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ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES COURTS

Electronic Access Fees for Federal Agencies

AGENCY: Administrative Office of the United States Courts.

ACTION: Clarification.

SUMMARY: The Administrative Office of the United States Courts will begin collecting fees for electronic public access in bankruptcy courts that have installed and are using Version One of the new Case Management/Electronic Case Files (CM/ECF) system, as of July 1, 2001. Deployment is scheduled to be completed for all court types by 2005.

DATES: This policy is applicable as of July 1, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary Stickney, Chief of the EPA Program Office, (202) 502-1500.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As the federal judiciary moves increasingly toward using electronic case files, there has been a great deal of interest in the manner and scope of the application of public access charges for electronic court data, as mandated by Congress in the Judicial Appropriations Act of 1991 and set forth in the Judicial Conference Miscellaneous Fee Schedule (28 U.S.C. 1913, 1914, 1926, 1930, 1932). The schedule imposes a charge of seven cents per page for access to data obtained electronically from the public dockets of individual case records in the court. This charge is collected by the Administrative Office through its Electronic Public Access (EPA) program and applies largely to case data from docket sheets obtained through the Public Access to Court Electronic Records (PACER) system, although an increasing number of courts have begun providing online images of official court documents as well, to which the fee equally applies.

Recently, a small number of courts have implemented a prototype version

of the judiciary's new CM/ECF system, which permits electronic access to all case file documents, in addition to docket sheets. Access to CM/ECF has been available free of charge to all users in these prototype courts.

With deployment of the first full version ("Version One") of the bankruptcy software, the EPA program will begin administering the required seven cents per page fee in the bankruptcy courts, as of July 1, 2001. District courts and courts of appeals will begin billing when their respective Version One applications are implemented, which is expected in 2002 and 2003 respectively.

Although the access fee applies to all users, it should be noted that it will not apply to official recipients of electronic documents, i.e. those parties legally entitled to receive service, or to whom service is directed by the filer. This policy will entitle attorneys of record, as well as, in most instances, U.S. Trustees and bankruptcy case trustees, to one free electronic copy of all of the documents that they need from the case file in order to fulfill their legal responsibilities. As before, parties will still be responsible for maintaining their own files; should they fail to make a copy at the time of service, however, then any additional copy from the court will cost seven cents per page for an electronic version, fifty cents per page for paper.

As CM/ECF is deployed, the fee for Internet access to case data, which currently explicitly applies to federal agencies, has obvious potential impact on the everyday operations of many federal agencies, as well as on bankruptcy case trustees and United States Trustees. In order to assess that impact, and to ensure that, consistent with the policy of the Judicial Conference, usage charges are set at the lowest possible level sufficient to fund the program, the Administrative Office has begun a study of the fee's potential impact on external users, including government agencies. The study is expected to be completed in the first half of 2001, and the input of the federal agencies who practice in the federal courts should prove an important source of data in this endeavor.

Leonidas Ralph Mecham,
Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection, Comment Request—Grants To Improve Food Stamp Program Access (OMB No. 0584-0506)

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13, this notice invites the general public, other public agencies, and grantees referred to in this Notice to comment on the proposed information collection. The proposed collection is an extension of a previously approved collection.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by July 9, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Send comments and request for copies of this information collection to Barbara Hallman, Chief, State Administration Branch, Food Stamp Program, Food and Nutrition Service, USDA, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the agency, including whether the information will 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; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate, automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

All comments will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection. All comments will be a matter of public record.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Barbara Hallman, telephone number (703) 305-2383 or by email at Barbara.Hallman@FNS.USDA.GOV.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Food Stamp Program: Grants to Improve Food Stamp Program Access.

OMB Number: 0584-0506.

Expiration Date: July 31, 2001.

Type of Request: Extension of previously approved collection.

Abstract: In December, 2000, FNS announced a program for competitively awarding grants and cooperative agreements for research that will improve the administrative effectiveness of the Food Stamp Program (FSP) in delivering nutrition related benefits (65 FR 81819, December 27, 2000). FNS solicited proposals to that would support research on the effects of community partnerships to reach underserved populations such as working families, children, immigrants, and elderly.

