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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Agency Information Collection: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; FNS-260, Requisition for Food Coupon Books

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 public agencies to comment on the proposed information collection contained in form FNS-260, Requisition for Food Coupon Books.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before June 15, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Send comments and requests for copies of this information collection to: Jeffrey N. Cohen, Branch Chief, Electronic Benefit Transfer Branch, Benefit Redemption Division, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302. 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 will 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 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 through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeffrey N. Cohen, (703) 305-2523.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Requisition for Food Coupon Books.

OMB Number: 0584-0022.

Form Number: FNS-260.

Expiration Date: 09/30/2001.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Section 7(e) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977, as amended, (the Act) (7 U.S.C. 2016(e)) requires the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to prescribe appropriate procedures for the delivery of food coupon books to coupon issuers. States and local agencies used Form FNS-260, Requisition for Food Coupon Books, to order supplies of coupon books. The forms are completed and submitted in hard copy or electronic format to the appropriate Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) regional office. The hard-copy format is normally used only when the electronic format is unavailable. The regional offices enter the order for coupon books into a database where it is automatically reviewed for conformance with policy for ordering. After the order passes the edit checks, FNS then transmits them electronically to the contractor who ships the coupon books. No coupon books are shipped until a completed order has been received and approved by FNS.

The need to print and order food coupons as the sole benefit delivery instrument for the Food Stamp Program has changed. Many areas of the country have switched to Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) Systems and no longer issue food coupons to participating households. This has resulted in a direct reduction in the number of States and local agencies completing and submitting food coupon book orders. However, some areas are still using coupons and we must continue to require these areas to order food coupon books. The Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) approval of this information collection expires on September 30, 2001. We intend to seek an extension of OMB's approval for an additional 3 years.

The number of respondents that must complete and submit food coupon orders is estimated to be 221 annually; a reduction of 779 respondents. It is

estimated that respondents will order coupons at least six times annually. It is further estimated that it takes about 30 minutes to complete and transmit the coupon book order. Thus, total annual burden associated with this information collection is estimated to be 663 hours annually (221 x 6 x 30 minutes).

Affected Public: State and local governments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 221.

Estimated Number of Responses per respondent: 6.

Estimated Time per Response: one half hour.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 663 hours; a reduction of 2337 hours annually.

Dated: April 5, 2001.

George A. Braley,

Acting Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Availability of the Old Growth Settlement Agreement Environmental Assessment for an Amendment to the Huron-Manistee National Forests' Land and Resource Management Plan; Alcona, Crawford, Iosco, Lake, Manistee, Mason, Mecosta, Montcalm, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, Ogemaw, Oscoda, and Wexford Counties, Michigan

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of the Huron-Manistee National Forests' Old Growth Settlement Agreement Environmental Assessment.

SUMMARY: On February 28, 2001, the Huron-Manistee National Forests completed the Old Growth Settlement Agreement Environmental Assessment Amendment to the 1986 Huron-Manistee National Forests' Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan). Copies of the Environmental Assessment are available upon request. This amendment proposes to: designate approximately 173,000 acres of old growth; manage old growth primarily by natural processes and where necessary perform old growth restoration activities; establish forest-wide aquatic and riparian standards and guidelines;

and designate approximately 10,500 acres of semiprimitive areas in Loda Lake, Condon Lakes East, and Condon Lakes West. This notice is provided pursuant to National Forest System Land and Resource Management Planning regulations (36 CFR 219.35, 65 FR 67579, November 9, 2000).

DATES: On February 28, 2001, the Huron-Manistee National Forests completed the Old Growth Settlement Agreement Environmental Assessment Amendment to the 1986 Huron-Manistee National Forests' Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan). A legal notice will be published in the Cadillac News, Michigan newspaper, in accordance with 36 CFR 215.9.

ADDRESSES: Send requests for documents to: Old Growth Initiative, Huron-Manistee National Forests, 1755 S. Mitchell St., Cadillac, Michigan 49601. Alternatively, direct electronic mail to: r9huronmanistee@fs.fed.us ATTN: Old Growth or visit the Huron-Manistee National Forests' web site (www.fs.fed.us/r9/hmnf).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James DiMaio, Forest Planner, at 231-775-5023 (8759); TDD 231-745-7701; or direct electronic mail to: r9huronmanistee@fs.fed.us.

RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL: James L. Schuler, Forest Supervisor, 1755 S. Mitchell St., Cadillac, Michigan 49601

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Huron-Manistee National Forests' Old Growth Settlement Agreement Environmental Assessment Amendment proposes to: designate approximately 173,000 acres of old growth; manage old growth primarily by natural processes and where necessary perform old growth restoration activities; establish forest-wide aquatic and riparian standards and guidelines; and designate approximately 10,500 acres of semiprimitive areas in Loda Lake, Condon Lakes East, and Condon Lakes West. This proposal is a minor amendment to the Huron-Manistee National Forests' Land and Resource Management Plan. This is a non-significant amendment.

Public involvement was an important part of the decision-making process for this proposal. On June 10, 1999, the Forests started scoping with the mailing of letters to interested parties and a news release to the local newspapers. A public old growth meeting was held on August 17, 1999. An old growth update was mailed to interested publics on November 20, 2000. The Forests are notifying interested publics of the availability of the environmental

assessment. The Forest Service is an equal opportunity organization.

Dated: February 28, 2001.

James L. Schuler,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Order No. 1161]

Expansion of Foreign-Trade Zone 219, Yuma County, AZ

Pursuant to its authority under the Foreign-Trade Zones Act of June 18, 1934, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board (the Board) adopts the following Order:

Whereas, the Yuma County Airport Authority, Inc., grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone 219, submitted an application to the Board for authority to expand FTZ 219 to include an additional parcel (46 acres) at the Yuma International Airport in Yuma County, Arizona, adjacent to the San Luis Customs port of entry (FTZ Docket 40-2000; filed 7/20/00);

Whereas, notice inviting public comment was given in the **Federal Register** (65 FR 47375, 8/2/00) and the application has been processed pursuant to the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations; and,

Whereas, the Board adopts the findings and recommendations of the examiner's report, and finds that the requirements of the FTZ Act and Board's regulations are satisfied, and that the proposal is in the public interest;

Now, Therefore, the Board hereby orders:

The application to expand FTZ 219 is approved, subject to the Act and the Board's regulations, including Section 400.28.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 5th day of April 2001.

Timothy J. Hauser,

Acting Under Secretary for International Trade, Alternate Chairman, Foreign-Trade Zones Board.

Attest:

Dennis Puccinelli,

Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Order No. 1150]

Grant of Authority; Establishment of a Foreign-Trade Zone, Eureka, CA

Pursuant to its authority under the Foreign-Trade Zones Act of June 18, 1934, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), the Foreign-Trade Zones Board adopts the following Order:

Whereas, the Foreign-Trade Zones Act provides for “. . . the establishment . . . of foreign-trade zones in ports of entry of the United States, to expedite and encourage foreign commerce, and for other purposes,” and authorizes the Foreign-Trade Zones Board to grant to qualified corporations the privilege of establishing foreign-trade zones in or adjacent to U.S. Customs ports of entry;

Whereas, the City of Eureka, California (the Grantee), has made application to the Board (FTZ Docket 30-2000, filed 6/16/00), requesting the establishment of a foreign-trade zone at sites in Eureka, California, within the Eureka Customs port of entry;

Whereas, notice inviting public comment has been given in the **Federal Register** (65 FR 39123, 6/23/00); and,

Whereas, the Board adopts the findings and recommendations of the examiner's report, and finds that the requirement of the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations are satisfied, and that approval of the application is in the public interest;

Now, therefore, the Board hereby grants to the Grantee the privilege of establishing a foreign-trade zone, designated on the records of the Board as Foreign-Trade Zone No. 248, at the sites described in the application, and subject to the Act and the Board's regulations, including Section 400.28.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 3rd day of April 2001.

Foreign-Trade Zones Board.

Donald L. Evans,

Secretary of Commerce, Chairman and Executive Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Order No. 1159]

Expansion of Foreign-Trade Zone 154, Baton Rouge, LA, Area

Pursuant to its authority under the Foreign-Trade Zones Act of June 18, 1934, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u),