

the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technology. Comments may be sent to: David M. Smallwood, Deputy Director for Food Assistance Research, Food and Rural Economics Division, Economic Research Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1800 M Street, NW, Room N-2130, Washington, DC 20036-5831.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: November 16, 1998.

Betsey Kuhn,

Director, Food and Rural Economics Division.
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Economic Research Service

Notice of Intent to Seek Approval to Collect Information

AGENCY: Economic Research Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13) and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations at 5 CFR part 1320 (60 FR 44978, August 29, 1995), this notice announces the Economic Research Service's (ERS) intention to request approval for a new information collection on supplemental food security questions for the April 1999 Current Population Survey. These data will be used to develop a scale of household level food security in the United States, to assess changes in food security for population subgroups, to assess performance of domestic food assistance programs, and to provide information to aid in public policy decision making.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by January 22, 1999 to be assured of consideration.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS: Contact David M. Smallwood, Deputy Director for Food Assistance Research, Food and Rural Economics Division, Economic Research Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1800 M Street NW Room S-2130, Washington, D.C. 20036-5831, 202-694-5466.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Application for April Food Security Supplement to the Current Population Survey, 1999.

Type of Request: Approval to collect information on household food insecurity.

Abstract: The U.S. Bureau of the Census will supplement the April 1999 Current Population Survey with questions regarding household food shopping, food sufficiency, coping mechanisms and food scarcity, and concern about food sufficiency. A similar supplement was also appended to the CPS in April 1995, September 1996, April 1997, and August 1998.

ERS is responsible for conducting studies and evaluations of the Nation's food assistance programs that are administered by the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), U.S. Department of Agriculture. The Department spends about \$37 billion each year to ensure access to nutritious, healthful diets for all Americans. The Food and Nutrition Service administers the 15 food assistance programs of the USDA including Food Stamps, Child Nutrition, and WIC programs. These programs, which serve 1 in 6 Americans, represent our nation's commitment to the principle that no one in our country should fear hunger or experience want. They provide a safety net to people in need. The programs' goals are to provide needy persons with access to a more nutritious diet, to improve the eating habits of the nation's children, and to help America's farmers by providing an outlet for the distribution of food purchased under farmer assistance authorities.

These data will be used to develop a scale of food security reflecting a range from food secure households through households experiencing severe food insecurity. Ultimately, this scale will be used to identify the prevalence of poverty-linked food insecurity and hunger experienced in the United States. The purpose of this project is to provide a consistent measure of the extent and severity of food insecurity that will aid in policy decision making. The supplemental survey instrument has been developed in conjunction with food security experts nationwide as well as survey method experts within the Census Bureau. This supplemental information will be collected by both personal visit and telephone interviews in conjunction with the regular monthly CPS interviewing. All interviews, whether by personal visit or by telephone, are conducted using computers.

Estimates of Burden: Public reporting burden for this data collection is estimated to average 10 minutes.

Respondents: Individuals or households.

Estimated number of Respondents: 50,000.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on respondents: 8,330 hours.

Copies of the information to be collected can be obtained from David M. Smallwood, Deputy Director for Food Assistance Research, Food and Rural Economics Division, Economic Research Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1800 M Street NW Room 2130, Washington, DC 20036-5831, 202-694-5466.

Comments: 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; (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 David M. Smallwood, Deputy Director for Food Assistance Research, Food and Rural Economics Division, Economic Research Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1800 M Street NW Room 2130, Washington, D.C. 20036-5831, 202-694-5466. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: November 5, 1998.

Betsey Kuhn,

Director, Food and Rural Economy Division.
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

John Day/Snake Resource Advisory Council, Hells Canyon Subgroup

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Hells Canyon Subgroup of the John Day/Snake Resource Advisory Council will meet on December 14 and 15, 1998 at the Wallowa Mountains Office of the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest, 88401 Highway 82 in Enterprise, Oregon. The meeting will begin at 9:00

a.m. and continue until 5:00 p.m. the first day and will begin at 7:30 a.m. and continue until 12:00 p.m. on the second day. Agenda items to be covered include: (1) Consensus process and conflict of interest discussion; (2) Program of work; (3) Information about the Hells Canyon National Recreation Area; (4) Baseline information on the associated plans of the Hells Canyon National Recreation Area; (5) Open public forum. All meetings are open to the public. Public comments will be received at 1:00 p.m. on December 14.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Direct questions regarding this meeting to Kendall Clark, Area Ranger, USDA, Hells Canyon National Recreation Area, 88401 Highway 82, Enterprise, OR 97828, 541-426-5501.

