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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Child Nutrition Programs: Income Eligibility Guidelines

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the Department's annual adjustments to the Income Eligibility Guidelines to be used in determining eligibility for free and reduced price meals and free milk for the period from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. These guidelines are used by schools, institutions, and facilities participating in the National School Lunch Program (and Commodity School Program), School Breakfast Program, Special Milk Program for Children, Child and Adult Care Food Program and Summer Food Service Program. The annual adjustments are required by section 9 of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act. The guidelines are intended to direct benefits to those children most in need and are revised annually to account for changes in the Consumer Price Index.

DATES: Applicable July 1, 2023.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Penny Burke, Program Monitoring and Operational Support Division, Child Nutrition Programs, Food and Nutrition Service, United States Department of Agriculture, 1320 Braddock Place, Suite 401, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, 303-844-0357.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This action is not a rule as defined by the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601-612) and thus is exempt from the provisions of that Act.

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3507), no recordkeeping or reporting requirements have been included that are subject to approval from the Office of Management and Budget.

This notice has been determined to be not significant and was not reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget in conformance with Executive Order 12866. The affected programs are listed in the Assistance Listings (<https://sam.gov/>) under No. 10.553, No. 10.555, No. 10.556, No. 10.558, and No. 10.559 and are subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372, which requires intergovernmental consultation with State and local officials. (See 2 CFR part 415).

Background

Pursuant to sections 9(b)(1) and 17(c)(4) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1758(b)(1) and 42 U.S.C. 1766(c)(4)), and sections 3(a)(6) and 4(e)(1)(A) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1772(a)(6) and 1773(e)(1)(A)), the Department annually issues the Income Eligibility Guidelines for free and reduced price meals for the National School Lunch Program (7 CFR part 210), the Commodity School Program (7 CFR part 210), School Breakfast Program (7 CFR part 220), Summer Food Service Program (7 CFR part 225) and Child and Adult Care Food Program (7 CFR part 226) and the guidelines for free milk in the Special Milk Program for Children (7 CFR part 215). These eligibility guidelines are based on the Federal income poverty guidelines and are stated by household size. The guidelines are used to determine eligibility for free and reduced price meals and free milk in accordance with applicable program rules.

Definition of Income

In accordance with the Department's policy as provided in the Food and Nutrition Service publication Eligibility Manual for School Meals, "income," as the term is used in this notice, means income before any deductions such as income taxes, Social Security taxes, insurance premiums, charitable contributions, and bonds. It includes the following: (1) monetary compensation for services, including wages, salary, commissions or fees; (2) net income from nonfarm self-employment; (3) net income from farm self-employment; (4) Social Security; (5) dividends or interest on savings or bonds or income from estates or trusts; (6) net rental income; (7) public assistance or welfare payments; (8) unemployment

compensation; (9) government civilian employee or military retirement, or pensions or veterans payments; (10) private pensions or annuities; (11) alimony or child support payments; (12) regular contributions from persons not living in the household; (13) net royalties; and (14) other cash income. Other cash income would include cash amounts received or withdrawn from any source including savings, investments, trust accounts and other resources that would be available to pay the price of a child's meal.

"Income", as the term is used in this notice, does *not* include any income or benefits received under any Federal programs that are excluded from consideration as income by any statutory prohibition. Furthermore, the value of meals or milk to children shall not be considered as income to their households for other benefit programs in accordance with the prohibitions in section 12(e) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act and section 11(b) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1760(e) and 1780(b)).

The Income Eligibility Guidelines

The following are the Income Eligibility Guidelines to be effective from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. The Department's guidelines for free meals and milk and reduced price meals were obtained by multiplying the year 2023 Federal income poverty guidelines by 1.30 and 1.85, respectively, and by rounding the result upward to the next whole dollar.

This notice displays only the annual Federal poverty guidelines issued by the Department of Health and Human Services because the monthly and weekly Federal poverty guidelines are not used to determine the Income Eligibility Guidelines. The chart details the free and reduced price eligibility criteria for monthly income, income received twice monthly (24 payments per year); income received every two weeks (26 payments per year) and weekly income.

