

Food and Nutrition Service

Title: Food Stamp Program Identification Cards.

OMB Control Number: 0584-0124.

Summary of Collection: The Food Stamp Act of 1977 requires that photographic identification (ID) cards be used in issuance situations in which the Department believes that it would be useful to protect the integrity of the Food Stamp Program (FSP). These requirements are essential to ensure the integrity of the FSP. The ID is required by Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) regulation to be a controlled document, laminated with a serial number and a photograph.

Need and Use of the Information: Photo ID are used by issuance agents to identify households for monthly issuance; by retailers to identify households when benefits are used; and by households to provide proof at recertification and when picking up monthly allotments. The use of the photo ID card and the requirement to show it to obtain benefits is crucial to the agency's ability to protect the integrity of the Food Stamp Program.

Description of Respondents: State, Local, or Tribal Government; Individuals or households.

Number of Respondents: 329,293.

Frequency of Responses:

Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 21,250.

Nancy B. Sternberg,

Departmental Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Food Safety and Inspection Service**

[Docket No. 00-020N]

National Advisory Committee on Microbiological Criteria for Foods; Renewal

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Re-chartering of Committee.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the re-chartering of the National Advisory Committee on Microbiological Criteria for Foods (NACMCF). The Committee is being renewed in cooperation with the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). The establishment of the Committee was recommended by a 1985 report of the National Academy of Sciences Committee on Food Protection, Subcommittee on Microbiological Criteria, "An Evaluation of the Role of

Microbiological Criteria for Foods." The current charter for the NACMCF is available for viewing on the FSIS homepage at www.fsis.usda.gov under mission and activities.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Carol Maczka, Executive Secretariat, USDA, Food Safety and Inspection Service, 3rd Floor—Room 355 Aerospace Center, 901 D Street, SW., Washington, DC 20024. Background materials are available for inspection by contacting Dr. Maczka at (202) 690-6540.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is charged with the enforcement of the Federal Meat Inspection Act (FMIA), the Poultry Products Inspection Act (PPIA), and the Egg Products Inspection Act (EPIA). Under these Acts, USDA is responsible for the wholesomeness and safety of meat, poultry, and egg products intended for human consumption. Similarly, the Secretary of HHS is charged with the enforcement of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA). Under this Act, HHS is responsible for ensuring the wholesomeness and safety of human foods other than meat, poultry, and egg products, and of animal feeds.

In order to continue to meet the responsibilities of the FMIA, PPIA, EPIA, and FFDCA, the NACMCF is being reestablished. The Committee will be charged with advising and providing recommendations to the Secretaries on the development of microbiological criteria by which the safety and wholesomeness of food can be assessed, including criteria for microorganisms that indicate whether foods have been adequately and appropriately processed.

Reestablishment of this Committee is necessary and in the public interest because the development of a sound public policy in this area can best be accomplished by a free and open exchange of information and ideas among Federal, State, and local agencies, and other interested parties. The complexity of the issues to be addressed requires that more than one meeting per year will be necessary to accomplish the Committee's tasks.

Members will be appointed by the Secretary of USDA after consultation with the Secretary of HHS. Because of their interest in the matters to be addressed by this Committee, advice on membership appointments will be requested from the Department of Commerce's National Marine Fisheries

Service and the Department of Defense's Veterinary Service Activity.

Additional Public Notification

Public awareness of all segments of rulemaking and policy development is important. Consequently, in an effort to better ensure that minorities, women, and persons with disabilities are aware of this notice, FSIS will announce it and provide copies of this **Federal Register** publication in the FSIS Constituent Update. FSIS provides a weekly FSIS Constituent Update, which is communicated via fax to over 300 organizations and individuals. In addition, the update is available on-line through the FSIS web page located at <http://www.fsis.usda.gov>. The update is used to provide information regarding FSIS policies, procedures, regulations, **Federal Register** notices, FSIS public meetings, recalls, and any other types of information that could affect or would be of interest to our constituents/stakeholders. The constituent fax list consists of industry, trade, and farm groups, consumer interest groups, allied health professionals, scientific professionals, and other individuals that have requested to be included. Through these various channels, FSIS is able to provide information to a much broader, more diverse audience. For more information and to be added to the constituent fax list, fax your request to the Congressional and Public Affairs Office, at (202) 720-5704.

Done in Washington, DC on: September 11, 2000.

Paul W. Fiddick,

Assistant Secretary for Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Forest Service****Shore Nuf Timber Sale, Willamette National Forest, Linn and Marion Counties, Oregon**

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to prepare an environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: The USDA Forest Service gives notice that it will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Shore Nuf Timber Sale Project proposal. The project area is located approximately 50 miles east of Salem, Oregon on the western slopes of the Cascade Mountains, near Detroit Lake and the City of Detroit, Oregon on the Detroit Ranger District of the Willamette National Forest. The Shore

Nuf Timber Sale would occur during the next five years on approximately 1200 acres of the Detroit Tributaries Watershed, and includes the following proposed actions:

1. Thin approximately 1200 acres of second growth Douglas fir stands, to reduce stocking levels while maintaining a 50 to 70 percent average canopy closure;
2. Thin selected portions of riparian reserves that are within, or adjacent to the proposed thinning stands, to develop late successional characteristics in riparian areas;
3. Treat pockets of *Phellinus weirii* and other root rots occurring in the proposed thinning stands by removing all of the affected trees within the infection site and/or within a buffer around the infection site, to prevent the spread of the *Phellinus weirii* and other diseases; and
4. Create eight small openings, up to three acres each, along the Blowout Road and Stahlman trail to provide views of Detroit Lake and the surrounding area.

The proposed action also includes the following associated actions:

1. Construct approximately 2.0 miles of temporary roads to access thinning units, and after implementation of the thinning, obliterate the roads by ripping, seeding, and re-establishing natural drainage patterns;
2. Reconstruct approximately 6.0 miles of existing roads that are currently inaccessible due to slides, overgrown vegetation, water damage, and downed trees;
3. Construct, reconstruct, or modify landings for helicopters, skylines, and ground based yarding systems;
4. Treat slash created by the thinning activities in areas where there is a high risk of fire starts, such as campgrounds, summer homes and major roads, by hand piling and burning slash; and
5. Reforest the treated *Phellinus weirii* and other root rot pockets by planting species that are not susceptible to root rot such as native hardwoods.

The Detroit District Ranger will decide whether to implement the project as proposed, to implement a modified proposal, to implement an alternative to the proposal, or to take no action at this time.

DATES: Written comments concerning the scope and implementation of this proposal should be received on or before October 30, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments or suggestions concerning this project to Stephanie Phillips, District Ranger, Detroit Ranger District, HC73 Box 320, Mill City, Oregon 97360.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Please direct questions about the proposed action and EIS to Jim Romero, District Planner at (503) 854-3366.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 1200 acres selected for commercial thinning are located along Blowout Creek (Forest Road 10), French Creek (Forest Road 2223), and Piety Island near Detroit Lake. These stands were established primarily through natural seeding following logging or large fires in the early 1900's. Most stands date to a single large fire, which occurred in the Detroit Reservoir Area in 1919. Stands in the French Creek area were logged in the 1930's but have similar characteristics to stands harvested earlier. These stands are predominantly Douglas-fir, and have about 150-300 trees per acre, resulting in greater than 90% canopy closure. The trees range in size from 9 to 21 inches in diameter. Generally, the stands have only one canopy layer with sparse to light ground vegetation as a result of the dense canopy closure. Given this, the stands support a less diverse range of wildlife species (primarily fewer late successional species) and are prone to crown-type fires. Because of the age and density of these stands, future growth projections, and increased mortality due to tree competition, these stands will not attain large diameter trees, open spacing, and structural diversity (multiple canopy layers) for many years.

The Detroit Ranger District, over the past several years, has commercially thinned using helicopters in stands similar to those proposed for treatment in the Shore Nuf Timber Sale project area, including thinning in riparian reserves. The results of these sales have had virtually no effect on scenic quality, water quality, or substantial amounts of slash left from the thinning. The thinning would achieve a 50-70 percent average canopy closure to meet wildlife and hydrologic needs. Thinning would be applied within selected riparian reserves to control stocking, re-establish and manage stands, and acquire desired vegetation characteristics needed to attain Aquatic Conservation Strategy Objectives. Thinning would take place outside of the wet area of the riparian reserve and outside of the portion contributing to channel bank stability.

Treating the *Phellinus weirii* and other root rot pockets would result in several small openings varying in size from about one to five acres. The total area affected by the treatment is approximately one to five percent of the thinned area. Reforesting the affected areas would occur with non-susceptible species such as hardwoods. There is a

need for this treatment to minimize the spread of the infection by removing the host species in the infection site and/or within its path of spread.

The combination of commercial thinning and creation of small openings along the Blowout Road (Forest Road 10) would improve views of Detroit Reservoir as seen from the road. Thinnings would also occur adjacent to private lands within the project area to reduce the edge effect created by large clearcuts on private lands.

The proposal includes using a helicopter to yard the logs on about two-thirds of 1200 acres of thinning, and to use both skyline and ground-based yarding systems on the remaining one-third of the area. The timber sale would result in the sale of approximately 10 to 15 MMBF of commercial wood products such as saw logs.

The need for the Shure Nuf Timber Sale Project is to reduce the total number of trees per acre to lessen competition for nutrients, sunlight, and growing space. This would improve the growth and vigor of the remaining trees resulting in healthier stands of trees that are more resistant to insects and disease. The trees would also reach larger diameters and exhibit late successional stand characteristics sooner. Thinning the smaller diameter, suppressed trees before they die would reduce the fuel buildup and fire risk, and have the added benefit of utilizing the trees for commercial wood products. The thinning would open the stand canopies, letting sunlight reach the forest floor, thus resulting in increased shrub and hardwood growth, which would enhance diversity for wildlife habitat. The open stands with a diverse understory would also enhance the scenic quality along the forest roads in this heavily used recreation area.

