be required; (8) an estimate of the total number of hours needed to prepare the information submission including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response; (9) whether the proposal is new, an extension, reinstatement, or revision of an information collection requirement; and (10) the name and telephone number of an agency official familiar with the proposal and of the OMB Desk Officer for the Department.

This Notice also lists the following information:

**Title of Proposal:** Housing Development Grant Program Project Settlement Procedures.

**OMB Approval Number:** 2502–0382.

**Form Numbers:** HUD–90024, 90025, 90026, 90027, 90028.

**Description of the Need for the Information and Its Proposed Use:** The collection of project settlement information is necessary upon construction completion, that all project owners account for funds expended. The information provided in the project settlement process will permit HUD to determine that only the amount of funds necessary were awarded to the project and will also permit HUD to determine the owner’s minimum equity requirements have been met.

**Respondents:** Business or other for-profit.

**Frequency of Submission:** Reporting Other project settlement.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Fish and Wildlife Service**

**Availability of Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Assessment for North Platte National Wildlife Refuge, Scottsbluff, NE**

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Refuge Improvement Act of 1997, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has published the Draft North Platte National Wildlife Refuge Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Assessment. This Plan describes how the FWS intends to manage the North Platte NWR for the next 10–15 years.

**DATES:** Submit written comments by February 8, 2001. All comments need to be addressed to: Brad McKinney, Refuge Manager, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, North Platte National Wildlife Refuge, 115 Railway Street, Suite C109, Scottsbluff, NE 69363–1346.

**ADDRESSES:** A copy of the Draft Plan may be obtained by writing to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, North Platte NWR, 115 Railway Street, Suite C109, Scottsbluff, NE 69363–1346 or from http://www.r6.fws.gov/larp/.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Brad McKinney, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, North Platte NWR, 115 Railway Street, Suite C109, Scottsbluff, NE brad_mckinney@fws.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

The 2,909-acre North Platte National Wildlife Refuge is located in the Nebraska Panhandle, within the Central Flyway and Kansas/Platte Rivers ecosystem, about eight miles north of the city of Scottsbluff, NE. This Refuge is superimposed over or adjoining three Bureau of Reclamation reservoirs consisting of Lake Minatare, Winters Creek Lake, and Lake Alice. The North Platte NWR was established by Executive Order in 1916 as a “preserve and breeding ground for native birds.” Since the Refuge is superimposed over Bureau lands, it remains subordinate to “Reclamation service uses.”

Management of the North Platte NWR will be guided by its purpose to provide a preserve and breeding ground for migratory birds as well as to provide for the life requirements of other species of wildlife, subject to Bureau uses, and to provide compatible, high quality environmental education and wildlife-oriented recreational opportunities.

**DATES:** Comments on the draft recovery plan received by March 12, 2001 will be considered by the Service.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the draft recovery plan are available for inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the following location: Snake River Basin Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1387 S. Vinnell Way, Suite 368, Boise, Idaho 83709 (phone: 208/378–5243). Requests for copies of the draft recovery plan and written comments and materials regarding this plan should be addressed to Robert Ruesink, Field Supervisor, at the above address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jeri Wood, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, at the above address.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

Restoring endangered or threatened animals and plants to the point where they are again secure, self-sustaining members of their ecosystems is a