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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Specialty Crop Committee was established in accordance with the Specialty Crops Competitiveness Act of 2004 under Title III, Section 303 of Public Law 108-465. This Committee is a permanent subcommittee of the National Agricultural Research Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board (the Board). The Committee's charge is to study the scope and effectiveness of research, extension, and economics programs affecting the specialty crop industry. The congressional legislation defines "specialty crops" as fruits, vegetables, tree nuts, dried fruits and nursery crops (including floriculture).

In order to carry out its responsibilities effectively, the Committee is holding a stakeholder listening session. The listening session will elicit stakeholder input from industry and state representatives, national organizations and institutions, local producers, and other groups interested in the issues with which the Specialty Crop Committee is charged. This session will be an opportunity to share ideas on the specialty crop industry with members of USDA's Specialty Crop Committee, including: measures designed to improve the efficiency, productivity, and profitability of specialty crop production in the United States; measures designed to improve competitiveness through research, extension, and economics programs affecting the specialty crop industry; and programs that would: enhance quality and shelf-life, development of new crop protection tools, preventing foreign invasive pests and diseases, developing new and improved marketing tools, and enhancing food safety, improvement of mechanization of production practices, and enhancing irrigation techniques. Input received will help formulate recommendations from the Specialty Crop Committee to USDA.

Written comments by attendees and other interested stakeholders will be welcomed as additional public input by December 21, 2015. All verbal and written statements will become part of the official public record of the REE Advisory Board Office.

Done at Washington, DC, this 24th day of November 2015.

Catherine E. Woteki,

Under Secretary, Research, Education, and Economics, Chief Scientist, USDA.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Food and Nutrition Service**

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request—Follow Up to an Assessment of the Roles and Effectiveness of Community-Based Organizations in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

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 this proposed information collection. This is a revision of an existing collection for the Food and Nutrition Service to describe the roles of community-based organizations (CBOs) in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and to assess if, and how, the use of CBOs to conduct SNAP applicant interviews has impacted SNAP program outcomes such as timeliness, payment error rates, access, and client satisfaction across five (5) States.

DATES: Written comments on this notice must be received on or before February 1, 2016.

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 will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's burden estimate for the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions that were used; (c) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, and (d) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected.

Comments may be sent to: Rosemarie Downer, Food and Nutrition Service/ U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 1014,

Alexandria, VA 22302. Comments may also be submitted via fax to the attention of Rosemarie Downer at 703-305-2576 or via email to rosemarie.downer@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 the Food and Nutrition Service during regular business hours (8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday) at 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 1014, Alexandria, Virginia 22302.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of this information collection should be directed to Rosemarie Downer at 703-305-2129. Information requests submitted through email should refer to the title of this proposal.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Follow Up to an Assessment of the Roles and Effectiveness of Community-Based Organizations in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

OMB Number: 0584-0578.

Form Number: Not Applicable.

Expiration Date: May 31, 2016.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approval information collection.

Abstract: To provide more timely and efficient services to the growing number of applicants to SNAP, State and local SNAP offices are partnering with CBOs that have the capacity to provide application assistance and conduct applicant interviews for SNAP across five (5) States. FNS has approved these partnerships as part of a demonstration of "Community Partner Interviewer Projects." In 2015, FNS released a report that assessed whether the use of CBOs to conduct SNAP applicant interviews had an impact on SNAP program performance. Specific program outcomes included efficiency, payment accuracy and client satisfaction. FNS has extended the demonstration projects, and to further assess the impact of these SNAP-CBO partnerships on SNAP program outcomes, FNS is seeking to collect additional data from the five States that are participating in the demonstration.

The information collection plan for this follow-up includes a satisfaction survey to be completed by SNAP

participants who were interviewed by CBO staff at the time of application or recertification for SNAP, and program administration data (error rates, timeliness, payment accuracy, and eligibility determination) from the five participating States. FNS' data collection strategy aims to maximize both efficiency and data quality. The participant satisfaction survey will take no more than five minutes. FNS will use the information collected to evaluate whether the 10 Community Partner Interviewer projects have helped to improve SNAP access and performance.

Affected Public: 3,452 Individuals and Households (3,384 Respondent & 68 Non-Respondent type SNAP participants).

Estimated Number of Respondents: 3,384.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Response: 3,384.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 0.08 hours (4.8 minutes).

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 272.08 burden hours.

Affected Public: State Agencies.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 5 States.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 2.

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 10.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 10 burden hours.

Affected Public: Business-for-not-for-Profit (Respondent type: Community-Based Organizations (CBOs)).

Estimated Number of Respondents: 10.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 338.40.

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 3,384.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 0.08.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 270.40.

FNS is requesting 552.48 burden hours.

There is no recordkeeping requirements involved in this data collection.

Dated: November 24, 2015.

Yvette S. Jackson,

Acting Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest and Ashley National Forest; Utah; High Uintas Wilderness Domestic Sheep Analysis

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

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

SUMMARY: In 2007, the Wasatch-Cache National Forest, now the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest (UWCNF), along with other forests in the Nation issued a number of decisions reissuing term grazing permits on range allotments using a provisional categorical exclusion (CE) authorized by Congress. In 2010, the United States Forest Service was sued for authorizing grazing on allotments using this CE authority. In December 2013, the Intermountain Region and the United States District Court for the District Court of Idaho agreed to the Range CE settlement agreement. This agreement stipulated that the UWCNF would issue a scoping notice by May 2014 on five domestic sheep allotments.

These were Gilbert Peak, Hessie Lake-Henry's Fork, Red Castle, East Fork Blacks Fork, and the Middle Fork Blacks Fork allotments. In reviewing the management of these domestic sheep allotments it became apparent that the effects of grazing had to be considered for both the north and south slope of the Uinta Mountains because sheep trailed from the north slope of the Uinta Mountains to the south slope for the summer grazing season. Therefore, the analysis was then extended to include the Painter Basin, Tungsten, Oweep, Ottoson Basin, and Fall Creek sheep allotments on the Ashley National Forest, which are some of the domestic sheep allotments on the south slope of the Uinta Mountains.

Since 2007, various species of terrestrial and aquatic animals as well as plants have been added to or removed from the Regional Forester's Sensitive Species (RFSS) list. The RFSS will be analyzed as part of the EIS.

In May of 2014, scoping was initiated for this project; at that time, it was anticipated that the project would be completed as an Environmental Assessment. Since then, it has become apparent that there is a potential for significant impacts and that an Environmental Impact Statement is needed. This project will evaluate the effects of continued domestic sheep grazing on these 10 allotments. These 10 sheep allotments located on the north

and south slopes of the Uinta Mountains and are located in the Ashley or Uinta-Wasatch-Cache NFs.

DATES: Comments concerning the scope of the analysis must be received by December 31, 2015. The draft environmental impact statement is expected around November, 2016 and the final environmental impact statement is expected around October, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to David Whittekiend, Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest Supervisor at 857 West South Jordan Parkway, South Jordan, UT 84095. Comments may also be sent via email to comments-intermtn-ashley@fs.fed.us or comments-intermtn-uwc@fs.fed.us, or via facsimile to 801-253-8118.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul Cowley, Interdisciplinary Team Leader, at the Uinta-Wasatch Cache Supervisor's Office (telephone: 801-999-2177; email: pcowley@fs.fed.us).

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose and Need for Action

In response to the requirements of the 2013 settlement, the UWC is required to reassess the effects of domestic sheep grazing on the Gilbert Peak, Hessie Lake-Henry's Fork, Red Castle, East Fork Blacks Fork, and the Middle Fork Blacks Fork allotments. As such there is a need to respond to the requirements of the 2013 settlement. Since the Ashley NF neighbors those allotments to the south (Painter Basin, Tungsten, Oweep, Ottoson Basin, and Fall Creek), and domestic sheep utilize both the north and south slopes of the High Uintas, it was determined that an analysis of all 10 allotments was needed.

With the addition of new species to the RFSS,¹ the Forest Service must design and manage projects when they are initiated and implemented to account for impacts to those species.²

¹ RFSS are "those plant and animal species identified by a regional forester for which population viability is a concern . . ." (FSM 2670.5).

² Forest Service Manual 2670.32 required that the Forests "Avoid or minimize impacts to species whose viability has been identified as a concern." The Forests are also required to "Analyze, if impacts cannot be avoided, the significance of potential adverse effects on the population or its habitat within the area of concern and on the species as a whole. (The line officer, with project approval authority, makes the decision to allow or

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