

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE****Food and Nutrition Service****Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request—FDPIR Nutrition Paraprofessional Training Assessment for Indian Tribal Organizations**

**AGENCY:** Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**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 collection is a new information collection for the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations.

**DATES:** Written comments on this notice must be received on or before September 19, 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 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 that were 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 use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to Akua White, Nutritionist, Nutrition Services and Access Branch USDA, Food and Nutrition Service, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 508, Alexandria, VA 22302-1500. Comments may also be sent via fax to the attention of Akua White at 703-305-2964 or via email to [Akua.White@fns.usda.gov](mailto:Akua.White@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 responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments will be a matter of public record.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans, contact Akua

White, Nutritionist, Nutrition Services and Access Branch, USDA, Food and Nutrition Service, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 508, Alexandria, VA 22301-1500. Fax: 703-305-2964; Email: [Akua.White@fns.usda.gov](mailto:Akua.White@fns.usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* FDPIR Nutrition Paraprofessional Training Assessment for Indian Tribal Organizations.  
*Form Number:* N/A.  
*OMB Number:* 0584-NEW.  
*Expiration Date of Approval:* Not yet determined.

*Type of Information Collection Request:* New information collection.

*Abstract:* The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) administers the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) as an alternative to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), providing USDA-purchased foods (*i.e.*, USDA Foods) to income eligible households on Indian reservations and to Native American families residing in designated areas near reservations and in the State of Oklahoma. As of April 2016, 102 Indian Tribal Organizations (ITOs) and three State Agencies (SAs) administer FDPIR, providing foods to approximately 276 tribes and including just under 93,000 participants. The Food Distribution Division at FNS is considering developing and delivering a nutrition paraprofessional training program for Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservation staff within Indian Tribal Organizations (ITOs). The objective of the FDPIR Nutrition Paraprofessional Training Assessment for Indian Tribal Organizations is to provide FNS with information of the best way to deliver the training to staff. Specifically, the FDPIR Nutrition Paraprofessional Training Assessment for Indian Tribal Organizations will help FNS to:

- Assess interest in a paraprofessional training project
  - Determine the nutrition training topics that are most valued by ITOs and FDPIR staff
  - Determine the most effective and culturally relevant format for training
  - Determine the motivational factors for staff that might influence their participation in nutrition training
- The activities to be undertaken subject to this notice include:
- Conducting open-ended interviews with FDPIR directors from 23 ITOs
  - Conducting open-ended interviews with key FDPIR staff from these same 23 ITOs
  - Conducting open-ended interviews with 15 key stakeholders considered expert representatives of FDPIR, ITOs, and/or experts in nutrition training

*Affected Public:* State, Local, and Tribal Governments (23 selected ITOs).

*Type of Respondents:* The total estimated number of respondents is 95. This figure includes 61 respondents and 34 non-respondents. Also included are ITOs on "standby" for the selected ITOs who do not respond or who elect not to participate. Standby ITOs will be contacted in the event that selected ITOs do not respond or choose not to participate.

The initial sample will consist of 36 ITO Directors. Assuming that 80 percent respond to the invitation email, the resulting respondent sample will include approximately 29 ITO Directors. Of the ITO Directors accepting the invitation to participate in telephone interviews, 80 percent (approximately 23) are expected to participate. In-depth interviews will be conducted with the 23 ITO Directors (with an expected 100 percent response rate).

Interviews with ITO Directors will yield a sample of 36 FDPIR Staff. Assuming that 80 percent respond to the invitation email, the resulting respondent sample will include approximately 29 FDPIR Staff. Of the FDPIR Staff accepting the invitation to participate in telephone interviews, 80 percent (approximately 23) are expected to participate. In-depth interviews will be conducted with the 23 FDPIR Staff (with an expected 100 percent response rate).

The initial sample of Key Stakeholders will consist of 23 individuals. Assuming that 65 percent respond to the invitation email, the resulting sample will include approximately 19 individuals. In-depth interviews will be conducted with the 15 Key Stakeholders (with an expected response rate of 80 percent). The 34 non-respondents include 13 ITO Directors, 13 FDPIR Staff, and 8 Key Stakeholders.

