

regarding the labeling requirements for mechanically tenderized beef products. There are no changes to the information collection. The current approval will expire on June 30, 2027.

FSIS regulations require the use of the descriptive designation “mechanically tenderized” on the labels of raw or partially cooked needle or blade tenderized beef products, including beef products injected with marinade or solution, unless these products are to be fully cooked at an official establishment (9 CFR 317.2(e)(3)(i)). The Agency also requires that the product name for the beef products include the descriptive designation “mechanically tenderized” and an accurate description of the beef component (9 CFR 317.2(e)(3)(i)).

Establishments using these labels are not required to submit them to FSIS for prior approval, provided the labels meet the criteria for generic approval outlined in 9 CFR 412.2. These establishments must still comply with all labeling requirements, including validated cooking instructions, as specified in 9 CFR 317.2(e)(3). The labeling and recordkeeping activities associated with these requirements are included in the estimated information collection burden. Retail facilities using these labels likewise do not need to submit them to FSIS for approval before use.

FSIS has made the following estimates based upon an information collection assessment:

Estimated annual number of respondents: 555.

Estimated average number of responses per respondent: 61.

Estimated annual number of responses: 33,804.

Estimated total annual burden on respondents: 21,833 hours.

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. Copies of this information collection assessment can be obtained from Gina Kouba, Office of Policy and Program Development, Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Mailstop 3758, South Building, Washington, DC 20250-3700; 202-720-5046.

Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of FSIS' functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of FSIS' estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the method and assumptions 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, 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 both FSIS, at the addresses provided above, and the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB, Washington, DC 20253.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Foreign Agricultural Service

Notice of Request for Approval of an Existing Information Collection in Use Without an Office of Management and Budget Control Number

AGENCY: Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intention of the Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) to request approval for an existing collection in use without an Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number for the Scientific Exchanges Program.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by November 9, 2026 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: You may send comments, identified by OMB Control Number 0551-0054, by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. This portal

enables respondents to enter short comments or attach a file containing lengthier comments.

- *Email:* scientificexchanges@usda.gov. Include OMB Control Number 0551–0054 in the subject line of the message.

- *Mail, Courier, or Hand Delivery:* Giovanna Casas Reyes, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Foreign Agricultural Service, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 6609, Washington, DC 20250.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency names and OMB Control Number for this notice. All comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: scientificexchanges@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Scientific Exchanges Program application.

OMB Number: 0551–0054.

Expiration Date of Approval: Three years from approval date.

Type of Request: Existing collection in use without an OMB control number.

Abstract: The Scientific Exchanges Program (SEP) supports USDA's agricultural research goals of promoting collaborative programs among agricultural professionals of eligible countries, agricultural professionals of the United States, the international agricultural research system, and U.S. entities conducting research. SEP helps eligible countries by providing scientific training and collaborative research opportunities to early and mid-career scientists, researchers, and policymakers.

To achieve its objectives, SEP relies on the solicitation for qualified program applicants through a written application. FAS Posts provide this application to potential Fellows to assist in determining the adequacy of their candidacy alongside FAS Washington. The application is designed to capture the professional status of the applicant, the applicant's personal contact information, and the applicant's suitability for the program. Thus, the SEP application is an integral tool to Fellowship Programs Division and FAS' strategic goals at large.

In addition to information related to program objectives, the SEP application collects information that may be considered Personal Identifiable Information (PII), including the following: first name, middle name, last name, gender, salutation, birth date, birth city, citizenship country, country of residence, work phone, permanent home address, work address, personal

email, work email, and emergency contact information (family contact: name, relationship, home phone, cell phone, and email).

Estimate of Burden: The public reporting burden for each respondent resulting from information collection under SEP varies in direct relation to the number of fellowships that each respondent participates in.

Type of Respondents: Individuals.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 165 per annum.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1 per annum.

Estimated Total Annual Burden of Respondents: 165 hours per annum.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Kenneth Vernon, the Agency Information Collection Coordinator, at Kenneth.vernon@usda.gov.

Request for Comments: Send comments regarding (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 collection of information including 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 automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

All comments received in response to this notice, including names and addresses when provided, will be a matter of public record. Comments will be available without change, including any personal information provided, for inspection online at <http://www.regulations.gov> and at the mail address listed above between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays.

Comments will be summarized and included in the submission for OMB approval.

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Daniel B. Whitley,

Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Proposed Recreation Fee Sites

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Green Mountain and Finger Lakes National Forests are proposing to establish several recreation fee sites. Proposed recreation fees collected at the proposed recreation fee sites would be used for operation, maintenance, and improvement of the sites. An analysis of nearby recreation fee sites with similar amenities shows that the proposed recreation fees are reasonable and typical of similar recreation fee sites.

DATES: If approved, the proposed recreation fees would be established no earlier than six months following the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: Green Mountain and Finger Lakes National Forests, Attention: Recreation Fees, 4387 U.S. Route 4 East, Mendon, VT 05701.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Holly Knox, Public Services Staff Officer, (802) 747–6724, holly.knox@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (16 U.S.C. 6803(b)) requires the Forest Service to publish in the **Federal Register** a six-month advance notice before establishment of proposed recreation fee sites. In accordance with Forest Service Handbook 2309.13, Chapter 30, the Forest Service will publish the proposed recreation fee sites and proposed recreation fees in local newspapers and other local publications for public comment. At least 80 percent of the proposed recreation fees would be spent where they are collected to enhance the visitor experience at the proposed recreation fee sites.

A proposed expanded amenity recreation fee of \$25 per night would be charged for Somerset Airfield Campground.

A proposed standard amenity recreation fee of \$5 per day, per vehicle or \$2.50 per day, per person for walk-ins, bicyclists, and motorcyclists would be charged at Grout Pond developed recreation site. Additionally, an annual pass option of \$35 per vehicle would be charged at the site. The Green Mountain and Finger Lakes National Forests Day Use Pass and the America the Beautiful—the National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass would be honored at these standard amenity