

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Submission for OMB Review;
Comment Request**

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Food and Nutrition Service

Title: CACFP Improper Payments Data Collection Pilot Project.

OMB Control Number: 0584–NEW.

Summary of Collection: The Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), plays an important role in ensuring that children have adequate access to food. The CACFP is authorized under section 17 of the National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1766) to provide

funds for meals and snacks served to children in day care centers, children residing in emergency shelters, and youths participating in eligible after-school care programs. In addition, the CACFP helps improve the quality of day care and makes it more affordable for low-income families by reimbursing family day care homes (FDCHs) for serving nutritious meals and snacks to children participating in these day care facilities. USDA has identified the CACFP as one of its programs “susceptible to significant erroneous payments.” Under the Improper Payment Information Act of 2002 (IPIA; Pub. L. 107–300), the USDA must identify and reduce improper (or erroneous) payments in various food and nutrition programs. Therefore the FNS is conducting a feasibility evaluation of four possible data collection methods for validating the number and type of meals claimed for reimbursement by FDCHs in the CACFP.

Need and Use of the Information: The data collected to document the number of valid meals served will be compared with data on the number of reimbursable meals claimed by the FDCHs and their sponsors to produce a national estimate of erroneous payments in the CACFP and thus meet the reporting requirements of the IPIA.

Description of Respondents: Individuals or households.

Number of Respondents: 255.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On Occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 70.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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Forest Service

Title: Research Data Archive Use Tracking System.

OMB Control Number: 0596–NEW.

Summary of Collection: Authorized under 16 U.S.C. 1645(c), Forest Service Research and Development (FS R&D) plans to create a data archive to store and disseminate data collected in the course of its scientific research. This archive will provide a sound balance between meeting obligations to scientific staff and ease-of-access by the public (research community). The information provided by this collection will assist FS R&D personnel in evaluating the research program.

Need and Use of the Information: Form FS 4000–5, General Data Use Agreement, will be used to collect the information electronically. When a member of the public requests a copy of a data set, FS R&D will collect the name, affiliation, contact information (including e-mail address), Statement of Intended Use and Data Use Agreement. FS archive staff will review the individual Data Use Agreements prior to approving release of the data set to the requestor. The collection of Data Use Agreements will be evaluated by the data archiving program to identify opportunities for improving the archive's function and offerings.

Description of Respondents: Not-for-profit Institutions.

Number of Respondents: 100.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Yearly.

Total Burden Hours: 25.

Charlene Parker,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Docket No. FV-08-376]

Fruit and Vegetable Industry Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to notify all interested parties that the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) will hold a Fruit and Vegetable Industry Advisory Committee (Committee) meeting that is open to the public. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) established the Committee to examine the full spectrum of issues faced by the fruit and vegetable industry and to provide suggestions and ideas to the Secretary of Agriculture on how USDA can tailor its programs to meet the fruit and vegetable industry's needs. This notice sets forth the schedule and location for the meeting.

DATES: Thursday, February 7, 2008, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Friday, February 8, 2008, from 8 a.m. to 12 noon.

ADDRESSES: The Committee meeting will be held at the Capital Hilton, 1001 16th Street, NW., Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Andrew Hatch, Designated Federal Official, USDA, AMS, Fruit and Vegetable Programs. Telephone: (202) 690-0182. Facsimile: (202) 720-0016. E-mail: andrew.hatch@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) (5 U.S.C. App. II), the Secretary of Agriculture established the Committee in August 2001 to examine the full spectrum of issues faced by the fruit and vegetable industry and to provide suggestions and ideas to the Secretary on how USDA can tailor its programs to meet the fruit and vegetable industry's needs. The Committee was re-chartered in July 2003, June 2005 and again in May 2007 with new members

appointed by USDA from industry nominations.

AMS Deputy Administrator for Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Robert C. Keeney, serves as the Committee's Executive Secretary. Representatives from USDA mission areas and other government agencies affecting the fruit and vegetable industry will be called upon to participate in the Committee's meetings as determined by the Committee Chairperson. AMS is giving notice of the Committee meeting to the public so that they may attend and present their recommendations. Reference the date and address section of this announcement for the time and place of the meeting.

Topics of discussion at the advisory committee meeting will include: the Agricultural Marketing Service's role in food safety related activities; the Food and Drug Administration's import food safety plan; fresh produce procurement activities under the National School Lunch Program; Country of Origin Labeling; and agriculture transportation matters. Additional agenda items can be expected.

Those parties that would like to speak at the meeting should register on or before January 31, 2008. To register as a speaker, please e-mail your name, affiliation, business address, e-mail address, and phone number to Mr. Andrew Hatch at: andrew.hatch@usda.gov or facsimile to (202) 720-0016. Speakers who have registered in advance will be given priority. Groups and individuals may submit comments for the Committee's consideration to the same e-mail address. The meeting will be recorded, and information about obtaining a transcript will be provided at the meeting.

The Acting Secretary of Agriculture selected a diverse group of members representing a broad spectrum of persons interested in providing suggestions and ideas on how USDA can tailor its programs to meet the fruit and vegetable industry's needs. Equal opportunity practices were considered in all appointments to the Committee in accordance with USDA policies.

If you require special accommodations, such as a sign language interpreter, please use either contact name listed above.

Dated: January 14, 2008.

Lloyd Day,

Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Spruce Gulch Bark Beetle and Fuels Reduction Project

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA—Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, notice is hereby given that the Forest Service, Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests, will prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement to disclose the environmental consequences of the proposed Spruce Gulch Bark Beetle and Fuels Reduction project (Spruce Gulch). The Spruce Gulch analysis area encompasses approximately 32,000 acres of National Forest System (NFS) land, 390 acres of interspersed private land, and 150 acres of State of Wyoming land. The majority of the analysis area is situated within the Ecological Restoration—Forest Products Management Area (MA 5.15). MA 5.15 is managed to maintain or restore healthy ecological conditions through a variety of management activities, including timber harvest, while providing a mix of ecological and human needs. The remaining area is situated within a Wildland—Residential Interface Management Area (MA 7.1). National Forest System (NFS) lands adjacent to the residential interface areas are managed to minimize risks of catastrophic fires and insect and disease epidemics.

Mountain pine beetles (*Dendroctonus ponderosae*) are at epidemic levels in northern Colorado and southern Wyoming and are causing significant mortality of lodgepole pine trees. In response to this situation, a Mountain Pine Beetle Epidemic Declaration was issued by the Rocky Mountain Regional Office on June 25, 2007. The declaration was based on analysis of aerial survey data and ground survey data sets of forests containing lodgepole pine at risk for mountain pine beetle infestation. The mountain pine beetle epidemic declaration encompasses the Spruce Gulch analysis area in southern Wyoming. Proposed treatments associated with the Spruce Gulch project will focus on salvaging dead and dying timber to promote regeneration of future lodgepole pine stands and reducing hazardous fuel concentrations adjacent to private lands and egress routes.

The Forest Supervisor of the Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests has