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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

October 5, 2011.

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13. Comments regarding (a) Whether the 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 burden 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 are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques and other forms of information technology should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Washington, DC, OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.gov or fax (202) 395–5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250–7602. Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720–8681.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such

persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Forest Service

Title: Overcoming Barriers to Wildland Fire Defensible Space.

OMB Control Number: 0596—New.

Summary of Collection: The Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Research Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95–307) is the Department of Agriculture's primary authority to conduct research activities. The Secretary is authorized to conduct, support, and cooperate in investigations, experiments, tests, and other activities the Secretary deems necessary to obtain, analyze, develop, demonstrate, and disseminate scientific information about protecting, managing, and utilizing forest and rangeland renewable resources in rural, suburban, and urban areas. This study will provide information regarding barriers to participating in fire hazard reduction programs in the wildland urban interface and basic socio-demographics. The results of this study will assist efforts to decrease the cost to society from wildland fires and improve the efficiency of federal agencies in wildland fire management.

Need and Use of the Information: Information will be collected through a voluntary mail survey of wild land urban interface homeowners. The information collected will help wildland fire managers and researchers (1) Identify practical steps for reducing barriers to implementing defensible space behaviors at an individual and neighborhood level and (2) develop future risk reduction programs. The information will be used by local, county, state, and federal wildland fire managers in the development of educational information regarding defensible space and firewise construction. If the collection is not conducted, agencies will continue to operate their programs under assumptions about their effectiveness that may not be true or scientifically valid.

Description of Respondents: Individuals and households.

Number of Respondents: 4,509.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: One time.

Total Burden Hours: 2,328.

Charlene Parker,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Secretary

National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board Meeting Notice

AGENCY: Research, Education, and Economics, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App 2, the USDA announces a meeting of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board.

DATES: The National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board will meet November 7–9, 2011. The public may file written comments before or up to two weeks after the meeting with the contact person.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will take place at the Mandarin Oriental, 1330 Maryland Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20024. Written comments from the public may be sent to the Contact Person identified in this notice at: The National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board Office, Room 3901 South Building, United States Department of Agriculture, STOP 0321, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250–0321.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: J. Robert Burk, Executive Director or Shirley Morgan-Jordan, Program Support Coordinator, National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board; *telephone:* (202) 720–3684; *fax:* (202) 720–6199; or *e-mail:* Robert.Burk@ars.usda.gov or Shirley.Morgan@ars.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Honorable Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack, and the Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics Dr. Catherine Woteki have been invited to

provide brief remarks and welcome the new Board members during the meeting.

On Monday, November 7, 2011, an orientation session for new members and interested incumbent members will be held from 1 p.m.–5:30 p.m. Specific topics of discussion will include an introduction to the leadership and structure of the Agricultural Research Service, Economic Research Service, National Agricultural Statistics Service, and the National Institute of Food and Agriculture, and information on the core functions of those agencies as it relates to the impending budgets proposed by Congress.

On Tuesday, November 8, 2011 the full Advisory Board will convene at 8 a.m. with introductory remarks by the Chair of the Advisory Board. The morning session will include: brief introductions of new Board members, incumbents, and guests; comments from a variety of distinguished leaders, experts, and departmental personnel; and items of board business. Specific items on the agenda will include a discussion related to the Farm Bill and the relevant Research, Education, and Economics components of the Bill. The afternoon session will also include a discussion on the impact of National Agricultural Statistic Service reports on grain market volatility in 2011. The meeting will conclude with an evening reception that will be held from 6 p.m.–8 p.m.

On Wednesday November 9, 2011, the Board will reconvene at 8 a.m. to: elect the Executive Committee of the Advisory Board; discuss initial recommendations resulting from the meeting and future planning for the Board; to organize the memberships of the committees, sub-committees, and working groups of the Advisory Board; and to finalize Board business for the meeting. The Board Meeting will adjourn by 12 p.m. (noon).

Opportunity for public comment will be offered each day of the meeting. Written comments by attendees or other interested stakeholders will be welcomed for the public record before and up to two weeks following the Board meeting (by close of business Wednesday, November 23, 2011). All statements will become a part of the official record of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board and will be kept on file for public review in the Research, Education, and Economics Advisory Board Office.

Done at Washington, DC, this 28 day of September 2011.

Catherine Woteki,

Under Secretary, Research, Education, and Economics.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request—People’s Garden Initiative Evaluation of Healthy Gardens Healthy Youth Project

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. This is a new information for the “Healthy Gardens, Healthy Youth Study,” part of the USDA’s People’s Garden program. This study will use the network of Cooperative Extension Educators to collect information from children in schools that have agreed to participate in the study in four states: Arkansas, Iowa, New York, and Washington. The information collected will build on existing knowledge by examining how school gardens affect children’s fruit and vegetable consumption and other outcomes.

DATES: Written comments on this notice must be received on or before December 12, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Comments are invited on: (1) 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; (2) the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions that were used; (3) 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 use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments may be sent to: Duke Storen, Director, Office of Strategic, Initiatives, Partnership and Outreach, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S.

Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 1441, Alexandria, VA 22302. Comments may also be submitted via e-mail to Duke.Storen@fns.usda.gov. Be sure to include the title of the notice in the subject line of the message. Comments will also be accepted through the Federal eRulemaking Portal. Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>, and follow the online instructions for submitting comments electronically.

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 1441.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection form and instructions should be directed to: Duke Storen, (703) 305–1431.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Healthy Gardens, Healthy Youth.

OMB Number: 0584–New.

Form Number: Not Yet Assigned.

Expiration Date: Not Yet Determined.

Type of Request: New collection.

Abstract: The People’s Garden Initiative Evaluation of Healthy Gardens Healthy Youth Project is authorized under the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1769(g)(3)) and section 14222(b) of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008. The Healthy Gardens, Healthy Youth project, part of the USDA’s People’s Garden program, was funded by FNS in April, 2011. Prior research has suggested that school gardens may contribute to increased fruit and vegetable consumption among youth. This study will evaluate the impact of those gardens and examine how school gardens along with garden curricula to link classrooms to gardens will affect diet outcomes among youth in under-resourced communities. At all participating schools, at least 50% of children qualify for Free or Reduced Price Meals (FRPM). Up to seventy schools in four states (AK, IA, NY, WA) will be partners in this study and will be randomly assigned to one of two conditions: (1) A treatment group of no more than 34 schools will receive the garden intervention and curricula in year 1; and (2) a waitlist control group of approximately 34 schools will receive gardens near the end of the project. In