This action described in this Notice is authorized under section 17(a)(1) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977, (7 U.S.C. 2026(a)(1)) with Fiscal Year (FY) 2001 funding set aside for grants projects to educate potentially eligible persons about the nutritional benefits of the FSP. As specified in the Notice, competitive grants would be awarded to non-food stamp governmental authorities such as local school districts, public health clinics, non-profit community based organizations, and institutions of higher education, foundations and other non-profit research institutes. Grantees (winning respondents) may operate their projects for up to two years.

FNS will use the information reported from the grantees to consolidate a report of success stories, and lessons learned from the projects. Moreover, this information will be used to inform FNS about useful strategies that promote access and are successful in increasing participation of eligible persons in the FSP. FNS also intends to share widely with the public so others may replicate effective strategies of public education and outreach.

OMB approval for the collection burden associated with the solicitation for grant proposals was approved on an emergency basis for 6 months. This Notice summarizes the burden estimates that were presented in the emergency approval. This Notice will also provide burden estimates that will continue to apply to the winning grantees for the remaining period in which the projects are in operation. In January, 2001, FNS announced that it was awarding grants to 14 of the responding applicants. Each grantee was awarded no more than \$300,000 for their project.

Respondents: Respondents to the "Request for Applications for Research Grants to Improve FSP Access Through Partnerships and New Technology" are non-food stamp governmental authorities, nonprofit local organizations, institutions of higher

learning, foundations, and other non-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: Under the initial collection burden, FNS estimated that 250 respondents would request and submit an application for the research grants and up to 15 of these respondents would be selected to receive grant funds from FNS. The actual number of applications received by FNS was 108, of which 14 were selected to receive funding.

Estimate of Burden: Under the initial collection burden, FNS estimated that each applicant (respondent) would need 80 hours to complete the application as specified in the Request for Applications. The winning respondents (grantees) would subsequently be required to submit quarterly reports (total of 8) and a draft and final report. The burden estimates for these actions are as follows

- **Submission of Application**—250 respondents times 80 hours equals 20,000 hours.
- **Quarterly Reports**—14 grantees times 8 quarterly reports times 3 hours equals 336 hours.
- **Draft and Final Report**—14 grantees times 2 reports times 60 hours (approximate for each report) equals 1,680 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: The total reporting and recordkeeping burden for OMB No. 0584-0506 is estimated to be 22,016 hours for the entire grant period. For the remaining two year period, the total annual burden placed on the 14 grantees is estimated to be 2,016 hours (estimate for quarterly and draft and final report) divided by 2 (time in which grants may be in operation) equals 1,008.

Dated: May 2, 2001.

George A. Braley,

Acting Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Buick Vegetation Management Environmental Assessment, Deschutes National Forest, Deschutes County, Oregon

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Assessment for the Buick Vegetation Management project is available for review and comment. This project analyzes 33,505 acres of National Forest

lands within General Forest, Deer Habitat, Scenic Views and Old Growth Management Area. The objective of the project is to begin the process of creating forest conditions that are resilient and resistant to disturbances, maintain and enhance wildlife habitat, visual integrity, and historic forest characteristics. The project would also amend the boundaries of two Old Growth Areas within the Old Growth Management Area allocation of the Deschutes National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan. The Buick Vegetation Management project area is located about 35 miles south of Bend, Oregon, and 17 miles east of La Pine, Oregon.

The Environmental Assessment is available upon request from the Bend/Ft. Rock Ranger District, 1230 NE Third St., Suite 262-A, Bend, OR, 97701; at the Deschutes National Forest Supervisor's Office, 1645 Highway 20 East, Bend, Oregon; and at the Deschutes National Forest website at www.fs.fed.us/r6/deschutes.

Written comments should be addressed to Walter C. Schloer, District Ranger, 1230 NE Third St., Suite 262-A, Bend, OR 97701. Comments can also be sent by email to dfrantz@fs.fed.us. Written or oral comments should include your name, address, and telephone number. Please include the title of the document; specific facts or comments, and supporting reasons for your comments.

DATES: Please submit comments within 30 days of Wednesday, May 9, 2001, which is the publication date of the legal notice of availability in The Bulletin newspaper, Bend, Oregon.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For Further information, contact David Frantz, Bend/Ft. Rock Ranger District, 1230 NE Third St., Suite 262-A, Bend, OR, or phone (541) 383-4721.

Dated: April 27, 2001.

Becki Heath,

Acting Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Keenes Horse Camp, Gifford Pinchot National Forest, Skamania County, Washington

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to 36 CFR 219.35(b), this serves as notification that the Gifford Pinchot National Forest Land