Income calculations are made based on the following formulas: monthly income is calculated by dividing the annual income by 12; twice monthly income is computed by dividing annual income by 24; income received every two weeks is calculated by dividing annual income by 26; and weekly income is computed by dividing annual income by 52. All numbers are rounded

upward to the next whole dollar. The numbers reflected in this notice for a family of four in the 48 contiguous States, the District of Columbia, Guam

and the territories represent an increase of 8.1 percent over last year's level for a family of the same size.

Authority: Section 9(b)(1) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1758(b)(1)(A)).

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INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES												
Effective from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024												
HOUSEHOLD SIZE	FEDERAL POVERTY GUIDELINES		REDUCED PRICE MEALS - 185 %					FREE MEALS - 130 %				
	ANNUAL		MONTHLY	TWICE PER MONTH	EVERY TWO WEEKS	WEEKLY	ANNUAL	MONTHLY	TWICE PER MONTH	EVERY TWO WEEKS	WEEKLY	
48 CONTIGUOUS STATES, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, GUAM, AND TERRITORIES												
1	14,580		26,973	2,248	1,124	1,038	519	18,954	1,580	790	729	365
2	19,720		36,482	3,041	1,521	1,404	702	25,636	2,137	1,069	986	493
3	24,860		45,991	3,833	1,917	1,769	885	32,318	2,694	1,347	1,243	622
4	30,000		55,500	4,625	2,313	2,135	1,068	39,000	3,250	1,625	1,500	750
5	35,140		65,009	5,418	2,709	2,501	1,251	45,682	3,807	1,904	1,757	879
6	40,280		74,518	6,210	3,105	2,867	1,434	52,364	4,364	2,182	2,014	1,007
7	45,420		84,027	7,003	3,502	3,232	1,616	59,046	4,921	2,461	2,271	1,136
8	50,560		93,536	7,795	3,898	3,598	1,799	65,728	5,478	2,739	2,528	1,264
For each add'l family member, add	5,140		9,509	793	397	366	183	6,682	557	279	257	129
ALASKA												
1	18,210		33,689	2,808	1,404	1,296	648	23,673	1,973	987	911	456
2	24,640		45,584	3,799	1,900	1,754	877	32,032	2,670	1,335	1,232	616
3	31,070		57,480	4,790	2,395	2,211	1,106	40,391	3,366	1,683	1,554	777
4	37,500		69,375	5,782	2,891	2,669	1,335	48,750	4,063	2,032	1,875	938
5	43,930		81,271	6,773	3,387	3,126	1,563	57,109	4,760	2,380	2,197	1,099
6	50,360		93,166	7,764	3,882	3,584	1,792	65,468	5,456	2,728	2,518	1,259
7	56,790		105,062	8,756	4,378	4,041	2,021	73,827	6,153	3,077	2,840	1,420
8	63,220		116,957	9,747	4,874	4,499	2,250	82,186	6,849	3,425	3,161	1,581
For each add'l family member, add	6,430		11,896	992	496	458	229	8,359	697	349	322	161
HAWAII												
1	16,770		31,025	2,586	1,293	1,194	597	21,801	1,817	909	839	420
2	22,680		41,958	3,497	1,749	1,614	807	29,484	2,457	1,229	1,134	567
3	28,590		52,892	4,408	2,204	2,035	1,018	37,167	3,098	1,549	1,430	715
4	34,500		63,825	5,319	2,660	2,455	1,228	44,850	3,738	1,869	1,725	863
5	40,410		74,759	6,230	3,115	2,876	1,438	52,533	4,378	2,189	2,021	1,011
6	46,320		85,692	7,141	3,571	3,296	1,648	60,216	5,018	2,509	2,316	1,158
7	52,230		96,626	8,053	4,027	3,717	1,859	67,899	5,659	2,830	2,612	1,306
8	58,140		107,559	8,964	4,482	4,137	2,069	75,582	6,299	3,150	2,907	1,454
For each add'l family member, add	5,910		10,934	912	456	421	211	7,683	641	321	296	148

Cynthia Long,

Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

RIN 0596-AD33

Information Collection; Oil and Gas Resources

AGENCY: Forest Service, Agriculture (USDA).