*Estimated Number Total Annual Respondents and Non-Respondents:* 95.  
*Estimated Total Annual Responses:* 251 (183 responses and 68 non-responses).

*Estimated Average Annual Frequency of Response (including non-response):* 1.92 (183 responses/95 respondents).

*Estimate of Time per Response:* Burden per response (including responses from respondents participating in part and in full and the non-respondents) in this data collection is an estimated grand average of 0.51 (93.9 total burden hours/183 total responses). For the respondents, the average time per response is 0.52 (95 burden hours/183 responses) This estimates ninety (90) minutes per interview including fifteen (15) minutes

for notification, scheduling, and interview instrument review; sixty (60) minutes for interviews per FDPIR director, staff member, and key stakeholder; and fifteen (15) minutes for follow-up and thank you emails. For the

non-respondents, the average time per non-response is 0.05 (3.1 burden hours/68 non-responses). This estimates three (3) minutes per non-response for each data collection activity including pre-interview notification, interview and

post-interview thank you emails for each category of non-respondents.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden (including respondents and non-respondents): 93.90 hours.*

Table 1: Estimated annual burden for FDPIR Nutrition Paraprofessional Training Assessment

Affected Public	Respondent Type	Data Collection Activity	Total Sample Size	RESPONDENTS					NON-RESPONDENTS					Grand Total Burden Estimate (Hours)	
				Number of Respondents	Frequency of Response	Total Annual Responses	Average Time per Response	Total Annual Burden Estimate (Hours)	Estimated Number of Non-respondents	Frequency of Non-Response	Total Annual Non-Responses	Average Time Per Non-Response (Hours)	Total Annual Burden Estimate (Hours)		
State, Local or Tribal Agencies	FDPIR Directors	Pre-interview notification	36	23	1	23	0.25	5.75	13	1	13	0.05	0.65	5.9	
		Pre-interview notification (participants on standby)	29	0	1	0	0	0	7	1	7	0.05	0.35	0.35	
		Interviews	29	23	1	23	1.00	23.00	6	1	6	0.05	0.30	23.30	
		Post-interview thank you emails	23	23	1	23	0.25	5.75	0	1	0	0.05	0.00	5.75	
	FDPIR Staff	Pre-interview notification	36	23	1	23	0.25	5.25	13	1	13	0.05	0.65	5.9	
		Pre-interview notification (Participants on standby)	29	0	1	0	0	0	7	1	7	0.05	0.35	0.35	
		Interviews	29	23	1	23	1.00	23.00	6	1	6	0.05	0.3	23.3	
		Post-interview thank you emails	23	23	1	23	0.25	5.75	0	1	0	0.05	0.00	5.75	
	Key Stakeholders	Pre-interview notification	23	15	1	15	0.25	3.75	8	1	8	0.05	0.40	4.15	
		Pre-interview notification /Participants on standby)	19	0	1	0	0	0	4	1	4	0.05	0.2	0.2	
		Interviews	19	15	1	15	1.00	15.00	4	1	4	0.05	0.20	15.20	
		Post-interview thank you emails	15	15	1	15	0.25	3.75	0	1	0	0.05	0.00	3.75	
	<b>Totals</b>			<b>95</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>0.05</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>93.90</b>

Dated: July 6, 2016.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

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#### Final Directive for National Saw Program

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of final directive.

**SUMMARY:** The Forest Service is publishing a final directive revising Forest Service Manual (FSM) 2350 to establish training, evaluation, and certification requirements for the use of chain saws and crosscut saws on National Forest System (NFS) lands. In addition, the Agency is revising Forest Service Handbook (FSH) 6709.11, section 22.48 (Safety Handbook), to remove duplicate text. The final directive applies to the use of chain saws and crosscut saws by Forest Service and other governmental employees, volunteers, training consultants, and cooperators on NFS lands.

