

DATES: Appointments by the Secretary are for a two-year term, effective April 12, 2005 until April 11, 2007.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Schechtman, Designated Federal Official, Office of the Deputy Secretary, USDA, Telephone (202) 720-3817; Fax (202) 690-4265; E-mail mschechtman@ars.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The members of the committee cover a broad range of agricultural disciplines and interests. The duties of the committee are solely advisory. The AC21 is charged with examining the long-term impacts of biotechnology on the U.S. food and agriculture system and USDA, and providing guidance to USDA on pressing individual issues, identified by the Office of the Secretary, related to the application of biotechnology in agriculture.

The AC21 was first appointed in February 2003 and at the time half of the appointments were for a one-year term and half for a two-year term. Due to the staggered appointments, the terms for 9 of the 18 members expired on February 12, 2005. Members of the AC21 may be reappointed by the Secretary of Agriculture but no member may serve more than six consecutive years. Members serve without pay, but with reimbursement of travel expenses and per diem for attendance at AC21 and subcommittee functions for those committee members who require assistance in order to attend the meetings.

Dated: April 29, 2005.

Bernice Slutsky,

Special Assistant to the Secretary for Biotechnology.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Research Service

Notice of Intent To Grant Exclusive License

AGENCY: Agricultural Research Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service (ARS), intends to grant to CoBatCo Inc. of Peoria, Illinois, an exclusive license to U.S. Patent No. 5,676,994, "Non-Separable Starch-Oil Compositions," issued on October 14, 1997 and to U.S. Patent No. 5,882,713, "Non-Separable Compositions of Starch and Water-Immiscible Organic Materials," issued

on March 16, 1999, for all animal food and feed applications, including but not limited to livestock feed and pet food. ARS also intends to grant to CoBatCo Inc. a license for all human food ingredient and food product applications. This is the third license granted by ARS for these inventions in this field of use. ARS intends to grant no additional licenses in this field of use. U.S. Patent No. 5,676,994 is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/233,173, and U.S. Patent No. 5,882,713 is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/233,173. Notice of Availability for U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/233,173 was published in the **Federal Register** on October 24, 1994.

DATES: Comments must be received within thirty (30) calendar days of the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to: USDA, ARS, Office of Technology Transfer, 5601 Sunnyside Avenue, Room 4-1174, Beltsville, Maryland 20705-5131.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: June Blalock of the Office of Technology Transfer at the Beltsville address given above; telephone: 301-504-5989.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Government's patent rights to this invention are assigned to the United States of America, as represented by the Secretary of Agriculture. It is in the public interest to so license this invention since CoBatCo Inc. has submitted a complete and sufficient application for a license. The prospective exclusive license will be royalty-bearing and will comply with the terms and conditions of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7. The prospective exclusive license may be granted unless, within thirty (30) days from the date of this published Notice, the Agricultural Research Service receives written evidence and argument which establishes that the grant of the license would not be consistent with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7.

Martha Steinbock,

Deputy Assistant Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request—Child and Adult Care Food Program: Permanent Agreements for Day Care Home Providers

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 (FNS) intention to request Office of Management and Budget (OMB) review of the information collection related to the Child and Adult Care Food Program, including adjustments to be made as a result of the final rule entitled Child and Adult Care Food Program: Permanent Agreements for Day Care Home Providers.

DATES: To be assured of consideration, comments must be received by July 5, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Send comments and requests for copies of this information collection to: Mr. Keith Churchill, Policy and Program Development Branch, Child Nutrition Division, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 636, Alexandria, Virginia 22302. Comments will also be accepted via E-Mail submission if sent to cmdproposal@fns.usda.gov.

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.

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: Mr. Keith Churchill, (703) 305-2590.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Child and Adult Care Food Program Regulations.

OMB Number: 0584-0055.

Expiration Date: June 30, 2007.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The Rule amends the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) regulations to implement section 119(d)(1) of the Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of 2004, Public Law 108-265, which stipulates that the agreement between a sponsoring organization and family or group day care home participating in the CACFP is permanent and remains in effect until terminated by either party. This change, which was effective on June 30, 2004, will reduce the administrative workload and paperwork burden of sponsoring organizations, by eliminating the periodic renewal of agreements with their family or group day care homes.

Estimate of Burden: There are currently 966 day care home sponsors in CACFP affected by this .083 reduction in burden hours. The provisions of 7 CFR 226.15(e) reduces the burden for the 966 sponsors of family day care homes. However, the provisions of 7 CFR 226.15(e) do not apply to the remaining 19,615 independent centers and sponsors of day care centers. Those 19,615 centers and sponsors still incur 6.083 hours of burden. Therefore, there is a decrease of 80 hours in the annual burden.

Number of Respondents: 2,980,467 respondents.

Average Number of Responses per Respondent: 2.21 response/respondent.

Total Annual Responses: 6,614,371 responses.

Estimated Time per Response: .87 hour.

Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 5,781,950 burden hours.

Dated: April 26, 2005.

Roberto Salazar,

Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Mills Creek—Iditarod Trail Hut-to-Hut System Project on the Chugach National Forest, Kenai Peninsula Borough, AK

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

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

SUMMARY: The USDA Forest Service will prepare an Environmental Impact

Statement (EIS) on a proposal from the Alaska Mountain and Wilderness Alaska Huts (Alaska Huts) to construct a backcountry hut-to-hut system traversing over 28 miles of trail and existing road. Approximately 16 new miles of trail would be constructed with this project. The majority of all components of this project will occur on Chugach National Forest land in the Kenai Peninsula Borough.

DATES: Comments concerning the scope of the analysis must be received by June 6, 2005.

The Draft EIS is expected to be filed with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and to be available for public review during the winter of 2005/2006. At that time, EPA will publish a Notice of Availability of the Draft EIS in the **Federal Register**. The comment period on the Draft EIS will be 45 days from the date the EPA publishes the Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register**. The Final EIS is scheduled to be completed in the summer of 2006.

ADDRESSES: Address all comments concerning this notice to the Chugach National Forest, ATTN: Hut-to-Hut, PO Box 390, Seward, AK 99664. E-mail comments may be sent to: *comments-alaska-chugach@fs.fed.us* [Subject: Hut-to-Hut].

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karen Kromrey, Seward Ranger District Public Services Staff, Chugach National Forest, (907) 224-4105.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The information presented in this notice is included to help the reviewer determine if they are interested in or potentially affected by the proposed action.

Background

Over the past seven years the Alaska Mountain and Wilderness Huts Association, a non profit organization, has expressed interest to the Chugach National Forest to establish a remote system of huts for skiing and hiking in the backcountry. Through the development of the Forest Plan a hut-to-hut system was determined to be desirable and incorporated into management area direction. In June 2002 the Chugach National Forest received a formal proposal from the Alaska Mountain and Wilderness Huts Association (Alaska Huts) requesting the issuance of a long term special use permit authorizing them to construct and operate four backcountry huts in the Ptarmigan Lake and Snow River drainage areas on the Kenai Peninsula. The Forest Service reviewed their proposal and through public involvement and the special uses screening process their proposed areas

were eliminated from consideration. The Alaska Huts submitted a revised proposal for a hut-to-hut system in the Mills Creek-Johnson Pass Trail-Center Creek areas, also on the Kenai Peninsula. The Forest accepted this proposal in November 2004.

Purpose and Need for Action

The Chugach National Forest Revised Land and Resource Management Plan (RFP) identified Recreational Opportunities, Access and Facilities as one of the major areas of emphasis to be accomplished through implementation of the RFP (RFP pgs 3-1, 3-7 to 3-9). This includes a wide range of diverse, quality, recreational opportunities including the need to better disperse recreational capacity by developing new facilities and trails in response to user demands. In addition, the RFP identified the need to provide recreation opportunities for interpretation and education through a variety of means both on and off the Forest (RFP pgs 3-8 to 3-9).

The purpose and need for this project is to:

1. *Provide additional remote recreational use facilities (huts) and trails that would extend the ability of the Kenai Peninsula to accommodate increased recreation use by drawing users away from the established road system, without diminishing the area's natural quality.* There is a need to provide more recreational capacity to meet the increase demand for developed recreational facilities for both summer and winter uses; provide new trails into undeveloped areas on the Kenai Peninsula to encourage recreation use away from the heavy concentrated use areas; and allow longer winter recreation trips to occur.

2. *Provide opportunities for interpretation and education as related to forest resources in the Mills Creek, Stormy Pass, Ohio Creek, and Center Creek areas.* There is a need to provide backcountry recreation users information, resource interpretation, and education about the histories about the Mills Creek, Stormy Pass, and Center Creek areas. Having overnight campers concentrated at designated huts provides the opportunity to reach users with interpretative and educational messages. In addition, Outfitted and Guided hikes into the huts would provide additional education about the natural resources of the area.

3. *Provide a viable, high quality and unique recreation experience.* There is a need to provide the permitted operator with a long-term (20-year) permit so the proponent can make the investment and business decisions needed to provide a