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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: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection should be directed to Daniel Wilusz, (703) 305-2460 or e-mail at Daniel.Wilusz@fns.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Food Stamp Program Regulations, Part 275—Quality Control.
OMB Number: 0584-0303.

Expiration Date: August 31, 2004.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection of information.

Abstract: There are three components of the QC system that are covered in this proposed information collection. They are: (1) The sampling plan and (2) the arbitration and (3) good cause processes. Each State is required to develop a sampling plan which demonstrates the integrity of its case selection procedures. The QC system is designed to measure each State agency's payment error rate based on a statistically valid sample of food stamp cases. A State's payment error rate represents the proportion of cases that were reported through a QC review as being ineligible, overissued and underissued food stamp benefits. The QC system contains

procedures for resolving differences in review findings between State agencies and FNS. This is referred to as the arbitration process. The QC system also contains procedures which provide relief for State agencies from all or a part of a QC liability when a State agency can demonstrate that a part or all of an excessive error rate was due to an unusual event which had an uncontrollable impact on the State agency's payment error rate. This is referred to as the good cause process.

The approved burden for the QC system includes the burden for the QC sampling plan and the arbitration and good cause processes. The annual reporting burden associated with the QC sampling plan is 265 hours per year. There was a minor increase in the burden due to an increase in the number of responses associated with the good cause process. The annual reporting burdens associated with arbitration and good cause processes are estimated to total 1643 and 8480 respectively. The reporting burden for good cause increased from 1917 to 8480 hours. This is a result of a re-determination in the number of responses from 0.226 to 1 per year. The annual recordkeeping burden associated with the QC sampling plan is 1.25 hours per year. The annual recordkeeping burdens associated with arbitration and good cause processes are estimated to total 3.89 and 1.25 respectively. The recordkeeping burden for good cause increased from .28 to 1.25 hours due to a re-determination in the number of records from .226 to 1 per year. The total annual burden for the QC system, as proposed by this notice, increased from 3830 to 10,394 hours.

Quality Control System Reporting Burden Associated With the Sampling Plan, Arbitration, and Good Cause

1. Sampling Plan

Affected Public: State agencies.
Estimated Number of Respondents: 53.

Estimated Number of Responses Per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Time Per Response: 5 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 265.

2. Arbitration Process

Affected Public: State agencies.
Estimated Number of Respondents: 53.

Estimated Number of Responses Per Respondent: 3.1.

Estimated Time Per Response: 10 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1643.

3. Good Cause Process

Affected Public: State agencies.
Estimated Number of Respondents: 53.

Estimated Number of Responses: 1.
Estimated Time Per Response: 160 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 8480.

Quality Control System Recordkeeping Burden Associated With the Sampling Plan, Arbitration, and Good Cause

1. Sampling Plan

Estimated Number of Recordkeepers: 53.

Estimated Number of Records Per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Staff Hours Per Recordkeeping: .0236.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1.25.

2. Arbitration Process

Estimated Number of Recordkeepers: 53.

Estimated Number of Records Per Respondent: 3.1.

Estimated Staff Hours Per Recordkeeping: .0236.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 3.89.

3. Good Cause Process

Estimated Number of Recordkeepers: 53.

Estimated Number of Records: 1.
Estimated Staff Hours Per Recordkeeping: .0236.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1.25.

The Combined Quality Control System Burden (includes the burdens associated with the Sampling Plan, Arbitration and Good Cause): 10,394 hours.

Dated: March 1, 2004.

Roberto Salazar,

Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Revision of the Land and Resource Management Plan for the Colville, Okanogan and Wenatchee National Forests, Pacific Northwest Region, WA

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to revise the Land and Resource Management Plans (Forest Plans) for the Colville, Okanogan and Wenatchee National Forests.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the intent of the Colville, Okanogan and

Wenatchee National Forests to revise their respective Land and Resource Management Plans (Forest Plans) under the 1982 planning regulations (36 CFR part 219). Initial steps of the revision process will focus on information needs, resource inventory review, organizing data, and establishing the public involvement process.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments concerning this notice to Margaret Hartzell, Plan Revision Group Leader, Okanogan Valley Office, 1240 South Second Avenue, Okanogan, WA 98840. Send electronic correspondence on the Forest Plan Revision to r6_ewzplanrevision@fs.fed.us.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Margaret Hartzell, Plan Revision Group Leader (509) 826-3275.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Forest Plans for the Colville, Okanogan and Wenatchee National Forests will remain in effect and continue to be implemented until the Forest Plans are revised. This notice addresses initiation of plan revision. Once the scope of the revision is better understood the Forests will issue a Notice to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement, which will initiate the National Environmental Policy Act stage of plan revision.

The Forest Service is preparing new planning regulations which may be issued while the Colville, Okanogan and Wenatchee Forest Plans are still in the revision process. These new regulations will reflect the latest national direction on land management planning and the Forests may consider completing the Plan Revision under the new, finalized planning regulations. It is anticipated the new planning regulations will allow such a change. An additional Notice will be issued if the Forests decide to switch to the new, final planning regulations.

Further information is available on the Colville, Okanogan and Wenatchee Forest Plans Revision Web site <http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/colville/cow>.

Dated: February 13, 2004.

Linda Goodman,
Regional Forester.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Glenn/Colusa County Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Glenn/Colusa County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will meet in Willows, California. Agenda items to be covered include: (1) Introductions, (2) Approval of Minutes, (3) Public Comment, (4) NRCS Representative Dave Rose, (5) Report from Monitoring Sub-Committee, (6) Doe Peak Project Proposal, (7) General Discussion, (8) Next Agenda.

DATES: The meeting will be held on March 22, 2004, from 1:30 p.m. and end at approximately 4:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Mendocino National Forest Supervisor's Office, 825 N. Humboldt Ave., Willows, CA 95988. Individuals wishing to speak or propose agenda items must send their names and proposals to Jim Giachino, DFO, 825 N. Humboldt Ave., Willows, CA 95988.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bobbin Gaddini, Committee Coordinator, USDA, Mendocino National Forest, Grindstone Ranger District, P.O. Box 164, Elk Creek, CA 95939. (530) 968-5329; e-mail ggaddini@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public. Committee discussion is limited to Forest Service staff and Committee members. However, persons who wish to bring matters to the attention of the Committee may file written statements with the Committee staff before or after the meeting. Public input sessions will be provided and individuals who made written requests by March 22, 2004 will have the opportunity to address the committee at those sessions.

Dated: March 3, 2004.

James F. Giachino,

Designated Federal Official.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Inviting Rural Business Enterprise Grant Program Preapplications for Technical Assistance for Rural Transportation Systems

AGENCY: Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS), an Agency within the Rural Development mission area, announces the availability of two individual grants: one single \$497,050 grant from the passenger transportation funds appropriated for the RBS Rural

Business Enterprise Grant (RBEG) program and another single \$248,525 grant from the Federally Recognized Native American Tribes' funds appropriated for RBS under the RBEG program for fiscal year (FY) 2004. Each grant is to be competitively awarded to a qualified national organization. These grants are to provide technical assistance for rural transportation.

DATES: The deadline for receipt of preapplications in the Rural Development State Office is May 14, 2004. Preapplications received at a Rural Development State Office after that date would not be considered for FY 2004 funding.

ADDRESSES: For further information, entities wishing to apply for assistance should contact a Rural Development State Office to receive further information and copies of the pre-application package. A list of Rural Development State Offices follows:

District of Columbia

Rural Business-Cooperative Service,
USDA, Specialty Lenders Division,
1400 Independence Avenue, SW.,
STOP 3225, Room 6867, Washington,
DC 20250-3225, (202) 720-1400.

Alabama

USDA Rural Development State Office,
Sterling Center, Suite 601, 4121
Carmichael Road, Montgomery, AL
36106-3683, (334) 279-3400.

Alaska

USDA Rural Development State Office,
800 West Evergreen, Suite 201,
Palmer, AK 99645-6539.

Arizona

USDA Rural Development State Office,
3003 North Central Avenue, Suite
900, Phoenix, AZ 85012-2906, (602)
280-8700.

Arkansas

USDA Rural Development State Office,
700 West Capitol Avenue, Room 3416,
Little Rock, AR 72201-3225, (501)
301-3200.

California

USDA Rural Development State Office,
430 G Street, Agency 4169, Davis, CA
95616-4169, (530) 792-5800.

Colorado

USDA Rural Development State Office,
655 Parfet Street, Room E-100,
Lakewood, CO 80215, (720) 544-2903.

Delaware-Maryland

USDA Rural Development State Office,
P.O. Box 400, 4607 South DuPont