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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

April 12, 1996.

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Comments should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Washington, D.C. 20503 and to Department Clearance Officer, USDA, OIRM, Ag Box 7630, Washington, D.C. 20250-7630. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-6204 or (202) 720-6746.

- *Title:* Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program.

Summary: The program provides grants to rural community facilities, such as schools, hospitals, and medical centers; to encourage, improve, and make affordable the use of advanced telecommunications and computer networks to provide educational and medical benefits to people living in rural areas.

Need and Use of the Information: This information is required to determine eligibility; specific purpose for which the grant will be used; project feasibility; need for improved educational or medical facility, etc.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 200.

Frequency of Responses:

Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 10,626.

- *Title:* National Hunger Clearinghouse Database Form.

Summary: The Healthy Meals for Healthy Americans Act of 1994 mandated that FCS enter into a contract with a nongovernmental organization to establish and maintain an information clearinghouse for groups that assist low-income individuals or communities regarding nutrition or other assistance. In order to establish the clearinghouse database a form seeking updated program and mailing information will be sent to related organizations.

Need and Use of the Information: This project has been Congressionally mandated to provide a resource for organizations working to improve the nutrition and health of low-income Americans. The information provided by the clearinghouse database will enable their group to do a better job of assisting needy persons.

Description of Respondents: Not-for-profit institutions; Business or other for-profit; Farms.

Number of Respondents: 11,917.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 993.

- *Title:* Baseline and Trend Information on Wilderness Use and Users.

Summary: This collection requests clearance of a pool of questions and sampling alternatives to be used in establishing baseline and monitoring trends in some areas for critical use and user characteristics for representative forest service wilderness areas. Recreational visitors will be sampled.

Need and Use of the Information: Information collected will be used in wilderness planning and management by all Federal Agencies that manage wilderness and by Congress and the public in understanding the changing uses and expectations of wilderness.

Description of Respondents: Individuals or households.

Number of Respondents: 1000.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On-Occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 416.

- *Title:* FS Mail Issuance Report.
Summary: Title 7 CFR 276.2(b) requires a mail issuance loss reporting level plan for food stamps. The plan is established by those State agencies using a mail issuance system for coupon delivery. The plan reflects the issuance sites or counties that comprise each administrative unit. The State agencies shall report the number and value of all

invoices which do not reconcile with the record-for-issuance and/or master issuance file.

Need and Use of the Information: The purpose is to collect management information to assess mail issuance losses and hold State agencies liable for a portion of those losses.

Description of Respondents: State, Local, or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 2,515.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Quarterly.

Total Burden Hours: 3,139.

Donald E. Hulcher,

Deputy Departmental Clearance Officer.

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Office of the Secretary

[Docket No. 96-016-4]

Declaration of Extraordinary Emergency Because of Karnal Bunt

On March 25, 1996, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (the Department) published in the Federal Register a notice of "Declaration of Extraordinary Emergency Because of Karnal Bunt" (61 FR 12508, Docket No. 96-016-1). At the time of the notice, Karnal bunt, an exotic fungal disease, had been detected in Arizona, and contaminated seed had been sent to New Mexico and Texas. Since publication of the notice, Karnal bunt has also been detected in California.

Karnal bunt (*Tilletia indica*) is a serious disease of wheat, durum wheat, and triticale, a hybrid of wheat and rye. The disease affects both yield and grain quality. It adversely affects the color, odor, and palatability of flour and other foodstuffs made from wheat. It does not present a risk to human health.

If Karnal bunt is allowed to spread, the overall crop loss and impact on quality may be significant. The disease could affect United States grain exports. The United States is the world's leading wheat exporter, accounting for one-third of the world wheat exports. Wheat exports from the United States were valued at \$4.9 billion in Fiscal Year 1995. At least 28 countries are known to regulate or prohibit grain movement on the basis of Karnal bunt.

Control and eradication of Karnal bunt is difficult. Management of the disease is through quarantine and

containment of regulated articles. In addition to the emergency actions taken to control Karnal bunt in Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas, emergency action has been taken by the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) and the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS). APHIS and CDFA have instituted emergency quarantines on the infected premises and are regulating the movement of seed, farm equipment, and soil associated with the infected wheat.

This infection of Karnal bunt represents a threat to United States wheat crops. It constitutes a real danger to the national economy and seriously burdens interstate and foreign commerce. Therefore, the Department has determined that an extraordinary emergency exists because of the existence of Karnal bunt in California, as well as in Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas as previously declared.