ACTION: Notice; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Forest Service is seeking comments from all interested individuals and organizations on the re-instatement of the information collection for Oil and Gas Resources, 0596-0101.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing on or before April 10, 2023 to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: Comments concerning this notice should be addressed to USDA-Forest Service. Attn: Director-Minerals and Geology Management, 1617 Cole Boulevard, Building 17, Lakewood, CO 80401. Comments also may be submitted via facsimile to 303-275-5122 or Electronically: Via the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <https://www.regulations.gov>, 0596-AD33.

Comments submitted in response to this notice may be made available to the public through relevant websites and upon request. For this reason, please do not include in your comments information of a confidential nature, such as sensitive personal information or proprietary information. If you send an email comment, your email address will be automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the public docket and made available on the internet. Please note that responses to this public comment request containing any routine notice about the confidentiality of the communication will be treated as public comments that may be made available to the public notwithstanding the inclusion of the routine notice.

The public may request an electronic copy of the draft supporting statement and/or any comments received be sent via return email. Requests should be emailed to the contact listed in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sherri Thompson, Assistant Director

Leasable Minerals, at 303-275-5147 or by mail at 1617 Cole Boulevard, Building 17, Lakewood, CO 80401. Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 800-877-8339 twenty-four hours a day, every day of the year, including holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Oil and Gas Resources, 36 CFR part 228, subpart E.

OMB Number: 0596-0101.

Expiration Date of Approval: Three years from final approval.

Type of Request: Reinstatement.

Abstract: The current rule contains procedures the Forest Service, USDA will use to accomplish the purposes of the Federal Onshore Oil and Gas Leasing Reform Act of 1987, and other applicable mineral leasing and environmental protection statutes, in offering oil and gas leases and managing the development of oil and gas resources on National Forest System lands. The Leasing Reform Act authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to develop procedures and regulations governing leasing for oil and gas resources, including bonding and reclamation requirements, within the National Forest System. This authority was formerly exercised by the Bureau of Land Management. These regulations achieve our primary objectives of ensuring effective compliance with all applicable environmental protection statutes, as most recently construed by the Federal Courts, in conjunction with meeting the intent of Congress codified in the Leasing Reform Act. These regulations have been designed to work in coordination with similar regulations of the Department of the Interior, and to promote a cooperative process between the Federal agencies, the oil and gas industry, and members of the public who are interested in the management of Federal lands and resources.

Estimate of Annual Burden: 30 Minutes.

Type of Respondents: Public.

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 2,250.

Estimated Annual Number of Responses per Respondent: 2,250.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 1,125 hours.

Comment Is Invited

Comment is invited on: (1) whether this collection of information is necessary for the stated purposes and the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical or scientific utility; (2) the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the

collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including 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 summarized and included in the submission request toward Office of Management and Budget approval.

Date: February 2, 2023.

Troy Heithecker,

Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest System.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

[Docket No. NRCS-2023-0001]

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Wood River Watershed, Custer County, Dawson County, Buffalo County, Hall County, and Merrick County, Nebraska

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS).

SUMMARY: The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Nebraska State Office announces its intent to prepare an EIS for the Wood River Watershed Project in the proximity of Oconto, Nebraska, downstream to Grand Island, Nebraska. The EIS process will examine the potential impacts of alternative solutions to reduce flood risk and damages caused by flooding to the communities and agricultural lands throughout the watershed. NRCS is requesting comments to identify significant issues, potential alternatives, information, and analyses relevant to the proposed action from all interested individuals, Federal and State agencies, and Tribes.

DATES: We will consider comments that we receive by March 13, 2023. Comments received after the close of the comment period will be considered to the extent possible.