

average being 27 minutes. Hourly burden time per response varies by the type of application used, and includes the time to review instructions, search existing data resources, gather and copy the data needed, complete and review the application and submit the form and documentation to FNS. The hourly burden time for users of Form FNS-252-2 is estimated to be 10 to 20 minutes, with the average time being 12 minutes.

For burden estimates associated with applications for *reauthorization*, we used the total number of stores (all types) authorized (155,950) as of July 2001. Generally, authorized stores are subject to reauthorization at least once every 5 years. Using the number of authorized stores (155,950) as of July 2001 as our base, it is estimated that 20% (31,190) of all authorized stores are subject to reauthorization performed annually. As mentioned previously, since our last information collection package, FNS has eliminated the use of Form FNS 252-R, Food Stamp Application for Stores—

Reauthorization, and the hourly burden time associated with this form. As a result of this procedural change, we estimate that 3% (936) of the 31,190 firms subject to reauthorization will be completed using Form FNS-252 and 2% (624) will be on Form FNS-252-2. The remaining 95% (29,630) of the 31,190 firms subject to reauthorization will not have to complete any forms in order to be reauthorized. Reauthorization for those firms will involve a documented store visit either by Agency personnel or by an agent of the Agency.

Using the two remaining forms (FNS-252 and FNS 252-2), we estimate the number of program respondents to be 19,215. The computation is provided below:

FNS-252

New Authorizations 17,302 (17,655 x 98%); Reauthorizations 936 (155,950 x 20% x 3%) = 18,238

FNS-252-2

New Authorizations 353 (17,655 x 2%) Reauthorizations 624 (155,950 x 20% x 2%) = 977; Total Responses = 19,215 (18,238 + 977).

We estimate the annual burden hours to be 8,553 hours. The computation is provided below:

FNS-252 8,358 (18,238 x .4583 hours)

FNS-252-2 195; Total Annual Hours 8,553.

Affected Public: Retail food stores, wholesale food concerns, and meal service programs.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 19,215.

Estimated Annual Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 19,215.

Estimate of Burden: 8,553.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 8,553.

Dated: February 5, 2002.

George A. Braley,

Acting Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Waivers Under Section 6(o) of the Food Stamp Act

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice invites the general public and other public agencies to comment on proposed information collections. Section 6(o) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977, as amended by Section 824 of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, establishes a time limit for the receipt of food stamp benefits for certain able-bodied adults who are not working. The provision authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture, upon a State agency's request, to waive the provision for any group of individuals if the Secretary determines "that the area in which the individuals reside has an unemployment rate of over 10 percent, or does not have a sufficient number of jobs to provide employment for the individuals." As required in the statute, in order to receive a waiver the State agency must submit sufficient supporting information so that the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) can make the required determination as to the area's unemployment rate or sufficiency of available jobs. This collection of information is therefore necessary in order to obtain waivers of the food stamp time limit.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before May 20, 2002.

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 shall 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; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who 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 Patrick Waldron, Chief, Certification Policy Branch, Program Development Division, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302. Comments may also be faxed to the attention of Mr. Waldron at (703) 305-2486. The Internet address is: Patrick.Waldron@FNS.USDA.GOV. All written comments will be open for public inspection at the office of the Food and Nutrition Service during regular business hours (8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday) at 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, Virginia, 22302, Room 812.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information should be directed to Mr. Waldron at (703) 305-2495.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Waiver Guidance for Food Stamp Time Limits.

OMB Number: 0584-0479.

Form Number: Not a form.

Expiration Date: 2/28/02.

