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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program: Form FNS-46, Issuance Reconciliation

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) is publishing for public comment a summary of a proposed information collection. This is a revision of a currently approved collection for form FNS-46, Issuance Reconciliation Report, which concerns benefit issuance operations in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). The form will be modified and simplified. FNS plans to update the form FNS-46, to capture Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (D-SNAP) benefit issuances and returns data. This form update will ensure D-SNAP data will be more readily available, enabling FNS to respond to requests from multiple agencies on contributions to Federal disaster relief efforts. The form will be simplified since it no longer captures coupon issuances and returns. (Food stamp coupons were deobligated in 2009.) Instead it will summarize Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) issuances and returns.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before November 18, 2013.

ADDRESSES: 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.

Comments may be sent to Shanta Swezy, Chief, Retailer Management and Issuance Branch, Retailer Policy and Management Division, Food and Nutrition Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 426, Alexandria, VA 22302. Comments may also be faxed to the attention of Ms. Swezy at (703) 305-1863; or via email to: shanta.swezy@fns.usda.gov. Comments will also be accepted through the Federal eRulemaking Portal. Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and follow the online instructions for submitting comments electronically.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments will be a matter of public record.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of this information collection should be directed to Ms. Elvira May, Program Analyst, Retailer Management and Issuance Branch at (703) 605-1534.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Title: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program: Form FNS-46, Issuance Reconciliation.

Form Number: FNS-46.

OMB Number: 0584-0080.

Expiration Date: March 31, 2014.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Section 7(d) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, as amended, (the Act) (7 U.S.C. 2016(d)), requires State agencies to report on their SNAP benefit issuance operations not less than monthly. Section 11(a) of the Act (7 U.S.C. 2020(a)) requires State agencies to assume responsibility for the issuance, control and accountability of SNAP benefits.

Regulations at 7 CFR 274.4(a) and 274.4(b)(2) require State agencies to account for all issuance through the

reconciliation process and to submit a report on this process using Form FNS-46, Issuance Reconciliation Report.

These reports must be submitted to the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) monthly and must reach FNS no later than 90 days following the end of each report month. The FNS-46 report reflects the total issuance, returns and unauthorized issuance amounts resulting in the net Federal obligation.

Disaster assistance through SNAP is authorized by sections 402 and 502 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.) and the temporary emergency provisions contained in Section 5 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, and in 7 CFR Part 280 of the SNAP regulations. In accordance with 7 CFR 274.4, State agencies shall keep records and report SNAP participation and issuance totals to FNS.

Historically, form FNS-292B, Report of Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Benefit Issuance, has been used by SNAP State agencies to report to FNS, the number of households and persons who were certified for the Disaster SNAP, and also to report the value of benefits issued to those households. Form FNS-292B must be submitted to the agency within 45 days following termination of disaster assistance.

The information collection burden for the FNS-292B, is included in OMB 0584-0037, expiration date July 31, 2014. However, recent evaluation of Federal disaster response efforts has identified a critical need for timely periodic reporting while a disaster response is ongoing. Updating the FNS-46, to include separate reporting of D-SNAP benefit issuance and participation will ensure estimates are available on a monthly basis. Requiring monthly D-SNAP estimates on the FNS-46, will not duplicate any data collection currently in place, as the FNS-292B, serves as a final summary and closeout of the disaster response and is not meant to provide periodic updates.

The update to form FNS-46, is occurring in coordination with an update to form FNS-388, State Issuance and Participation Estimates (OMB 0584-0081, expiration date July 31, 2016). The alignment of these two forms will ensure that the monthly D-SNAP issuances and returns collected on the FNS-46, will have associated and

corresponding final issuance reconciliations on the FNS-388.

While we are adding D-SNAP estimates on the FNS-46, we are removing the reporting requirement of paper coupons. Therefore, FNS estimates the burden hours associated with completing the FNS-46 will remain at 4 hours.

Affected Public: State, Local and Tribal Government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 54.

Estimated Annual Number of Responses per Respondent: 12.

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 648.

Estimated Time per Response: 4.0 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 2592 hours annually.

Dated: September 10, 2013.

