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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Doc. No. AMS-PY-11-0064]

Regulations for the Inspection of Eggs (Shell Egg Surveillance), Request for Extension and Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this document announces the Agricultural Marketing Service's (AMS) intention to request approval from the Office of Management and Budget, for an extension of and revision to a currently approved information collection in support of the shell egg surveillance portion of the Regulation for the Inspection of Eggs—7 CFR part 57.

DATES: Comments received by November 7, 2011 will be considered.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> or to David Bowden, Jr., Chief, Standards, Promotion & Technology Division; Poultry Programs, AMS, U.S. Department of Agriculture; 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Stop 0259; Washington, DC 20250-0259; fax (202) 720-2930. Comments should reference the document number (AMS-PY-11-0064) and the date and page number of this issue of the **Federal Register**. Comments will be available for public inspection at the above address during regular business hours, or can be viewed at: <http://www.regulations.gov>. All comments received will be posted without change, including any personal information provided.

All responses to this document will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All

comments will become a matter of public record.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Contact Sara Lutton, Standards, Promotion, & Technology Division; Poultry Programs, AMS, U.S. Department of Agriculture; 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Stop 0259; Washington, DC 20250-0259; phone (202) 720-0976; fax (202) 720-2930.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Regulations for the Inspection of Eggs (Egg Products Inspection Act).

OMB Number: 0581-0113.

Expiration Date of Approval: March 31, 2012.

Type of Request: Extension and revision of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: Congress enacted the Egg Products Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 1031-1056 (EPIA)) to provide, in part, a mandatory inspection program to control the disposition of dirty and checked shell eggs; to control unwholesome, adulterated, and inedible shell eggs that are unfit for human consumption; and to control the movement and disposition of imported shell eggs.

The EPIA authorizes the Department to issue regulations, to assure that only eggs fit for human food are used for such purposes.

Under the shell egg surveillance program, shell egg handlers are required to register with USDA. Quarterly, a State or Federal surveillance inspector visits each registered handler to verify that shell eggs packed for consumer use are in compliance, that restricted eggs are being disposed of properly, and that adequate records are being maintained.

The information and recordkeeping requirements in this request are essential to carry out the intent of Congress, to administer the mandatory inspection program, and to take regulatory action, in accordance with the regulations and the EPIA. The forms within this collection package require the minimum information necessary to effectively carry out the requirements of the regulations, and their use is necessary to fulfill the intent of the EPIA.

The information collected is used only by authorized representatives: AMS, Poultry Programs' national staff; regional directors and their staffs; Federal-State supervisors and their staffs; and resident Federal-State

graders, which includes State agencies. The information is used to assure compliance with the EPIA and the regulations and to facilitate regulatory action. The Agency is the primary user of the information; secondary users include each authorized State agency that have a cooperative agreement with AMS.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.31 hours per response.

Respondents: State or local governments, businesses or other for-profit, Federal agencies or employees, small businesses or organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 853.

Estimated Number of Responses: 6,274.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 7.35.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 1936.58.

Comments are invited on (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 assumption 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 on other forms of information technology.

Dated: September 2, 2011.

David Shipman,

Acting Administrator.

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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, intends to grant to Western Seed Multiplication, Inc. of Wadmalaw Island, South Carolina, an exclusive license to the cowpea variety described in Plant Variety Protection Certificate Number 200500007, "Whippersnapper," issued on September 20, 2007.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before October 11, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to: USDA, ARS, Office of Technology Transfer, 5601 Sunnyside Avenue, Rm. 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 rights in this plant variety 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 variety as Western Seed Multiplication, Inc. of Wadmalaw Island, South Carolina 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.

Richard J. Brenner,
Assistant Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Helena National Forest; Montana; Divide Travel Plan EIS

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

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

SUMMARY: The Helena National Forest is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to analyze the effects of proposed changes to the existing motorized public access routes and prohibitions within the Divide travel planning area for wheeled and over-snow motorized vehicles. Consistent with Forest Service travel planning regulations, the designated wheeled

motorized routes within the Divide Travel Planning Area will be displayed on a Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM) and made available to the public free of charge. Upon publishing the MVUM, public use of wheeled motor vehicles other than in accordance with designations would be prohibited.

DATES: Comments received as a result of the December 2008 scoping for the Divide Environmental Assessment will be included when compiling the comments received during this scoping process established by this Notice of Intent and do not need to be re-submitted. However, commenter will need to express interest during the upcoming Draft EIS 45 day comment period to participate in subsequent administrative review. Any new or additional comments concerning the scope of the analysis must be received by October 11, 2011. The draft environmental impact statement is expected October 2011 and the final environmental impact statement is expected mid winter 2012.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to the Helena National Forest, ATTN: Divide Travel Plan; 2880 Skyway Drive, Helena, MT 59602. Comments may also be sent via e-mail to: comments-northern-helena@fs.fed.us, or via facsimile to 406-449-5436 with "Divide Travel Plan" in the subject line.

It is important that reviewers provide their comments at such times and in such a way that they are useful to the Agency's preparation of the EIS. Therefore, comments should be provided prior to the close of the comment period and should clearly articulate the reviewer's concerns and contentions.

Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment, will become part of the public record for this proposed action. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered; however, anonymous comments will not provide the Agency with the ability to provide the respondent with subsequent environmental documents.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lori Wood, Helena District Ranger or Jaime Tompkins, Divide Travel Plan Interdisciplinary Team Leader at the Helena National Forest Supervisor's Office located at 2880 Skyway Drive, Helena, MT 59602, phone 406-449-5201 or at the HNF Web page at <http://www.fs.fed.us/R1/Helena>.

Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339

between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern Time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose and Need for Action

The overall objective of this proposal is to provide a manageable system of designated public motorized access routes and areas within the Divide area, consistent with and to achieve the purposes of Forest Service travel management regulations at 36 CFR part 212 subpart B. The existing system of available public motor vehicle routes and areas in the Divide area is the culmination of multiple agency decisions over recent decades. Public motor vehicle use of the majority of this available system continues to be manageable and consistent with the current travel management regulation. Exceptions have been identified, based on public input and the criteria listed at 36 CFR 212.55, and in these cases changes are proposed to meet the overall objectives.

Proposed Action

The HNF proposes the following changes to the existing motorized public access routes and prohibitions within the Divide travel planning area. These proposed changes would: reduce open road densities, reduce the total miles of open roads, and reduce the miles of motorized routes in two of the four Inventoried Roadless Areas (IRAs) within the project area (Jericho Mountain and Electric Peak). No areas would be designated for off-route wheeled motorized use other than the limited acceptance for dispersed camping and parking. Consistent with the travel planning regulations at 36 CFR 212 Subpart B, the resulting available public motorized access routes and areas would be designated on a Motor Vehicle Use Map and public use of a motor vehicle other than in accordance with those designations would be prohibited as per 36 CFR 261.13. Following are the proposed changes within the Divide Planning Area:

- Close approximately 40 miles of roads to wheeled motorized vehicles year-long. Approximately 30 miles are currently open to highway legal vehicles year-long with no restrictions, and approximately 10 miles are open for part of the year with restrictions and different dates.

- Open approximately 106 miles of road to over-snow motorized use 12/2—5/15. Approximately 64 miles of these routes are in areas where cross country over-snow use is already permissible. Approximately 42 miles of the 106 miles are currently open; however, the use period dates are different.