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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Agriculture will submit the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13 on or after the date of publication of this notice. Comments are requested regarding: (1) 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; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) 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.

Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received by November 15, 2021. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function.

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National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS)

Title: 2020 Local Foods Marketing Practices Survey—Substantive Change.
OMB Control Number: 0535–0259.
Summary of Collection: General authority for these data collection activities is granted under U.S. Code Title 7, Section 2204 which specifies that “The Secretary of Agriculture shall procure and preserve all information concerning agriculture which he can obtain . . . by the collection of statistics . . .”. The primary objective of the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) is to provide data users with timely and reliable agricultural production and economic statistics, as well as environmental and specialty agricultural related statistics. To accomplish this objective, NASS relies on the use of diverse surveys that show changes within the farming industry over time.

The National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) is seeking approval for this substantive change request to the 2020 Local Foods Marketing Practices Survey. NASS seeks approval to collect additional information of agricultural products marketed as local foods during 2020. In early 2021, NASS collected detailed data on 2020 local food marketing practices. This information came from farmers and ranchers who had previously reported local food marketing activity on prior surveys and census. Upon reviewing the data, a change in the local food marketing patterns was observed which now requires contacting additional producers to get the complete picture of local food marketing practices. As a result, NASS intends to collect additional information from those not previously indicating prior local food marketings. The November 18, 2021 Local Foods release will be delayed until this information along with data collected earlier this year are combined. This information is expected to be released in the first half of 2022.

Need and Use of the Information: The information to be gathered in the Local Food Marketing Practices Survey is vital to the USDA's and the public's understanding of the local foods sector, which in turn informs policymaking and program implementation.

Description of Respondents: Farms: Individuals or households.
Number of Respondents: 30,000.
Frequency of Responses: Once.
Total Burden Hours: 10,799.

Dated: October 12, 2021.

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Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

October 13, 2021.

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13. Comments are requested regarding; 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; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and 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.

Comments regarding this information collection received by November 15, 2021 will be considered. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function.

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Food and Nutrition Service

Title: School Meals Operations Study: Evaluation of the COVID-19 Child Nutrition Waivers and Child Nutrition Programs.

Control Number: 0584-0607.

Summary of Collection: This is a revision to a currently approved information collection for the School Meals Operations Study: State Agency COVID-19 Child Nutrition Waivers Evaluation (which has been renamed for this revision). This collection is necessary to provide up-to-date information about child nutrition (CN) program operations, including the use and impact of the COVID-19 CN nationwide waivers required by the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) (Pub. L. 116-127). The annual data collected from this study allows the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) to describe and assess program operations, provide input for legislation and regulations on the CN programs, develop pertinent technical assistance and training for program staff at the State and School Food Authority (SFA) levels, and inform the budget process. This information is necessary for FNS to understand how recent and proposed legislation, regulations, policies, and initiatives change the CN program operations. Because the COVID-19 pandemic has changed the way that school meal programs operate, with other CN programs such as the Child and Adult Care Food Program and the Summer Food Service Program being used in place of or in combination with the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs to provide meals to students, this study will collect administrative and web survey data from the States on each of these programs, and web survey data from SFAs on the programs that they operate.

Need and Use of the Information: This mandatory study will collect data from the State CN and School Food Authority (SFA) directors. The State CN directors will complete two online surveys in 2021 and 2022 and two state-level administrative data collections covering Fiscal Years 2021 and 2022. The SFA directors (including those of private schools) will complete one online survey in 2021/2022. The state-level collection activities will focus primarily on collecting the data needed to meet the congressionally-mandated reporting requirements for the nationwide CN COVID-19 waivers

specified in section 2202 of the FFCRA and used in Fiscal Years 2021 and 2022. The survey for the SFA directors will focus on the financial impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and program operations during School Years 2020-2021 and 2021-2022. FNS will use the data to assess meal service levels to determine coverage within and across states, look for patterns and trends across site types, and assess how the waivers were used and how they improved services to children since, in the absence of these waivers, meal service may not have been possible. The information will also inform FNS's planning, policy, and guidance related to state and local meal service operations during future emergency situations and unanticipated school closures.

Description of Respondents: State, Local, or Tribal Government and Not-for-Profit Institutions.

Number of Respondents: 1,339.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 4,116.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Black Hills National Forest; Lawrence, Meade, Pennington, Custer, and Fall River Counties, South Dakota; Crook and Weston Counties, Wyoming; Revision of the Land and Resource Management Plan for the Black Hills National Forest

AGENCY: Forest Service, Agriculture (USDA).

ACTION: Notice of initiating the assessment phase of the Land Management plan revision for the Black Hills National Forest.

SUMMARY: The Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, is initiating the Land Management Plan revision process, pursuant to the 2012 Planning Rule (36 CFR 219) and as directed by the National Forest Management Act, for the Black Hills National Forest (Black Hills), located in western South Dakota and northeastern Wyoming. This process will result in a revised Land Management Plan which will guide all resource management activities on the Black Hills National Forest for approximately fifteen years. This notice announces the initiation of the

assessment phase, the preliminary stage of the plan revision process.

Assessments will identify and consider relevant and readily accessible material about ecological, social, and economic conditions and trends in the planning area, including best available scientific information. Findings will be documented in assessment reports. Trends and conditions identified in the assessments will then help describe a need to change the existing plan and inform the revision of the Forest Plan.

DATES: In the fall and winter of 2021, the public will be invited to engage and participate in the assessment phase of the revision process; engagement opportunities will be posted on the Black Hills National Forest Planning website, located at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/blackhills/forestplanrevision>. The Black Hills will conduct consultation with Tribes as part of the assessment phase of revision. Information will also be shared through electronic mailing lists, social media, and media outlets. If members of the public are interested in learning more, please visit the website listed above and select the link to subscribe to updates on the Black Hills Forest Plan Revision. The public can also sign up by sending an email to SM.FS.BlackhillFPR@usda.gov.

The Forest Service will produce a set of draft assessments for public review and comment, expected around March 2022. The Forest Service will review and incorporate public comments and additional information from tribal consultation on the draft assessments and produce a final set of assessments to inform plan revision for the Black Hills National Forest. The Forest Service may then initiate procedures pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) to prepare a revised Land Management Plan.

ADDRESSES: For questions about Land Management Plan revision or comments on initiating the assessment phase of plan revision, please address mail to: Black Hills National Forest, Attn: Lou Conroy—Forest Plan Revision, 1019 N 5th Street, Custer, SD 57730, or via email to SM.FS.BlackhillFPR@usda.gov. All correspondence, including names and addresses, will be part of the public record.

More information on the planning process can also be found on the Black Hills National Forest Planning website at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/blackhills/forestplanrevision>.

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