need and Use of the Information: The survey will collect information from a randomly selected subset of landowners in 9 Counties in North Dakota to assess and identify sustainable management practices of northern Great Plains grasslands. The information gathered from the survey will enable researchers to more effectively transfer information to landowners to increase the impact of this research on the agricultural community of the northern Great Plains.

Description of Respondents:

Individuals or households; Farms.

Number of Respondents: 718.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 180.

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Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS–2018–0075]

Notice of Availability of an Environmental Assessment for the Release of Biological Control of Brazilian Peppertree

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: We are advising the public that the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service has prepared an environmental assessment relative to permitting the release of *Calophya latiforceps* and *Pseudophilothrips ichini* for the biological control of Brazilian peppertree, a significant invasive weed, within the contiguous United States. Based on the environmental assessment and other relevant data, we have reached a preliminary determination that the release of these control agents will not have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment. We are making the environmental assessment available to the public for review and comment.

DATES: We will consider all comments that we receive on or before March 29, 2019.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by either of the following methods: