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JOINT BOARD FOR THE ENROLLMENT OF ACTUARIES

Meeting of the Advisory Committee; Meeting

AGENCY: Joint Board for the Enrollment of Actuaries.

ACTION: Notice of Federal Advisory Committee meeting.

SUMMARY: The Executive Director of the Joint Board for the Enrollment of Actuaries gives notice of a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Actuarial Examinations (portions of which will be open to the public) in Washington, DC at the Office of Professional Responsibility on June 27 and June 28, 2005.

DATES: Monday, June 27, 2005, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Tuesday, June 28, 2005, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in Room 3716IR, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patrick W. McDonough, Executive Director of the Joint Board for the Enrollment of Actuaries, 202-622-8225.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that the Advisory Committee on Actuarial Examinations will meet in Room 3716IR, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC on Monday, June 27, 2005, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Tuesday, June 28, 2005, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss topics and questions which may be recommended for inclusion on future Joint Board examinations in actuarial mathematics and methodology referred to in 29 U.S.C. 1242(a)(1)(B) and to review the May 2005 Basic (EA-1) and Pension (EA-2B) Joint Board Examinations in order to make recommendations relative thereto, including the minimum acceptable pass score. Topics for inclusion on the syllabus for the Joint Board's

examination program for the November 2005 Pension (EA-2A) Examination will be discussed.

A determination has been made as required by section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App., that the portions of the meeting dealing with the discussion of questions which may appear on the Joint Board's examinations and review of the May 2005 Joint Board examinations fall within the exceptions to the open meeting requirement set forth in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B), and that the public interest requires that such portions be closed to public participation.

The portion of the meeting dealing with the discussion of the other topics will commence at 1 p.m. on June 28 and will continue for as long as necessary to complete the discussion, but not beyond 3 p.m. Time permitting, after the close of this discussion by Committee members, interested persons may make statements germane to this subject. Persons wishing to make oral statements must notify the Executive Director in writing prior to the meeting in order to aid in scheduling the time available and must submit the written text, or at a minimum, an outline of comments they propose to make orally. Such comments will be limited to 10 minutes in length. All other persons planning to attend the public session must also notify the Executive Director in writing to obtain building entry. Notifications of intent to make an oral statement or to attend must be faxed, no later than June 21, 2005, to 202-622-8300, Attn: Executive Director. Any interested person also may file a written statement for consideration by the Joint Board and the Committee by sending it to the Executive Director: Joint Board for the Enrollment of Actuaries, c/o Internal Revenue Service, Attn: Executive Director SE:OPR, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224.

Dated: June 1, 2005.

Patrick W. McDonough,

Executive Director, Joint Board for the Enrollment of Actuaries.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Economic Research Service

Notice of Intent To Seek Approval To Collect Information

AGENCY: Economic Research Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13) and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations at 5 CFR part 1320 (60 FR 44978, August 29, 1995), this Notice invites the general public and other interested parties to comment on a proposed information collection by the Economic Research Service. This information collection will provide data needed to conduct research to develop questionnaires and related instruments capable of collecting reliable and valid information on topics including: food-related knowledge, attitudes, and behavior; food assistance program participation; and customer satisfaction. To do so, ERS plans to conduct data collections that involve formative research, including such methods as cognitive interviews (individual and/or small group), and pre-testing of survey items (mailed, in-person, telephone, or Web-based pretests).

DATES: Written comments on this Notice must be received by August 12, 2005 to be assured of consideration.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS: Requests for additional information regarding this Notice should be directed to Eileen Stommes, Food Assistance Branch, Food and Rural Economics Division, Economic Research Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1800 M Street, NW., Room N-2148, Washington, DC 20036-5831. Submit electronic comments to estommes@ers.usda.gov or fax to 202-694-5677.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Formative Research for Development of Food Behavior Questionnaires and Related Measures.

Type of Request: Approval to collect information from civilian, non-institutionalized population, especially low-income individuals and households targeted by USDA food assistance programs.

OMB Number: Not yet assigned.

