

Nutrition Service (FNS) an annual performance report of expenditures of funds received under this program. FNS will collect information using form FNS-42, Annual Report of the Nutrition and Education Training Program.

Need and Use of the Information: FNS will collect information to monitor and analyze the use of funds in accordance with the legislative mandate. If the information is not collected, FNS would be unable to respond to Congressional and public inquiries about use of funds in each fiscal year of program operation.

Description of Respondents: State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 56.

Frequency of Responses:

Recordkeeping; reporting; Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 896.

Nancy B. Sternberg,

Departmental Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Agency Information Collection

**Activities: Proposed Collection;
Comment Request—Form FNS-471,
Coupon Account and Destruction
Report**

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service, USDA

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice invites the general public and other public agencies to comment on proposed information collections. Sections 7, 11, and 13 of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 are the bases for the information collected on Form FNS-471, Coupon Account and Destruction Report. The Food Stamp Act and regulations require an appropriate procedure for accounting for coupons that are no longer usable and subsequently destroyed by the State agency. The FNS-471 is used to document this process.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before January 18, 2000 to be assured consideration.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Barbara Hallman, Chief, State Administration Branch, Food and Nutrition Service, USDA, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, Virginia 22302.

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 the use of appropriate, automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

All comments will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection. All comments will become a matter of public record.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Dawn Addison, (703) 305-2450.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Coupon Account and Destruction Report.

OMB Number: 0584-0053.

Form Number: FNS-471.

Expiration Date: October 31, 1999.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Sections 274.7(f), (g) and (h) of the Food Stamp Program regulations require that State agencies properly dispose of coupons that are received at issuance, claims collection, inventory, and bulk storage points, within 30 days after the end of the month in which the coupons are received. These are coupons received as payments on claims, mutilated or improperly manufactured coupons, old-series coupons that are exchanged for current series, and coupons returned for various other reasons. Coupon books returned intact and unsigned are reusable and returned to inventory. Since coupons are a Federal obligation, the value by denomination of unusable coupons, whether loose or in book form, must be documented and reported on Form FNS-471 and the coupons destroyed. Form FNS-471 is also used to document overages and shortages discovered by issuance and bulk storage points during coupon shipment or transfer. The information contained on the Form FNS-471 is necessary to substantiate coupon inventory and claims collection (coupon payment) data.

We are reducing the estimated burden from 40,331 hours to 12,127 hours to reflect the lower volume of coupons currently in circulation due to declining participation combined with the growth in the number of States currently using electronic benefits transfer (EBT) to issue benefits. Total issuance has decreased nearly 25 percent from fiscal year 1996 to fiscal year 1998. In

addition, in fiscal year 1996, 15.31 percent of the benefits were issued through EBT. As of July 1999, EBT has increased to about 63.81 percent of the total benefits issued. As a result, coupon issuances have decreased from \$18.7 billion in fiscal year 1996 to an estimated \$6.2 billion in fiscal year 1999.

Affected Public: State and local governments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 9,276.

Estimated Time per Response: 0.11 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 12,127 hours.

Dated: November 3, 1999.

Samuel Chambers, Jr.,

Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Newspapers Used for Publication of Legal Notice of Appealable Decisions for the Northern Region; Idaho, Montana, North Dakota, and Portions of South Dakota and Eastern Washington

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice lists the newspapers that will be used by all Ranger Districts, Forests, and the Regional Office of the Northern Region to publish legal notice of all decisions subject to appeal under 36 CFR parts 215 and 217 and to publish notices for public comment and notice of decision subject to the provisions of 36 CFR part 215. The intended effect of this action is to inform interested members of the public which newspapers will be used to publish legal notices for public comment or decisions; thereby allowing them to receive constructive notice of a decision, to provide clear evidence of timely notice, and to achieve consistency in administering the appeals process.

DATES: Publication of legal notices in the listed newspapers will begin with decisions subject to appeal that are made on or after November 15, 1999. The list of newspapers will remain in effect until another notice is published in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Acting Regional Appeals and Litigation Coordinator; Northern Region; PO Box 7669; Missoula, Montana 59807. Phone: (406) 329-3291.

The newspapers to be used are as follow:

Northern Regional Office

Regional Forester decisions in Montana:

The Missoulian, Great Falls Tribune, and The Billings Gazette.

Regional Forester decisions in Northern Idaho and Eastern Washington:

The Spokesman Review.

Regional Forester decisions in North Dakota: Bismarck Tribune.