**DATES:** The final directive is effective July 19, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** The record for this final directive is available for inspection and copying at the office of the Director, Recreation, Heritage, and Volunteer Resources Staff, USDA, Forest Service, 5th Floor, Sidney R. Yates Federal Building, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC, during regular business hours (8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.) Monday through Friday, except holidays. Those wishing to inspect these documents are encouraged to call ahead at (202) 205-1227 to facilitate access to the building.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jonathan Stephens, National Trails Program Manager, (202) 205-1701 or [jstephens02@fs.fed.us](mailto:jstephens02@fs.fed.us). Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service at (800) 877-8339 between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### 1. Background and Need for the Final Directive

Beginning in the 1970s, the Forest Service's nine regions developed regional policies related to sawyer

training and saw use. Sawyers covered by those policies often maintained trails on national forests and grasslands, helped fight wildfires, and worked in wilderness where crosscut saws are required. Forest Service and other governmental employees, cooperators, training consultants, and volunteers who worked in more than one region had to comply with multiple regional policies, and certifications obtained in one region were not always honored in another.

A national saw directive is needed to standardize training, evaluation, certification, and safety procedures for sawyers operating on NFS lands. The final directive will allow the Forest Service to facilitate the safe use of chain saws and crosscut saws while optimizing the critical skills and cooperative opportunities for trail maintenance and other projects on NFS lands. The final directive will be codified in Forest Service Manual (FSM) 2358 and will supersede duplicative text in the Health and Safety Code Handbook, Forest Service Handbook (FSH) 6709.11, chapter 20, and all Forest Service Regional Supplements to that Handbook.

##### 2. Overview of the Final Directive

The following provides an overview of the final directive for the Forest Service's National Saw Program.

*Training, Evaluation, and Certification.* Under the final directive, the Forest Service will allow the use of chain saws and crosscut saws on NFS lands by Agency and other governmental employees, volunteers, training consultants, and cooperators upon the successful completion of sawyer training and field evaluation, the prerequisites to obtain a National Sawyer Certification Card, and any other specified qualifications to perform assigned saw work safely, including current training on first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). Sawyers will receive one or more of six skill level certifications upon successful completion of required sawyer training and a field proficiency evaluation. The issuance of a National Sawyer Certification Card documents the sawyer's skill level certification and qualifies the sawyer to work on NFS lands within the qualifications indicated on the card. A Crosscut Sawyer Trainee may occasionally use a crosscut saw, but for bucking only (bucking is sawing logs and limbs into shorter lengths) and only under the immediate supervision of a certified higher qualified sawyer.

*Forest Service Cooperators.* Forest Service agreements with cooperators

(other than those working under interagency fire management cooperative agreements) will include a clause requiring cooperators' employees, participants, and volunteers who will use chain saws or crosscut saws on NFS lands under their agreement to be trained, evaluated, and certified in accordance with this final directive. The clause will also provide that cooperators will be responsible for providing the training, evaluation, and certification, unless the Forest Service and the cooperator determine it is not in the best interest of the partnership. In these circumstances, the Forest Service, upon request and based on availability of Agency funding and personnel, may assist with developing and conducting the training, evaluation, and certification. Cooperators may take Nationally Recognized Sawyer Training Courses (NRSTCs) offered by the Forest Service or may train, evaluate, and certify their volunteers, participants, and employees through NRSTCs offered by Forest Service-recommended cooperator sawyer evaluators and sawyer instructors. This clause will be included in new cooperator agreements involving the use of chain saws or crosscut saws upon publication of the final directive. The clause will be included in existing cooperator agreements involving the use of chain saws or crosscut saws when modifications to the agreements are necessary, e.g., for additional funding or extensions. Cooperators will not have to comply with the clause for 1 year following publication of the final directive to give them time to meet the new requirements.

*Scope of Certification.* Sawyers will be precluded from performing saw activities outside the limits of their certification or qualifications, except during formal evaluation proceedings or under the immediate supervision of a higher qualified sawyer.

*No Guarantee of Certification.*

Completion of classroom, field proficiency, and evaluation requirements does not guarantee a certification.

*Minimum Eligible Sawyer Age.*

Sawyers must comply with United States Department of Labor minimum age requirements. Those standards, as applied to sawyers performing trail maintenance, require that sawyers using chain saws be at least 18 years of age and that crosscut sawyers be at least 16 years of age.

*National Sawyer Database.* The Forest Service is developing a web-based database to track Forest Service sawyer certifications nationwide. The name of the sawyer, contact information, and