Expiration Date: Three years from date of issuance.

Abstract: Nutrition has been shown to have important effects on obesity, child development, learning, lifelong health, and productivity. Poor food behaviors have been linked to four leading causes of death, reduced quality of life, increased cost of living, and premature death. While these food-related problems affect many Americans, there is a lack of reliable, valid questionnaires or other short, practical population measures to assess such important information as: nutrition- and food-related knowledge, attitudes, and behaviors; food assistance program

participation and its determinants; and program satisfaction.

Development of new questionnaires and related measures and assessment of their reliability and validity will require formative research. Formative research methods such as cognitive interviewing and pretesting will assist ERS to develop questionnaires and related measures that are understandable and yield reliable, valid information on food behavior and its social and economic determinants.

Findings from all subsequent data collections will be included in summary reports submitted to OMB. The reports will describe the data collection

methods used in the formative research, findings, conclusions, implications, and recommendations for the development of reliable, valid questionnaires and related measures. There will be no attempt to generalize the findings to be nationally representative.

Methods of Collection: The data will be collected using a combination of methodologies appropriate to each formative research activity. These methodologies could include: Cognitive interviews, Pretest/Field test, and Focus groups.

Estimated Number of Respondents and Total Annual Burden on Respondents:

Type of data collection	Number of respondents	Average burden (response) (minutes)	Total hours of burden
Cognitive Interviews	600	120	1,200
Pretesting/Field Test	2,000	30	1,000
Focus Groups	600	120	1,200
Totals	3,200	N/A	3,400

Comments: 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 comments on this Notice will become a matter of public record and be summarized in the request for OMB approval.

Dated: May 24, 2005.

Susan Offutt,

Administrator, Economic Research Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Long Rail Project; Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest; Florence and Forest Counties, WI

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

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

SUMMARY: The USDA Forest Service, Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest, Eagle River-Florence Ranger District intends to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) to disclose the environmental consequences of a vegetation and transportation management project. In the EIS the USDA Forest Service will address the potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed land management activities and corresponding alternatives.

The Long Rail Project Area is approximately 74,800 acres in size and is located in Forest and Florence Counties, 17 miles west of Florence, Wisconsin. National Forest System lands comprise about 54,300 acres within the project area boundary. The approximate legal description for the area is as follows: T38N R13E Sections 1, 12, 13; T38N R14E Sections 1-11, 18; T38N R15E Sections 1-12, 14-17, 20-22; T39N R13E Sections 1, 12-13, 24-25, 36; T39N R14E Sections 1-36; T39N R15E Sections 4-7, 18-22, 25-36; T40N R13E Sections 25, 36; T40N R14E Sections 29-32, 24-26, 35-36; T40N R15E Sections 2-4, 7-11, 14-23, 25-33; T41N R15E Sections 22-23, 26-27, 34-35 *see the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION* section for the purpose and need for the action.

DATES: Comments concerning the scope of the analysis should be received within 30 days following publication of

this notice to receive timely consideration in the preparation of the draft EIS. The draft EIS is expected April 2006 and the final EIS is expected September 2006.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Anne Archie, c/o Christine Brunner, NEPA Coordinator, Eagle River-Florence Ranger District, 1247 E. Wall Street, Eagle River, WI 54521. Send electronic comments to: *comments-eastern-chequamegon-nicolet-eagle@fs.fed.us*. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for information on how to send electronic comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Debra Kidd, Eagle River-Florence Ranger District, Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest, USDA Forest Service: telephone 715-479-2827. See above under **ADDRESSES**. Copies of documents may be requested at the same address. Another means of obtaining information is to visit the Forest Web page at *http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/cnnf/*—click on “Natural Resources,” then “Long Rail Project.”

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose and Need for Action—The overall purpose of the Long Rail Project is to implement land management activities consistent with the direction in the 2004 Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (2004 Forest Plan) and to respond to the specific needs that were identified during opportunity area and transportation system analyses.

One purpose for this proposal is to maintain or restore upland forest