Type of Request: Reinstatement with a change of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

Abstract: Section 824 of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (PRWORA), Pub. L. 104-193, 110 Stat. 2323 amended Section 6(o) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2015(o)) to establish a time limit for the receipt of food stamp benefits for certain able-bodied adults who are not working. The provision authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture, upon a State agency's request, to waive the provision for any group of individuals if the Secretary determines "that the area in which the individuals reside has an unemployment rate of over 10 percent; or (ii) does not have a sufficient number of jobs to provide employment for the individuals." As

required in the statute, in order to receive a waiver the State agency must submit sufficient supporting information so that USDA can make the required determination as to the area's unemployment rate or sufficiency of available jobs. This collection of information is therefore necessary in order to obtain waivers of the food stamp time limit. During the last three years, the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) has received on average 74 requests for waivers from an average of 40 State agencies. Each request submitted by a State agency to exempt individuals residing in specified areas is considered by FNS to be a separate request, since the requested exemptions may be based on different criteria, are submitted at different times, and require separate analysis. For the above reasons a significant number of State agencies may submit multiple requests. Since these waivers must be renewed on an annual basis and new ones may be submitted to reflect changing labor market conditions, FNS anticipates receipt of approximately the same number of waiver requests every year.

Affected Public: State and Local governments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 40.

Estimated Number of Responses: 74.
Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.85.

Estimated Time per Response: 20 hours.

Estimated Total Burden: 1480 hours.

Dated: March 4, 2002.

George Braley,

Acting Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Lake County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC); Meeting

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Lake County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will hold a meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on March 25, 2002, from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Lake County Board of Supervisor's Chambers at 255 North Forbes Street, Lakeport.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Debbie McIntosh, Committee

Coordinator, USDA, Mendocino National Forest, Upper Lake Ranger District, 10025 Elk Mountain Road, Upper Lake, CA 95485. (707) 275-2361; e-mail dmcintosh@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Agenda items to be covered include: (1) Review and approval of the minutes of the February meeting; (2) apply Criteria to Submitted Proposals; (3) Select Projects that best meet the Evaluation Criteria; (4) Recommend Projects; and (5) Public Comment period. The meeting is open to the public. Public input opportunity will be provided and individuals will have the opportunity to address the Committee at that time.

Dated: March 11, 2002.

Blaine P. Baker,

Designated Federal Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Tehama County Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Meeting.

SUMMARY: The Tehama County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will hold its third meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on April 11, 2002, and will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at approximately 12:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Lincoln Street School, PDC Room, 1135 Lincoln Street, Red Bluff, CA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Bobbie Gaddini, Committee Coordinator, USDA, Mendocino National Forest, Grindstone Ranger District, P.O. Box 164, Elk Creek, CA 95939. (530) 968-5329; EMAIL ggaddini@fs.fed.us

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Agenda items to be covered include: (1) By-laws, (2) Project Selection Criteria. (3) List Projects by Category. (4) How to Apply Criteria to Projects, (5) Watershed and Roads, (6) Public Comment. The meeting is open to the public. Public input opportunity will be provided and individuals will have the opportunity to address the Committee at that time.

Dated: March 13, 2002.

Michael Brenner,

Acting Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

National Agricultural Library

Notice of Intent to Seek Approval to Collect Information

AGENCY: Agricultural Research Service, National Agricultural Library, 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 announces the National Agricultural Library's intent to request approval for a new information collection relating to existing nutrition education and training materials targeting low-income persons. This voluntary form would give Food Stamp nutrition education providers the opportunity to share resources that they have developed or used.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by May 23, 2002, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Address all comments concerning this notice to Alicie H. White, Technical Information Specialist, Food and Nutrition Information Center, National Agricultural Library, 10301 Baltimore Avenue, Beltsville, MD, 20705-2351. Comments may be sent by facsimile to (301) 504-6053, or fax (301) 504-6409.

Submit electronic comments to awhite@nal.usda.gov

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Alice H. White, (301) 504-6053.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Food Stamp Nutrition Connection Resource Sharing Form.
OMB Number: Not yet assigned.

Expiration Date: N/A.

Type of Request: Approval for new data collection from Food Stamp nutrition education providers.

Abstract: This voluntary "Sharing Form" would give Food Stamp nutrition education providers the opportunity to share information about resources that they have developed or used. Data collected using this form will help the Food and Nutrition Information Center (FNIC) identify existing nutrition education and training resources for review and inclusion in an online database. Educators can then search this database via the Food Stamp Nutrition Connection web site < <http://www.nal.usda.gov/fnic/foodstamp/> > . In 2001, the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service established the Food