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AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid (ACVFA).

Date: January 6, 2000 (9 a.m. to 1 p.m.).

Location: Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), Auditorium A, 525—23rd Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

The meeting will focus on building new constituencies for U.S. international cooperation in the new millennium. The ACVFA is seeking input from a broad range of private voluntary organizations (PVOs), non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and citizens' groups on fresh strategies for reaching out to new audiences and for building alliances to increase the public's understanding of, and support for, international cooperation and development. The meeting is free and open to the public. However, notification by January 4, 2000 through the Advisory Committee Headquarters is required. Persons wishing to attend the meeting must fax their name, organization and phone number to Lisa J. Harrison on (703) 741-0567.

Dated: December 9, 1999.

Noreen O'Meara,

Executive Director, Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid (ACVFA).

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request—The Assessment of Computer Matching in the Food Stamp Program

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Food and Nutrition Service's intention to request Office of Management and Budget approval of data collection activities that will help to assess the effectiveness of computer matching in the Food Stamp Program.

DATES: Written comments on this notice must be received by February 22, 2000.

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: Alberta C. Frost, Director, Office of Analysis, Nutrition and Evaluation, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the proposed information collection forms should be directed to Alberta C. Frost, (703) 305-2017.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: The Assessment of Computer Matching in the Food Stamp Program.
OMB Number: Not yet assigned.

Expiration Date: N/A.

Type of Request: New collection of information.

Abstract: The project entitled "Assessment of Computer Matching in the Food Stamp Program" will examine how States are currently using or planning to use computer matching strategies to reduce fraud and abuse in the Food Stamp Program (FSP). Computer matching is most frequently used in the FSP to verify the eligibility

of new applicants (intake) or to verify the continuing eligibility of current recipients (recertification). It is a powerful management tool which has increased program integrity and efficiency.

State program waivers and welfare reform legislation have substantially increased States' discretion and authority for making operational choices. As a result, the States vary considerably on many aspects of program operations, their costs, and their effectiveness. By collecting and disseminating information on computer matching, this project will help States improve program integrity and support FNS oversight to ensure that States manage the FSP as efficiently as possible.

Telephone interviews with appropriate staff in each State will be conducted to determine how they are currently using or planning to use computer matching. To reduce the respondent burden, interview protocols will be customized to include State specific items and exclude non-relevant items for each State.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden is estimated to range between 1 and 2 hours for each respondent.

Respondents: Interviews will be conducted with State staff knowledgeable about food stamp computer matching activities and operations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: An average of 2 respondents for each State or a total of 100.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 200 hours.

Dated: December 16, 1999.

Samuel Chambers, Jr.,

Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Knox-Brooks Timber Sales and Road Rehabilitation; Superior Ranger District, Lolo National Forest; Mineral County, Montana

Authority: 40 CFR 1508.22.

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; Revised notice of intent to prepare environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: The Forest Service published a notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Knox-Brooks Timber Sales and Road Rehabilitation project in the **Federal Register** (vol. 63, no. 127, doc. no. 98-17665) on July 2, 1998. That notice of intent is revised to change the schedule for completion of the draft EIS.

Forest Service Policy mandates that a revised Notice of Intent be filed when there is a delay of more than six months in filing the draft EIS. Originally the draft EIS was to be released in November of 1998 and the final EIS in February of 1999. The draft EIS is now anticipated to be done in January of 2000 with the final EIS published in September of 2000.

DATES: This action is effective upon publication of this notice.

ADDRESSES: Michael Cole, acting District Ranger, Superior Ranger District, Box 460, Superior, MT 59872.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bruce Erickson, EIS Team Leader, Superior Ranger District, as above, or phone: (406) 822-4233.

Dated: December 13, 1999.

Deborah L.R. Austin,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended), the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) invites comments on this information collection for which RUS intends to request approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by February 22, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: F. Lamont Heppe, Jr., Director, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, Rural Utilities Service, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., STOP 1522, Room 4036, South Building, Washington, DC 20250-1522.

Telephone: (202) 720-9550. FAX: (202) 720-4120.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) regulation (5 CFR 1320) implementing provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13) requires that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (see 5 CFR 1320.8(d)). This notice identifies an information collection that RUS is submitting to OMB for reinstatement.

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: F. Lamont Heppe, Jr., Director, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, Rural Utilities Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, STOP 1522, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250-1522. FAX: (202) 720-4120.

Title: Deferment of RUS Loan Payments for Rural Development Projects.

OMB Control Number: 0572-0097.

Type of Request: Reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection.

Abstract: The Deferment of RUS Loan Payments for Rural Development Projects program allows RUS electric and telephone borrowers to defer the payment of principal and interest on any insured or direct loan made under the Rural Electrification Act (RE Act) of 1936, as amended (7 U.S.C. 912). The purpose of the Deferment program is to encourage borrowers to invest in and promote rural development and rural job creation projects that are based on sound economic and financial analyses. This program is administered through 7 CFR 1703, subpart H.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting for this collection of information is estimated to average 3.5 hours per response.

Respondents: Business or other for profit, Not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 4.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 10.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 140 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Michele Brooks, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, at (202) 690-1078. FAX: (202) 720-4120. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: September 10, 1999.

Christopher A. McLean,

Acting Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Membership of the USCCR Performance Review Board

AGENCY: Commission on Civil Rights.

ACTION: Notice of membership of the USCCR Performance Review Board.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the appointment of the Performance Review Board (PRB) of the United States Commission on Civil Rights. Publication of PRB membership is required by 5 U.S.C. 4314(c)(4).

The PRB provides fair and impartial review of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights' Senior Executive Service performance appraisals and makes recommendations regarding performance ratings and performance awards to the Staff Director, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights for the FY 1999 rating year.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. M. Catherine Gates, Director of Human Resources, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 624 9th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20425, (202) 376-8364.

Members: Gloria Guterrez, Assistant Director Marketing and Customer Liaison, U.S. Bureau of the Census; Robert Kugelman, Director, Office of Budget, Department of Commerce; Joseph Mancias, Senior Management Counsel, Department of Justice.

Stephanie Y. Moore,

General Counsel.

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