

collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to: Daniel Wilusz, Chief, Quality Control Branch, Program Accountability Division, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302.

All responses to this notice will be included in the request for OMB's 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 form and instruction should be directed to Daniel Wilusz, (703) 305-2460.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Worksheet for Food Stamp Program Quality Control Reviews.

OMB Number: 0584-0074.

Form Number: FNS-380.

Expiration Date: November 30, 2003.

Type of Request: Revision of an existing information collection.

Abstract: Form FNS-380 is a worksheet used in the Food Stamp Program to determine eligibility and benefits for households selected for review in the quality control sample of active cases. We estimate the reporting burden for this collection of information averages 8.9764 hours per each States' response. This includes the time for analyzing the household case record; planning and carrying out the field investigation; gathering, comparing, analyzing and evaluating the review data and forwarding selected cases to the Food and Nutrition Service for Federal validation. In addition to the State agency's burden, we also estimate the average burden on each household to be 0.50 hours for each of the estimated 54,703 households being interviewed. This includes a face-to-face interview with the Quality Control Reviewer to verify the identity and existence of the household and explore the household circumstances affecting the eligibility and benefit level. We estimate that the total reporting burden associated with this information collection for both State agencies and the households is 518,388 hours. The total recordkeeping burden for the State agency is 0.0236 hours per record.

We previously cleared the reporting and recordkeeping burden for this form under Office of Management and Budget (OMB) clearance number 0584-0074. OMB approved the burden through November 30, 2003. Based on the most

recent table of active case sample sizes and completion rates (FY 2001), we estimate 54,703 FNS-380 worksheets and interviews will now be completed annually. This is an increase of 40 responses from the estimate made to substantiate the current collection. This estimate will also cause a corresponding increase in the reporting and recordkeeping burden. The increase in responses is a result of an augmented participation rate and is based on a statistical formula. We are requesting a three-year approval from OMB for this information collection.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; State or local governments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 53 State agencies and 54,703 households.

Estimated Total Number of Responses Per Year: 54,703 responses.

Estimated Time per Response: 8.9764 hours per State agency and 0.50 hours per household.

Estimated Total Annual Reporting Burden: 518,388 hours.

Estimated Number of Records: 54,703.

Estimated Time per Recordkeeping: .0236 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Recordkeeping Burden: 1,291 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden: 519,679 hours.

Dated: June 2, 2003.

Roberto Salazar,

Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Red Pines EIS Project, Nez Perce National Forest, Idaho County, ID

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; intent to prepare environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: The Forest Service will prepare an environmental impact statement to disclose the environmental impacts of implementing fuel hazard reduction and watershed improvement activities within the Red Pines project area in the Red River watershed. Individuals interested in actions of this nature are encouraged to submit comments and become involved in the planning process.

DATES: Comments concerning the scope of the analysis should be received at the address below on or before July 14, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Bruce Bernhardt, Forest Supervisor, Route 2, Box 475, Grangeville, ID 83530.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kara Chadwick, Project Coordinator, and (208) 983-1950.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Red Pines project area is located on the Nez Perce National Forest in northern Idaho within Idaho County. The project area lies about 34 air miles southeast of Grangeville Idaho and three air miles southeast of Elk City Idaho. The project area encompasses 31,466 acres and includes Dawson, Little Moose, Blanco and Ditch Creeks and Lower and Main Red River subwatersheds, and small portions of Trail, Soda and Moose Butte Creeks subwatersheds, which drain into Red River, which drains directly into the South Fork Clearwater River.

The actions proposed for implementation would reduce existing and potential fuel loads through the following activities:

A combination of thinning and/or salvaging and underburning on approximately 4,760 acres. This combination would result in some regeneration (clearcut) harvest. A combination of tractor and cable yarding systems would be used.

Approximately 1,645 acres of plantations, 20-50 years in age, would be thinned and underburned, favoring fire resistant species. A combination of tractor and cable yarding systems would be used.

Approximately 100 acres of 15-20 year old plantations would be precommercially thinned.

Approximately 25 miles of temporary road would be constructed to access the fuel hazard reduction areas described above. These roads would be decommissioned following activities.

Approximately 18 miles of existing roads would be reconditioned prior to use for fuel hazard reduction activities.

As part of this project, activities would be implemented to meet Forest Plan requirements for upward trend in fish habitat and water quality. The following activities would maintain or improve aquatic conditions in the subwatersheds in the project area:

Restore soil productivity on 175 to 350 acres through soil restoration techniques, such as decompaction, revegetation, and reestablishing natural drainage features.

Reduce erosion and water quality impacts at four inactive mine sites, using techniques such as reshaping of disturbed areas, soil amendments, revegetation, and possibly treatment of water draining from adits.

Reduce sediment production from existing and temporary roads planned