Dated: November 16, 1998.

Kendall Clark,

Area Ranger.

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ARCHITECTURAL AND TRANSPORTATION BARRIERS COMPLIANCE BOARD

Electronic and Information Technology Access Advisory Committee; Meeting

AGENCY: Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (Access Board) has established an advisory committee to assist it in developing a proposed rule on accessibility standards for electronic and information technology covered by the Rehabilitation Act Amendments of 1998. This document gives notice of the dates, times, and location of the next meeting of the Electronic and Information Technology Access Advisory Committee (Committee).

DATES: The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for December 1 and 2, 1998, beginning at 9:30 a.m. and ending at 5:00 p.m. each day.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at 1331 F Street, NW., Washington, DC, in the third floor training room.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Doug Wakefield, Office of Technical and Information Services, Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board, 1331 F Street, NW., suite 1000, Washington, DC 20004-1111. Telephone number (202) 272-5434 extension 39 (Voice); (202) 272-5449 (TTY). E-mail address:

wakefield@access-board.gov. This document is available in alternate formats (cassette tape, Braille, large print, or computer disk) upon request. This document is also available on the Board's Internet Site at <http://www.access-board.gov/notices/eitaacmtg.htm>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On September 28, 1998, the Access Board published a notice appointing 23 members to its Electronic and Information Technology Access Advisory Committee (Committee). 63 FR 51891 (September 28, 1998). The Committee will make recommendations to the Access Board on accessibility standards for electronic and information technology covered by the Rehabilitation Act Amendments of 1998. The Committee is composed of Federal agencies and Federal contractors; the electronic and information technology industry; organizations representing the access needs of individuals with disabilities; and other persons affected by accessibility standards for electronic and information technology. At its first meeting on October 15 and 16, 1998, the Committee took the following actions:

- Added Compaq Computers, Pitney Bowes, Sun Microsystems, and the Information Technology Industry Council to the Committee;
- Formed three subcommittees. One subcommittee will examine the definitions needed for the recommended standards. Another subcommittee will examine the various functions that are performed by electronic and information technology. These functions include creating, processing, transmitting, and interacting with information and the technology involved. A third subcommittee will begin the process of classifying the variety of products covered by the standards into product families;
- Created a listserv to facilitate communications between meetings. To subscribe to the listserv send an e-mail message to: listproc@trace.wisc.edu; and
- Established a schedule of meeting dates. The Committee will meet again on January 5-6, 1999; February 8-9, 1999; March 29-30, 1999; and, May 11-12, 1999.

The meetings are open to the public. There will be a public comment period each day for persons interested in presenting their views to the Committee. The facility is accessible to individuals with disabilities. Sign language interpreters, assistive listening systems

and real-time transcription will be available.

Lawrence W. Roffee,

Executive Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

DOC has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

Bureau: International Trade Administration.

Title: Advocacy Questionnaire.

Agency Form Number: ITA-4133P.

OMB Number: 0625-0220.

Type of Request: Revision-Regular submission.

Number of Respondents: 200.

Avg. Hours per Response: 30 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The Department of Commerce, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed revisions to the Advocacy Questionnaire used by the Trade Promotion Coordination Committee (TPCC) Advocacy Network to evaluate requests for U.S. Government (USG) advocacy in connection with overseas bids and proposals. The International Trade Administration's Advocacy Center marshals federal resources to assist U.S. firms competing for foreign government procurements worldwide. The mission of the Advocacy Center is to promote U.S. exports and create U.S. jobs and coordinate USG advocacy among the TPCC. The Advocacy Center is under the umbrella of the TPCC, which is chaired by the Secretary of Commerce and includes 19 federal agencies involved in export promotion. The TPCC is tasked with assessing USG advocacy in order to achieve increased exports and jobs for American workers. The purpose of the Advocacy Questionnaire is to collect the information necessary to make an evaluation as to whether a U.S. firm qualifies for USG advocacy assistance. The Advocacy Center, appropriate ITA officials, our U.S. Embassies worldwide, and other federal government agencies (the Advocacy Network) that provide advocacy support to U.S. firms, will require U.S. firm(s) seeking USG advocacy support to complete the Questionnaire.

Affected Public: Companies that desire USG advocacy.

Frequency: On occasion.