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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request—Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program—Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (D-SNAP)

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 the proposed collection. This is a revision of a currently approved collection. The Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act and the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 provides the Secretary of Agriculture with the authority to develop a Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (D-SNAP) to address the needs of families temporarily in need of food assistance after a disaster. The information collection under this notice is required for the establishment and operation of a D-SNAP.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before July 28, 2015.

ADDRESSES: 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 shall 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 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 Sasha Gersten-Paal, Chief, Certification Policy Branch, Program Development Division, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 812, Alexandria, VA 22302. Comments may also be faxed to the attention of Ms. Gersten-Paal at (703) 305-2507 or via email to Sasha.Gersten-Paal@fns.usda.gov.

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 FNS during regular business hours (8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday) located at 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 800, Alexandria, Virginia, 22302.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information should be directed to Ms. Gersten-Paal at (703) 305-2507.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (D-SNAP).

OMB Number: 0584-0336.

Expiration Date: 10/31/2015.

Type of Request: Revision previously approved collection.

Abstract: Pursuant to the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, Public Law 100-707, and Section 5(h) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, 7 U.S.C. 2014(h), the Secretary of Agriculture has the authority to develop a Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (D-SNAP) to address the temporary food needs of people following a disaster. The information collected under this notice is required from State agencies in order to receive approval from the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) to operate a D-SNAP.

D-SNAP is a program that is separate from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and is conducted for a specific period of time. In order for a State to request to operate a D-SNAP, an affected area in the State must have received a Presidential declaration of "Major Disaster" with

Individual Assistance. Once the declaration is in place, the State submits a request to operate a D-SNAP to FNS. FNS reviews the request to ensure that all the necessary requirements to conduct D-SNAP are met. Upon approval of a D-SNAP, FNS provides the State support in their D-SNAP efforts through policy guidance, training and technical assistance. Since each disaster demands a separate D-SNAP program, a State can submit multiple requests to FNS to operate multiple D-SNAPs.

The number of disasters that occur annually and the average number of households affected by the disasters cannot be predicted. During the period from fiscal year 2009 through fiscal year 2014, the number of State requests for disaster programs ranged from 3 to 23 requests per year. The information collection under this reporting burden is limited to the burden experienced by State agencies in preparing and submitting their requests to operate D-SNAPs to FNS. FNS does not have a standardized form for D-SNAP requests at this time, due to the dynamic nature of emergency situations and the need to quickly respond to the requesting State agency; therefore, State agencies are required to submit their request to operate D-SNAPs to FNS via email or fax. The burden associated with the actual operation of D-SNAPs, including the processing of applications from households affected by disasters, is included under OMB information collection 0584-0064, titled 'SNAP Forms: Applications, Periodic Reporting, Notices' (expiration date 04/30/2016), which includes all information collection activities associated with the certification of participating and applicant households. The D-SNAP participation and issuance form FNS-292-B, Report of Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Benefit Issuance, is covered under the OMB information collection 0584-0037 (expiration date: 08/31/2017) and will not be reflected in this submission.

FNS estimates that approximately 10 hours of State personnel time are required to prepare D-SNAP application requests. The burden associated with preparing requests to operate a D-SNAP does not vary significantly from disaster to disaster and is relatively independent of the scope of the disaster. Major disasters require little additional

document preparation time than relatively minor disasters. FNS estimates an average of 9 State agencies will submit 1 D–SNAP application per year to operate D–SNAPs for a total annual request of 9 applications per year (this is a decrease from an average of 14 applications per year). We further estimate it will take approximately 10

hours of State agency personnel time to prepare each application, for a total annual burden estimate average of 90 burden hours per year. These revised estimates reflect a slight decrease since the last OMB approval.

Summary of Burden Hours

Affected Public: State agencies and local governments.

Estimated Total Annual Number of Respondents: 9.

Estimated Frequency of Responses per Respondents: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 9.

Estimated Total Hours per Response: 10.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 90.

OMB No. 0584–0336 Affected public	Estimated total annual number of respondents	Estimated frequency of responses per respondents	Estimated total annual responses	Estimated total hours per response	Estimated total annual burden hours
Reporting Burden State Agencies	9	1	9	10	90
Total Annual Burden Estimate	9	1	9	10	90

Dated: May 19, 2015.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest, Wisconsin, Townsend Project

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

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

SUMMARY: The Forest Service will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) to document the analysis and disclose the environmental impacts of proposed land management activities and corresponding alternatives within the Townsend Project. The purpose of the Townsend Project is to implement land management activities that are consistent with direction in the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest 2004 Land and Resources Management Plan (forest plan) and respond to the specific needs identified in the project area. The project-specific needs include: species diversity, wildlife habitat, stream bank improvement, forest age, forest composition, and stocking.

DATES: Comments concerning the scope of the analysis must be received by June 29, 2015 in order to have standing for objection. The draft environmental impact statement is expected on January 2016 and the final environmental impact statement is expected on April 2016.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Marilee Houtler, ATTN: Townsend Project, Lakewood-Laona Ranger District, 15085 State Road 32,

Lakewood, WI 54138. Comments may also be sent via email to *comments-eastern-chequamegon-nicolet-lakewood@fs.fed.us*, or via facsimile to 715–276–3594.

Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be part of the public record for the 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:

Marilee Houtler, NEPA Coordinator at the above address or by phone at 715–276–6333.

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: The information presented in this notice is included to help the reviewer determine if they are interested in or potentially affected by the proposed land management activities. The information presented in the notice is summarized. Those who wish to provide comments or are otherwise interested in or affected by the projects are encouraged to obtain additional information from the contact listed above.

Purpose and Need for Action

The current conditions of many stands in the project area varies from desired conditions in the forest plan. Our information shows some of the more notable gaps between the existing and desired conditions by management area. Of primary importance is the need for change in: wildlife habitat, stream

improvement, species age structure, species composition, and stocking densities.

Proposed Action

Projected project implementation would be fall 2016. The Townsend Project is located on National Forest System lands, administered by the Lakewood-Laona Ranger District, west of Townsend. The legal description of the project is Townships 32–34 North and Ranges 14 and 15 East. The Forest Service proposes to improve wildlife habitat, remove short-lived species along streams, and use timber harvest (selection, thin, clearcut, and shelterwood) to move the area toward the desired conditions.

Responsible Official

The responsible official for this project is Lakewood-Laona District Ranger, Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest.

Nature of Decision To Be Made

Decision making will be limited to specific activities relating to the proposed actions. The primary decision to be made will be whether or not to implement the proposed action, no action, another alternative, or parts of alternatives that respond to the projects purpose and need. This decision would be documented in a record of decision.

Scoping Process

This notice of intent initiates the scoping process, which guides the development of the EIS. The 45 day comment period will start after the publication in the **Federal Register** of the Notice of Availability for the Townsend Project Draft EIS.

It is important that reviewers provide their comments at such times and in such manner that they are useful to the agency's preparation of the