

Summary of Collection: The Transportation and Marketing (T&M) Program, Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) conducts research to find better designs, development techniques, and operating methods for modern farmers' markets under the Agency's Wholesale and Alternative Markets Program. Recommendations are made available to local decision-makers interested in constructing modern farmers' markets to serve area producers and consumers. Individual studies are conducted in close cooperation with local interested parties. The information will be collected using form TM-6 "Farmers' Market Questionnaire."

Need and Use of the Information: Conventional wisdom states that the number and size of farmers' markets has grown over the last several years. Research has not been done to prove that point. The form submitted for approval will serve as a survey instrument to obtain a clearer picture of existing farmers' market structure to provide a basis for the future design of modern direct marketing facilities and will provide a measure of growth over the last 4 years. T&M researchers will survey by mail, with telephone follow-up, the managers of farmers' markets identified in the 2000 National Farmers' Market Directory. In addition, provision will be made for e-mail reporting. These markets represent a varied range of sizes, geographical locations, types, ownership, and structure. These markets will provide a valid overview of farmers' markets in the United States. Information such as the size of markets, operating times and days, retail and wholesale sales, management structure, and rules and regulations governing the markets are all important questions that need to be answered in the design of a new market. The information developed by this survey will support better designs, development techniques, and operating methods for modern farmers' markets and outline improvements that can be applied to revitalize existing markets.

Description of Respondents: Not-for-profit institutions.

Number of Respondents: 1,200.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Biennially.

Total Burden Hours: 300.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Environmental Quality Incentives Program in the Five States Grazing Emphasis Geographic Priority Area

AGENCY: USDA—Natural Resources Conservation Service.

ACTION: "Notice of a Finding of No Significant Impact".

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969; the Council on Environmental Quality Guidelines (40 CFR part 1500); and the Natural Resources Conservation Service Guidelines (7 CFR part 650); the Natural Resources Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, gives notice that an environmental impact statement is not being prepared for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program in the Five States Grazing Emphasis Geographic Priority Area, Colfax, Curry, Harding, Lea, Mora, Quay, Roosevelt, San Miguel, Union Counties, New Mexico.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rosendo Trevino, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, 6200 Jefferson NE, Albuquerque, New Mexico, 87109, telephone (505) 761-4400.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The environmental assessment of this federally assisted action indicates that the project will not cause significant local, regional, or national impacts on the environment. As a result of these findings, Rosendo Trevino, State Conservationist, has determined that the preparation and review of an environmental impact statement are not needed for this project.

The measure concerns a plan for land cover improvement. The planned works of improvement involve brush management, grazing management, and facilitating practices.

The Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI) has been forwarded to the Environmental Protection Agency and to various Federal, State, and local agencies and interested parties. A limited number of copies of the FNSI are available to fill single copy requests at the above address. Basic data developed during the environmental assessment are on file and may be reviewed by contacting Rosendo Trevino.

No administrative action on implementation of the proposal will be taken until 30 days after the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**.

(This activity is listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance under No. 10.912, Environmental Quality Incentives Program)

Dated: June 28, 2000.

Kenneth B. Leiting,

Acting State Conservationist.

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AMTRAK REFORM COUNCIL

Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Amtrak Reform Council.

ACTION: Notice of Special Public Business Meeting in Washington, D.C., and a Special Outreach Hearing for the New England states in Burlington, VT.

SUMMARY: As provided in Section 203 of the Amtrak Reform and Accountability Act of 1997 (Reform Act), the Amtrak Reform Council (ARC) gives notice of a special public two-day meeting of the Council. The first day of the meeting will be a public business meeting at which the Council will receive presentations on Florida's state rail program for the development of passenger rail services; developments in financing rail passenger rail equipment; and Amtrak's marketing strategy and its relation to the Corporation's strategic business plan. (Portions of this discussion may be closed to the public if issues requiring the discussion of proprietary information are raised.). The Council staff will also discuss its progress in implementing the Council's work plan for FY 2000.

On the second day the Council will hold an Outreach Hearing for the New England states to discuss Amtrak's services in New England outside of rail services on the Northeast Corridor. The Council has invited various state transportation officials, rail corridor officials, and Amtrak executives. They will discuss aspects of current and future intercity railroad passenger service in New England outside of the Northeast Corridor.

DATES: The Business Meeting will be held on Monday, July 17, 2000 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Council will hold its Outreach Hearing in Burlington, VT on Tuesday, July 18, 2000 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Both the Business Meeting and Hearing are open to the general public unless proprietary information is introduced.

ADDRESSES: The July 17, 2000, Business Meeting will take place Room 2230 in the headquarters of Department of Transportation (Nassif Building), 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590. The July 18, 2000, Outreach