

verify and ensure that benefits are not issued to individuals who are deceased, and that data source is the Social Security Administration's (SSA) Death Master File. The information required for the Annual State Report on Verification of SNAP Participation is obtained by validating that the State had the appropriate systems in place and followed procedures currently mandated at 7 CFR 272.14 and 7 CFR 273.16 for the preceding fiscal year. The burdens associated with establishing a system to verify and ensure that benefits are not issued to deceased individuals or those permanently disqualified from SNAP using both the SSA Death Master File and eDRS are already approved under OMB burden number 0584-0064, expiration date July 31, 2020.

In order to meet the reporting requirements specified in section 4032 of the Act, States are required to confirm via email to their FNS Regional SNAP Program Director that in the immediately preceding Federal fiscal year, they had the appropriate systems in place to meet the requirements of regulations at 7 CFR 272.14 and 273.16(i)(4) and that they conducted the matches required by these regulations. States are required to submit their section 4032 reports to the FNS Regional SNAP Director by March 31 each year for the preceding Federal fiscal year. The estimated annual burden for this collection is 57.41 hours. This estimate includes the time it takes each State agency to confirm that they have complied with FNS regulations for performing mandated checks against both eDRS and the SSA Death Master File, send an email to their FNS Regional Office SNAP Program Director to provide the verification, and any additional recordkeeping associated with this burden. States must perform this verification once a year and must retain these records for 3 years.

#### Annual Reporting Burden Estimates

*Affected Public:* State, Local and Tribal Government Agencies.

*Number of Respondents:* 53 State Agencies.

*Number of Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Total Annual Responses:* 53.

*Reporting time per Response:* 1 Hour.

*Estimated Annual Reporting Burden Hours:* 53.

#### Annual Recordkeeping Burden Estimates

*Affected Public:* State, Local and Tribal Government Agencies.

*Number of Respondents:* 53 State Agencies.

*Number of Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Total Annual Responses:* 53.

*Reporting time per Response:* 0.08333 Hours or 5 minutes.

*Estimated Annual Reporting Burden Hours:* 4.41649.

*Annual Grand Total Burden Estimates for Reporting and Recordkeeping:* 57.41 hours.

Dated: February 1, 2019.

**Brandon Lipps,**

*Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Natural Resources Conservation Service

#### Information Collection Request for Volunteer Program—Earth Team

**AGENCY:** Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA.

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

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is requesting comments from all interested individuals and organizations on an extension and a revision of a currently approved information collection associated with Volunteer Program—Earth Team. The Volunteer Interest and Placement Summary and the Timesheet forms are used by the respondents. The information NRCS collects on the forms is used to match the skills of individuals, who are 14 years of age or older and interested in volunteering for opportunities that will further NRCS's mission.

**APPLICABLE DATES:** We will consider comments that we receive by April 12, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** We invite you to submit comments on this notice. In your comments, include OMB Control Number 0578-0024. You may submit comments through the Federal eRulemaking Portal website: <http://www.regulations.gov> via docket number NRCS-2018-0011. Follow the instructions for submitting comments electronically.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For specific questions related to the collection activities or to request a copy of the information collection, contact Alan Benge, Program Specialist, NRCS Distribution Center/Earth, USDA Farm Production and Conservation, 4407 121st Street, Urbandale, IA 50323, (515) 776-3846, or [alan.benge@usda.gov](mailto:alan.benge@usda.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Volunteer Program—Earth Team.

*OMB Number:* 0578-0024.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* February 28, 2019.

*Type of Request:* Revision.

*Abstract:* NRCS is collecting information from individuals who are interested in volunteering to work with NRCS. The information will be used by NRCS to assign the volunteer to an appropriate position, and to track their volunteer time. Collection of this information is necessary to match volunteers with NRCS assignments as authorized by section 1526 of the Food and Agriculture Act of 1981 (Pub. L. 97-98). NRCS is authorized to recruit, train, and accept (following Civil Service classification laws, rules, or regulations) individuals to serve without compensation. Subject to certain conditions, most volunteers may assist in agency programs or projects, and may perform activities that the employees may perform. The two forms Volunteer Interest and Placement Summary Forms, NRCS-PER-002, and Timesheet Form, NRCS-PER-004, are used to collect information from the individuals.

The timesheet is an optional form and provides the volunteer or volunteer's supervisor a simplified method for tracking the volunteer's time. The form is placed in a volunteer "case file" and will be destroyed 3 years after the volunteer has completed service. In the event the volunteer is injured while engaged in volunteer activities and claims workman's compensation, the "case file" will be transferred to an Official Personnel Folder.