The USDA Forest Service is seeking information and comments from Federal, State and local agencies, as well as, other individuals or organizations that may be interested in, or affected by, the proposed action. Information that would be especially useful would be identification of issues, exploration of additional alternatives based on the issues, and identifying potential environmental effects of the proposed action and alternatives to the proposal. Public involvement will include periodic mailings to interested persons as the project progresses, and possibly field trips and public meetings depending on the level of public interest for the project. Information on field trips and meetings will be announced later.

The following is a description of the preliminary issues identified for this project: (1) Noise from helicopters,

harvest equipment, log trucks and increased truck traffic could be disturbing to local residents and recreation users, potentially impacting local tourism and the related tourist economy during harvest operations, and (2) There is concern that noxious weeds could spread to areas where mineral soil has been exposed due to road and landing construction.

The comment period on the draft EIS will be 45 days from the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes the notice of availability in the **Federal Register**. The draft environmental impact statement is scheduled for release in January, 2001. It is expected that the final environmental impact statement will be released in April, 2001.

Comments received in response to this notice, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record on this proposed action and will be available for public inspection. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered; however, those who submit anonymous comments will not have standing to appeal the subsequent decision under 36 CFR parts 215 or 217. Additionally, pursuant to 7 CFR 1.27 (d), any person may request the agency to withhold a submission from the public record by showing how the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) permits such confidentiality. Persons requesting such confidentiality should be aware that, under the FOIA, confidentiality may be granted in only very limited circumstances, such as to protect trade secrets. The Forest Service will inform the requester of the agency's decision regarding the request for confidentiality, and where the request is denied, the agency will return the submission and notify the requester that the comments may be resubmitted with or without name and address within a specified number of days.

The USDA Forest Service believes it is important to give reviewers notice at this early stage as a result of several court rulings related to public participation in the environmental review process. First, reviewers of a draft EIS must structure their participation in the environmental review of the proposal so that it is meaningful and alerts an agency to the reviewer's position and contentions. *Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corp. v. NRDC*, 435 U.S. 519, 553 (1978). Also, environmental objections that could be raised at the draft EIS stage but that are not raised until after completion of the final EIS may be waived or dismissed by the courts. *City of Angoon v. Hodel*, 803

F.2d 1016, 1022 (9th Cir, 1986) and *Wisconsin Heritages, Inc. v. Harris*, 490 F. Supp. 1334, 1338 (E.D. Wis. 1980). Because of these court rulings, it is very important that those interested in this proposed action participate by the close of the 45-day comment period so that substantive comments and objections are made available to the Forest Service at a time when it can meaningfully consider them and respond to them in the final EIS.

To assist the USDA Forest Service in identifying and considering issues and concerns on the proposed action, comments on the draft EIS should be as specific as possible. It is also helpful if comments refer to specific pages of chapters of the draft statement. Comments may also address the adequacy of the draft EIS or the merits of the alternatives formulated and discussed in the statement. (Reviewers may wish to refer to the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act at 40 CFR 1503.3 in addressing these points).

The lead agency for this project is the USDA Forest Service, Willamette National Forest. The deciding official is Stephanie Phillips, District Ranger, Detroit Ranger District of the Willamette National Forest. The Record of Decision for this project will document the decision and rationale for the decision. That decision is subject to appeal under 36 CFR part 215.

Dated: August 29, 2000.

Stephanie Phillips,

Detroit District Ranger, Willamette National Forest.

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List; Additions

AGENCY: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled

ACTION: Additions to the procurement list.

SUMMARY: This action adds to the Procurement List services to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

DATES: *Effective Date:* October 16, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Jefferson Plaza 2, Suite 10800,

1421 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202-3259.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Louis R. Bartalot (703) 603-7740

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On September 24, 1999, July 21 and 28, and August 4, 2000, the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notices (64 FR 51736 and 65 FR 45358, 46425 and 47949) of proposed additions to the Procurement List.

After consideration of the material presented to it concerning capability of qualified nonprofit agencies to provide the services and impact of the additions on the current or most recent contractors, the Committee has determined that the services listed below are suitable for procurement by the Federal Government under 41 U.S.C. 46-48c and 41 CFR 51-2.4. I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were:

1. The action will not result in any additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities other than the small organizations that will furnish the services to the Government.

2. The action will not have a severe economic impact on current contractors for the services.

3. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the services to the Government.

4. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 46-48c) in connection with the services proposed for addition to the Procurement List.

Accordingly, the following services are hereby added to the Procurement List:

Administrative/General Support Services

Department of the Army, Office of the Surgeon General, 5111 Leesburg Pike, Room 538, Falls Church, Virginia

Base Supply Center

Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

Grounds Maintenance

Base Housing, Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point, North Carolina

Hearing/Grievance Examiner Services

The Corporation for National & Community Service, 1201 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC