

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 should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB),

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) 720-8958.

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.

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Title: Animal Welfare.

OMB Control Number: 0579-0093.

Summary of Collection: The Laboratory Animal Welfare Act (AWA) (Pub. L. 89-544) enacted August 24, 1966, and amended December 24, 1970 (Pub. L. 91-579); April 22, 1976 (Pub. L. 94-279); and December 23, 1985 (Pub. L. 99-198) required the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to regulate the humane care and handling of most warm-blooded animals, including marine mammals, used for research or exhibition purposes, sold as pets, or transported in commerce. The legislation and its amendments were the result of extensive demand by organized animal welfare groups and private citizens requesting a Federal law to protect such animals. The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Animal Care (AC) has the responsibility to enforce the AWA and the provisions of 9 CFR, Chapter 1, Subchapter A, which implements the AWA.

Need and Use of the Information: APHIS will collect information to insure that animals used in research facilities or for exhibition purposes are provided humane care and treatment. The information is used to ensure those dealers, exhibitors, research facilities, carriers, etc., are in compliance with the Animal Welfare Act and regulations and

standards promulgated under this authority of the Act.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; Not for-profit institutions; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 11,687.

Frequency of Responses:

Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 47,815.

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Title: Importation of Tomatoes from Certain Central American Countries.

OMB Control Number: 0579-0286.

Summary of Collection: Under the Plant Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 7701 *et seq.*), the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to carry out operations or measures to detect, eradicate, suppress, control, prevent, or retard the spread of plant pests new to the United States or not known to be widely distributed throughout the United States. The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) allows certain types of tomatoes grown in approved registered production sites in Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua to be imported into the United States with treatment. The conditions are designed to prevent the introduction of quarantine pests into the United States, including trapping, pre-harvest inspection, and shipping procedures.

Need and Use of the Information: APHIS requires that each shipment of tomatoes must be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate issued by the National Plant Protection Organization and bearing the declaration, "These tomatoes were grown in an area recognized to be free of Medfly and the shipment has been inspected and found free of the pest listed in the requirements." Failure to collect this information would cripple APHIS' ability to ensure that peppers and tomatoes from Central America are not carrying fruit flies.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 24.

Frequency of Responses:

Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 287.

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Title: Importation of Shelled Peas from Kenya.

OMB Control Number: 0579-0302.

Summary of Collection: Under the Plant Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 7701 *et seq.*), the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to carry out operations or measures to detect, eradicate, suppress,

control, prevent, or retard the spread of plant pests new to the United States or not known to be widely distributed throughout the United States. The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) fruits and vegetables regulations allows the importation of shelled garden peas from Kenya into the continental United States while continuing to protect against the introduction of quarantined peas.

Need and Use of the Information:

APHIS requires that some plants or plant products be accompanied by a phytosanitary inspection certificate that is completed by plant health officials in the originating or transiting country. APHIS uses the information on the certificate to determine the pest condition of the shipment at the time of inspection in the foreign country. Without the information, all shipments would need to be inspected very thoroughly, thereby requiring considerably more time. This would slow the clearance of international shipments.

Description of Respondents: Federal Government.

Number of Respondents: 2.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 8.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Information Collection; Arctic National Wildlife Refuge Recreation Visitor Study

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Forest Service is seeking comments from all interested individuals and organizations on the new information collection: Arctic National Wildlife Refuge Recreation Visitor Study—2009.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing on or before October 26, 2009 to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: Comments concerning this notice should be addressed to Alan E. Watson, Aldo Leopold Wilderness Research Institute, Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Research Station, 790 E. Beckwith Ave., Missoula, MT 59801.

Comments also may be submitted via facsimile to 406-542-4196 or by e-mail to: awatson@fs.fed.us.

The public may inspect comments received at the Aldo Leopold Wilderness Research Institute, Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Research Station, 790 E. Beckwith Ave., Missoula, MT, during normal business hours. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead to 406-542-4197 to facilitate entry to the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Alan E. Watson, Aldo Leopold Wilderness Research Institute at 406-542-4197. Individuals who use TDD may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339, 24 hours a day, every day of the year, including holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Arctic National Wildlife Refuge Recreation Visitor Study—2009.

OMB Number: 0596-NEW.

Expiration Date of Approval: This information collection will expire 3 years from the date of OMB approval.

Type of Request: New.

Abstract: The Aldo Leopold Wilderness Research Institute in Missoula, Montana, works under an interagency agreement with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service of the U.S. Department of the Interior to provide information to support management planning for public wilderness areas and National Wildlife Refuge. Management of specific refuges is directed by laws, policies, and Comprehensive Conservation Plans. The Wilderness Act of 1964 directs the National Wilderness Preservation System be managed to protect natural wilderness conditions and to provide outstanding opportunities for the public to find solitude or primitive and unconfined types of recreational experiences. The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge contains 8 million acres of federally protected wilderness, the Molly Beattie Wilderness and over 11 million acres of land and water managed for multiple values including subsistence, wildlife, water quality, and scenic values. The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is also mandated to provide recreation experiences to visitors under a number of laws, including the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act, as amended by the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act, the Refuge Recreation Act, and the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act.

To help meet Federal agencies' mandates related to recreation, scientists at the Aldo Leopold Wilderness Research Institute

periodically monitor and report to managers and the public visitor use and user characteristics and visitor feedback on management actions on Federal lands. Agency personnel use the information to ensure that visitors' recreational activities do not harm natural resources of the refuge, and that recreation experiences in wilderness areas are protected.

In the 2009 survey, the Agency intends to record responses of visitors to the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in the same areas as the survey that was conducted in 1977, prior to the area attaining National Wildlife Refuge and wilderness area designation status. The Agency intends to expand the survey to include visitor feedback regarding major factors that influence the experiences in the area, including encounters with other visitors, subsistence use, research, administrative use, and availability of information needed to plan trips. The data from this information collection would be stored at the Aldo Leopold Wilderness Research Institute in Missoula, Montana. Scientists working at the Research Institute would conduct the data analysis.

The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service would use information from this collection to:

- (1) Understand visitor demographics, frequency of visits, and residence;
- (2) Understand visitor activities, such as whether they are hunting, river floating, method of access, size of group, difficulty in finding campsites, conditions encountered, and information available for trip planning;
- (3) Understanding how the Agency's management of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and other potential facilitating and constraining factors influence a visitor's recreation experience;
- (4) Understand how to educate recreation visitors so they do not leave impacts from their visits; such as wildlife disturbance, damaged vegetation, litter, and polluted lakes and streams, and can engage in high quality, and safe recreational experiences; and
- (5) Provide information that may assist in revision of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge Comprehensive Conservation Plan.

Respondents would be recreation visitors to the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Visitors would be contacted as they enter or exit the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and would be provided with a self-addressed, postage-pre-paid postcard that offers them alternative methods of response to the survey: (1) Mail the postcard to the Leopold Institute with a name and address to have the survey sent to them, (2) mail

the postcard to the Leopold Institute with an electronic e-mail address to obtain an electronic version of the survey, or (3) use the Web address on the postcard to access the survey. All responses would be voluntary and anonymous (names would not be connected with responses in any way). Data collected in this information collection are not available from other sources and have not been collected since 1977.

This study would only ask non-local recreation visitors, non-local, non-subsistence users questions about their recreation visit, their personal demographics relevant to provision of service and educational research, and factors that have influenced or are likely to influence their recreation visits. Survey respondents would be told that their responses are voluntary and would be anonymous. The survey will not include questions related to oil exploration or development in the boundaries of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

Estimate of Annual Burden: 20 minutes.

Type of Respondents: Individuals who use government facilities and services.

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 900.

Estimated Annual Number of Responses per Respondent: Once.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 300 hours.

Comment is invited on: (1) Whether this collection of information is necessary for the stated purposes and the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical or scientific utility; (2) the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the additional use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

All comments received in response to this notice, including names and addresses when provided, will be a matter of public record. Comments will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval.

Dated: August 13, 2009.

William J. Lange,

Acting Deputy Chief, Research & Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency

Food Aid Quality Improvement Report

AGENCY: Farm Service Agency, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Farm Service Agency (FSA) is making available the Food Aid Quality Project report prepared by Sharing Science and Technology to Aid in the Improvement of Nutrition (SUSTAIN). The report contains recommendations for improvements in the specifications, micronutrient composition, commodity sampling, and testing regimes for commodities procured by FSA for the U.S. international food assistance programs.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Howard Froehlich, Export Program Manager, phone: (202) 720-7398; mail: Farm Service Agency, USDA, ATTN: Howard Froehlich, Export Program Manager, Commodity Operations Divisions, STOP 0553, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-0553; e-mail: Howard.Froehlich@wdc.fsa.usda.gov; fax: (202) 690-3123. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication information (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TDD).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of this notice is to announce the availability of the Food Aid Quality Project report. The Food Aid Quality Project Report was undertaken to meet the objectives established jointly by USDA and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) to improve and ensure the quality, safety, nutrient delivery and shelf life of international food assistance provided by the U.S. Government to 56 countries worldwide. SUSTAIN, a nonprofit organization, conducted the project and provided the report that contains their findings and recommendations to USDA.

The public can access the published report through the Commodity Operations Web site at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=coop&topic=landing>.

USDA will continue to review the report and evaluate the

recommendations submitted by SUSTAIN and will consult with the Food Aid Consultative Group before actions are taken in response to the findings.

Signed at Washington, DC, on August 17, 2009.

Jonathan Coppess,

Administrator, Farm Service Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Housing Service

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Rural Utilities Service

Notice of Funds Availability Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, 2009; Correction

AGENCIES: Rural Housing Service, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, and Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; correction.

SUMMARY: The Rural Housing Service (RHS), Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS), and Rural Utilities Service (RUS) published a document in the Federal Register on July 23, 2009, at 74 FR 36448. The document did not provide a date for the comment period for the collection of information under the **DATES** section or the "Comments" under the Paperwork Reduction Act section.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Information regarding this correction should be directed to Cheryl Thompson, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, 202-692-0043.

Correction

In the **Federal Register** of July 23, 2009, in FR Doc. E9-17512, the corrections are as follows:

1. On page 36448, in the first column, at the end of the paragraph under **DATES**, add the following paragraph:

The comment period for information collection under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 continues through September 21, 2009. Comments on the paperwork burden must be received by this date to be assured of consideration.

2. On page 36450, in the second column, at the end of the paragraph under "Paperwork Reduction Act", add the following paragraph:

Comments

Comments are invited regarding: (a) Whether the proposed collection of

information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of Rural Development, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of Rural Development'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 Cheryl Thompson, Regulations and Management Branch, Support Services Division, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, STOP 0742, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250. All responses to this Notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also be a matter of public record.

Dated: August 18, 2009.

Dallas Tonsager,

Under Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Request for Proposals: Fiscal Year 2009 Funding Opportunity for Research on the Economic Impact of Cooperatives

AGENCY: Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.

ACTION: Initial notice of request for proposals.

SUMMARY: Rural Business-Cooperative Service programs are administered through USDA Rural Development. USDA Rural Development announces the availability of \$300,000 in competitive cooperative agreement funds for fiscal year (FY) 2009 to conduct research on the national economic impact of all types of cooperatives. USDA Rural Development hereby requests proposals from institutions of higher education interested in applying for a competitively awarded cooperative research agreement. This funding is a follow through on to funding awarded in FY 2006, FY 2007 and FY 2008, the intent of which was to encourage research on the critical issue of the