The Department has reviewed the measures being taken by the State of California to survey, regulate, and control Karnal bunt and has consulted with the Governor of California. Based on such review and consultation, the Department has determined that measures being taken by the State of California are inadequate because California is unable to take all of the measures required to obtain and maintain the cooperation of the owners of wheat crops necessary to effectively and efficiently control Karnal bunt.

Therefore, in accordance with 7 U.S.C. 150dd, this declaration of extraordinary emergency authorizes the Secretary to: (1) seize, quarantine, treat, apply other remedial measures to, destroy, or otherwise dispose of, in such manner as the Secretary deems appropriate, any product or article of any character whatsoever, or means of conveyance that the Secretary has reason to believe is infected by or contains Karnal bunt; (2) quarantine, treat, or apply other remedial measures to, in such manner as the Secretary deems appropriate, any premises, including articles on such premises, that the Secretary has reason to believe are infected by Karnal bunt. The Governor of California has been informed of these facts.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This declaration of extraordinary emergency shall become effective April 12, 1996.

Dan Glickman,

Secretary of Agriculture.

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Forest Service

Draft 1995 RPA Program

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Advanced notice; reopening of public comment period.

SUMMARY: This is an advance notice to advise interested individuals and organizations that the Forest Service will reopen the comment period on the Draft 1995 RPA Program, the agency's proposed national strategic plan. The comment period will be open during the month of May and is intended to ensure that those who wish to review and comment on the national strategic plan will have both the time and opportunity to do so.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Additional information about the Draft 1995 RPA Program may be requested by calling 202/205-1235 or via FAX at 202/205-1546. Information may also be requested by electronic mail (ASCII only) at /s=rpa/0u1=w01c@mhs-fswa.attmail.com. An electronic copy of the Draft 1995 RPA Program may be obtained via the World-wide Web at URL:<http://www.fs.fed.us/land/RPA.welcome.htm>.

Dated: April 11, 1996.

Mark A. Reimers,

Acting Chief.

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Crown Jewel Mine, Okanogan National Forest, Okanogan County, WA

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Revision of notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: On March 2, 1992, the USDA, Forest Service and the Washington State Department of Ecology, as joint lead agencies, issued a notice of intent (NOI) to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for a proposal to develop a mine for precious mineral extraction on Buckhorn Mountain in the Federal Register (57 FR 7362). On April 15, 1993, March 11, 1994, and November 17, 1994 the USDA, Forest Service and the Washington State Department of Ecology, as joint lead agencies, issued revisions to the notice of intent (NOI) to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) in the Federal Register (58 FR 19646, 59 FR 11576, and 59 FR 59396). A notice of availability for the draft environmental impact statement was published in the Federal Register on June 30, 1995 (60 FR 34246), with the comment period closing on August

29, 1995. The purpose of this revised notice of intent is to inform the interested parties of a revised release date for final EIS. The final environmental impact statement (EIS) is expected to be completed and available to the public in early October, 1996.

Dated: April 9, 1996.

Allen N. Garr,

Acting Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Export Administration

Action Affecting Export Privileges; James J. Gato

Order

In the Matter of: James J. Gato individually with an address at 5 Naumkeag Road, Peabody, Massachusetts 01960, and with an address at c/o Mass Computer Group, Inc., 79R Walnut Street, Peabody, Massachusetts 01960, Respondent.

The Office of Export Enforcement, Bureau of Export Administration, United States Department of Commerce (Department), having notified James J. Gato (Gato) of its intention to initiate an administrative proceeding against him pursuant to Section 13(c) of the Export Administration Act of 1979, as amended (50 U.S.C. app. 2401-2420 (1991 & Supp. 1995)) (the Act),¹ and Part 788 of the Export Administration Regulations (currently codified at 15 C.F.R. Parts 768-799 (1995)) (the Regulations), based on allegations that, on or about August 9, 1990, Gato, a person denied all U.S. export privileges by Order dated April 3, 1990, resold, transferred and disposed of U.S.-origin commodities to a third party, knowing or having reason to know that the third party intended to, and in fact did, export the commodities to Australia, in violation of section 787.4(a) and Section 787.6 of the Regulations;

The Department and Gato having entered into a Consent Agreement whereby the Department and Gato have agreed to settle this matter in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth therein, and the terms of the Consent Agreement having been approved by me;

¹ The Act expired on August 20, 1994. Executive Order No. 12924 (59 FR 43437, August 23, 1994), extended by Presidential Notice of August 15, 1995 (60 FR 42767, August 17, 1995), continued the Regulations in effect under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C.A. §§ 1701-1706 (1991)).