Jeffrey J. Tribiano,

Acting Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Forest Resource Coordinating Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Forest Resource Coordinating Committee Meeting will meet in Rosslyn, Virginia. The Committee is authorized under Section 8005 of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (the Act) (Pub. L. 110-246). The purpose of the Committee is to provide direction and coordination of actions within the Department of Agriculture, and coordination with State agencies and the private sector, to effectively address the national priorities for non-industrial private forest land. The purpose of this meeting is to develop recommendations to submit to the Secretary regarding alignment of landowner assistance delivery systems, forest inventory and analysis, markets, climate change adaptation, forest conditions, threats to forest health, and landscape scale conservation and management. The meeting is open to the public.

DATES: The meeting will be held on October 17-18, 2013 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. All meetings are subject to change or cancellation.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the USDA Forest Service, 1621 North Kent Street, Conference Room 703/704,

Arlington, Virginia. Written comments may be submitted as described under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.** All comments, including names and addresses when provided, are placed in the record and are available for public inspection and copying. The public may inspect comments received on the Forest Resource Coordinating Committee Web site at <http://www.fs.fed.us/spf/coop/frcc/>. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead to 202-205-1043 to facilitate entry into the meeting room.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Maya Solomon, Forest Resource Coordinating Committee Program Coordinator, Cooperative Forestry Staff, 202-205-1376 or Ted Beauvais, Forest Resource Coordinating Committee Designated Federal Officer, Cooperative Forestry Staff, 202-205-1190. Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Additional information on the Forest Resource Coordinating Committee can be found by visiting the Committee's Web site at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/spf/coop/frcc/>. Anyone who would like to bring related matters to the attention of the Committee may file written statements with the Committee staff by October 10, 2013. The agenda will include time for people to make oral statements of three minutes or less. Individuals wishing to make an oral statement should request in writing within one week of each scheduled meeting to be scheduled on the agenda. Written comments and requests for time for oral comments must be sent to Maya Solomon, Forest Resource Coordinating Committee Program Coordinator at 1400 Independence Ave. SW., mailstop 1123, Washington, DC 20250; by email to mayasolomon@fs.fed.us. A summary of the meeting will be posted at <http://www.fs.fed.us/spf/coop/frcc/> within 21 days after the meeting.

Meeting Accommodations: If you are a person requiring reasonable accommodation, please make requests in advance for sign language interpreting, assistive listening devices or other reasonable accommodations for access to the facility or proceedings by contacting the person listed under the For Further Information Contact. All reasonable accommodation requests are managed on a case by case basis.

Dated: September 10, 2013.

Paul Ries,

Associate Deputy Chief.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

Census Advisory Committees; Meetings

AGENCY: Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of the Census (Census Bureau) is giving notice of a meeting, the National Advisory Committee on Racial, Ethnic, and Other Populations (NAC). The Committee will address census policies, research and methodology, tests, operations, communications/messaging and other activities to ascertain needs and best practices to improve censuses, surveys, operations and programs. The NAC will meet in a plenary session on October 17-18, 2013. Last-minute changes to the schedule are possible, which could prevent giving advance public notice of schedule adjustments.

DATES: October 17-18, 2013. On October 17, the meeting will begin at approximately 8:30 a.m. and end at approximately 5:00 p.m. On October 18, the meeting will begin at approximately 8:30 a.m. and end at approximately 1:45 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the U.S. Census Bureau, 4600 Silver Hill Road, Suitland, Maryland 20746.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeri Green, Jeri.Green@census.gov, Committee Liaison Officer, Department of Commerce, U.S. Census Bureau, Room 8H182, 4600 Silver Hill Road, Washington, DC 20233, telephone 301-763-6590. For TTY callers, please use the Federal Relay Service 1-800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NAC comprises up to thirty-two members. The Committee provides an organized and continuing channel of communication between race, ethnic, and other populations and the Census Bureau. The Committee will advise the Director of the Census Bureau on the full range of economic, housing, demographic, socioeconomic, linguistic, technological, methodological, geographic, behavioral and operational variables affecting the cost, accuracy and implementation of Census Bureau