Regional Forester decisions in South Dakota: Rapid City Journal.

Beaverhead/Deerlodge—Montana Standard

Bitterroot—Ravalli Republic

Clearwater—Lewiston Morning

Tribune

Custer—Billings Gazette (Montana)

Rapid City Journal (South Dakota)

Dakota Prairie National Grasslands—

Bismarck Tribune (North Dakota)

Rapid City Journal (South Dakota)

Flathead—Daily Interlake

Gallatin—Bozeman Chronicle

Helena—Independent Record

Idaho Panhandle—Spokane Review

Kootenai—Daily Interlake

Lewis & Clark—Great Falls Tribune

Lolo—Missoulian

Nez Perce—Lewiston Morning

Tribune

Supplemental notices may be placed in any newspaper, but time frames/deadlines will be calculated based upon notices in newspapers of record listed above.

Dated: November 8, 1999.

Kathleen A. McAllister,

Deputy Regional Forester.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Lake Tahoe Basin Federal Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Lake Tahoe Basin Federal Advisory Committee will hold a meeting on December 7, 1999, at the North Tahoe Conference Center, 1318 N. Lake Blvd. Kings Beach, CA 96143. This Committee, established by the Secretary of Agriculture on December 15, 1998 (64 FR 2876) is chartered to provide advice to the Secretary on implementing the terms of the Federal Interagency Partnership on the Lake Tahoe Region and other matters raised by the Secretary.

DATES: The meeting will be held December 7, 1999, beginning at 1 p.m. and ending at 4:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the North Tahoe Conference Center, 1318 N. Lake Blvd. Kings Beach, CA 96143.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ed Gee or Jeannie Stafford, Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, Forest Service, 870 Emerald Bay Road Suite 1, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150, (530) 573-2642.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The committee will meet jointly with the Lake Tahoe Basin Executives Committees. Items to be covered on the agenda include: (1) Watershed Assessment Subcommittee Report & Recommendations on the Watershed Assessment; (2) Report on The Science Advisory Committee; (3) Issues Related To Use of Consensus Process; and (4) Open Public Comment. All Lake Tahoe Basin Federal Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend. Issues may be brought to the attention of the Committee during the open public comment period at the meeting or by filing written statements with the Secretary for the Committee before or after the meeting. Please refer any written comments to the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit at the contact address stated above.

Dated: November 8, 1999.

Maribeth Gustafson,

Acting Deputy Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission For OMB Review; Comment Request

DOC has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

Agency: U.S. Census Bureau.

Title: Census 2000, Evaluation of the Facility Questionnaire.

Form Number(s): None.

Agency Approval Number: None.

Type of Request: New collection.

Burden: 220 hours.

Number of Respondents: 1,000.

Avg Hours Per Response: 12 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The Census Bureau must provide everyone in the United States and Outlying Areas the opportunity to be counted in Census 2000 as well as making sure that persons are counted in the appropriate

places such as places defined as special Places (SP). SPs include such places as colleges and universities, nursing homes, halfway houses, and correctional facilities. The Census 2000 Special Place Facility Questionnaire is an operation in which updated information is gathered from operators of SPs on the group quarters (GQs) and housing units located at the SP and GQ codes are assigned. The GQ code is a critical component to correctly tabulating census data for different types of GQs. Interviews are conducted either by telephone using Computer-assisted Telephone Interviewing (CATI) or by personal visit. This operation, cleared previously by the Office of Management and Budget under approval number 0607-0786, began in October 1998 and will conclude in July 1999.

To evaluate this operation, the Census Bureau is proposing to conduct a follow-up operation of 1,000 cases. The reinterview will be conducted via personal visits administered by specially trained interviewers using a paper questionnaire that has been modified from the production questionnaire. The information collected during the reinterviews will concern the types of services the facility provides, the number of persons that reside within the facility, and what types of GQs are associated with the facility. All information collected will be pertinent to verifying the accuracy of the GQ code.

We will use these data to determine: (1) How well the facility questionnaire performed by assessing the frequency with which the GQ code was different between the production interview and reinterview, (2) whether or not there was a significant difference in the occurrence of GQ code change by special place type, and (3) whether or not CATI versus personal visit increased data quality by computing item nonresponse rates. The evaluation interviews will be conducted in six regions during January 2000.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Frequency: One-time.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title 13 U.S.C., Sections 141 and 193.

OMB Desk Officer: Susan Schechter, (202) 395-5103.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, DOC Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3272, Department of Commerce, room 5027, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at LEngelme@doc.gov).