The information collection burden estimates have been updated. There were no other revisions required.

*Estimate of Average Time to Respond:* Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 4 minutes per response.

*Type of Respondents:* Retirees, students, teachers, or senior citizens.

*Estimated Annual Number of Respondents:* 7,120.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 1.5.

*Estimated Total Annual Responses:* 14,440.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 1,010.80 hours.

We are requesting comments on all aspects of this information collection to help us to:

(1) Evaluate whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of NRCS, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the estimate of the burden of the collection

of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

All responses received in response to this notice, including names and addresses when provided, will be a matter of public records. Comments will be summarized and included in the submission for Office of Management and Budget approval.

**Matt Lohr,**

*Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Rural Housing Service

#### Notice of Request for Extension of Currently Approved Information Collection

**AGENCY:** Rural Housing Service, USDA.

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

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Rural Development's intention to request an extension for a currently approved information collection in support of the program, Environmental Policies and Procedures.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by April 12, 2019.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Thomas P. Dickson, Rural Development Innovation Center—Regulatory Team 2, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, STOP 1522, Room 5164, South Building, Washington, DC 20250-1522. Telephone: (202) 690-4492. Email [Thomas.dickson@usda.gov](mailto:Thomas.dickson@usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) regulation (5 CFR 1320) implementing provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13) requires that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (see 5 CFR 1320.8(d)). This notice identifies an information collection that Rural Development is submitting to OMB for extension.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the 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 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 respondents, 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: Thomas P. Dickson, Rural Development Innovation Center—Regulatory Team 2, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, STOP 1522, Room 5164, South Building, Washington, DC 20250-1522. Telephone: (202) 690-4492. Email [Thomas.dickson@usda.gov](mailto:Thomas.dickson@usda.gov).

*Title:* Environmental Policies and Procedures.

*OMB Number:* 0575-0197.

*Type of Request:* Extension of currently approved information collection.

*Abstract:* The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other applicable environmental and historic preservation statutes require all Federal agencies to consider the potential environmental consequences of their actions on the quality of the human environment and historic properties before agency decisions are made and prior to it taking an action; in RD's case the "action" is the approval of financial assistance and obligation of Federal funds. To comply with NEPA and other environmental laws, regulations and Executive Orders, RD requires applicants submitting applications for financial assistance to include project-specific environmental information along with other underwriting requirements. The purpose of this information is to evaluate and document the environmental implications of applicant's proposals.

*Estimate of Burden:* Public reporting burden for this collection is estimated to average 60 hours per response.

*Respondents:* Cooperatives, local municipalities, private citizens, companies, not-for-profit companies.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 94,000.

*Estimate Number of Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 5,608,800 hours.

Copies of this information collections can be obtained from Diane M. Berger, Rural Development Innovation Center—Regulatory Team; phone—(715) 619-3124; or email [diane.berger@usda.gov](mailto:diane.berger@usda.gov).

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

**Joel Baxley,**

*Administrator, Rural Housing Service.*

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## CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION

### Sunshine Act Meeting Notice

**AGENCY:** United States Commission on Civil Rights.

**ACTION:** Notice of Commission Public Briefing, *Women in Prison: Seeking Justice Behind Bars*.

**DATES:** Friday, February 22, 2019, 9:00 a.m. ET.

**ADDRESSES:** Place: National Place Building, 1331 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, 11th Floor, Suite 1150, Washington, DC 20245 (Entrance on F Street NW).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Brian Walch, (202) 376-8371; TTY: (202) 376-8116; [publicaffairs@usccr.gov](mailto:publicaffairs@usccr.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will hold a public briefing to evaluate the civil rights of women in prison, including deprivations of women's medical needs that may violate the constitutional requirement to provide adequate medical care for all prisoners; implementation of the Prison Rape Elimination Act; and the sufficiency of programs to meet women's needs after release. The Commission will also examine consequences of discipline practices in women's prisons and the impact on families when women are placed far from home or parental rights are terminated despite their caregiving role. Commissioners will hear from state and federal corrections officials, women who have experienced incarceration, academic and legal experts, and advocates. Members of the public will be able to address the Commission in an open comment session (see below).

This briefing is open to the public; doors open at 8:30 a.m. ET. The event will also live-stream at <https://www.youtube.com/user/USCCR/videos>. (Streaming information subject to change.) If attending in person, we ask that you RSVP to [publicaffairs@usccr.gov](mailto:publicaffairs@usccr.gov). Persons with disabilities who