DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Redelegation of Authority: Management and Marketing Contractors

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner, HUD.

ACTION: Notice of Redelegation of Authority.

SUMMARY: HUD is changing the manner in which it authorizes officials of its Management and Marketing contractors (M&Ms) to execute routine documents necessary for the management and sale of single family properties acquired by HUD in connection with its mortgage insurance program. Currently, that authority is granted by limited powers of attorney (LPOA). In this notice, certain officers and employees of HUD’s M&Ms will be delegated authority to execute those routine documents. This notice will notify buyers, lenders, other real estate professionals, local governments and their recordation officials of the M&M employees’ authority to execute and deliver these documents pursuant to this delegation rather than by LPOA.

DATES: Effective Date: July 18, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wanda L. Sampredo, Director, Asset Management and Disposition Division, Office of Single Family Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Washington, DC 20410–8000, telephone (202) 708–1672 (this is not a toll-free number). Persons with speech or hearing impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at 800–877–8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 203(a) of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1709(a)) empowers the Secretary of HUD to insure eligible mortgages. Following the foreclosure of certain of those loans which have been in serious default, the holder of the insured loan may, pursuant to section 204(a) of the National Housing Act (12. U.S.C. 1710(a)), elect, in consideration of the payment of a mortgage insurance claim, to convey to the Secretary the property which had secured the loan. Upon receipt of these properties, HUD sells them to the general public in order to reduce the loss to the Federal Treasury due to the payment of the insurance claims. Section 204(g) of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1710(g)) provides, in part, that the power to convey and to execute in the name of the Secretary deeds of conveyance, deeds of release, assignments and satisfactions of mortgages, and any other written instrument relating to real or personal property or any interest therein acquired by the Secretary pursuant to the National Housing Act may be exercised by an officer appointed by him, without the execution of any express delegation of power or power of attorney. In addition, this section provides that the Secretary, in his discretion, may delegate those powers by order or by power of attorney to any officer or agent he may appoint. These powers were delegated to the Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner, with authority to redelegate, in a delegation of authority published in the Federal Register on August 20, 2003 (68 FR 50157).

HUD has contracted with private entities, M&Ms, to handle the management and sale of its inventory of properties. Accordingly, the Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner hereby redelegates as follows:

Section A. Authority Redelegated

The authority to execute all documents necessary in connection with the management and sale of residential real property acquired by HUD under its insured mortgage and asset management and disposition programs, including the authority to, acknowledge, seal, and deliver any agreements of sale, special warranty deeds, form HUD–1 Settlement Statements, and any other instrument that may be necessary in connection with property management and sales on behalf of the Department, is hereby redelegated to certain principals and/or officers of HUD’s M&Ms whose identity will be maintained at its Web site located at: www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/sfh/reo/reo_home.cfm.

Section B. Revocation of Delegations

The Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner may, at any time, revoke any of the authority redelegated in this notice. Revocation shall be effective upon removal of the affected principal or officer’s name from the above Web site.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; 5-Year Review of 13 Southeastern Species

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) announces a 5-year review of the Bachman’s warbler (Vermivora bachmani), Conasauga logperch (Percina jenkinsi), Cumberland bean (Villosa trabalis), speckled pocketbook (Lampsilis streckeri), little amphianthus (Amphiathanus pusillus), hairy rattleweed (Baptisia arachnifera), Geocarpon minimum (no common name), black-spored quillwort (Isoetes melanospora), mat-forming quillwort (Isoetes tegetiformis), white-haired goldenrod (Solidago albopilosa), Short’s goldenrod (Solidago shortii), persistent trillium (Trillium persistens), and relict trillium (Trillium reliquum) under section 4(f)(2) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). The purpose of reviews conducted...
under this section of the Act is to ensure that the classification of species as threatened or endangered on the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants (50 CFR 17.11 and 17.12) is accurate. The 5-year review is an assessment of the best scientific and commercial data available at the time of the review.

DATES: To allow us adequate time to conduct this review, information submitted for our consideration must be received on or before September 26, 2005. However, we will continue to accept new information about any listed species at any time.

ADDRESSES: Information submitted on the Bachman’s warbler should be sent to the Field Supervisor, Charleston Field Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 176 Crogan Spur Road, Suite 200, Charleston, South Carolina 29407. Information about the speckled pocketbook and Geocarpon minimum (a plant) should be sent to the Field Supervisor, Arkansas Field Office, 1500 Museum Road, Suite 105, Conway, Arkansas 72032. Information submitted on the Cumberland bean, white-haired goldenrod, and Short’s goldenrod should be sent to the Field Supervisor, Kentucky Field Office, 3761 Georgetown Road, Frankfort, KY 40601. Information about the hairy rattlesweed should be sent to the Assistant Field Supervisor, Coastal Georgia Field Office, 4270 Norwich Street, Brunswick, GA 31520. Information on the remaining 6 species should be sent to the Field Supervisor, Athens Field Office, West Park Center, 105 West Park Drive, Suite D, Athens, Georgia 30606. Information received in response to this notice of review will be available for public inspection by appointment, during normal business hours, at the same addresses.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ed Eudaly at the Charleston, South Carolina, address above for the Bachman’s warbler, (telephone, 843/727–4707, ext. 220); Chris Davidson at the Conway, Arkansas, address above for the speckled pocketbook and Geocarpon minimum, (501/513–4481); Mike Floyd at the Frankfort, Kentucky, address above for the Cumberland bean, white-haired goldenrod, and Short’s goldenrod, (502/695–0468); Keren Gioveno at the Brunswick, Georgia, address above for the hairy rattlesweed (912/265–9336, ext. 31); and James Rickard at the above Athens, Georgia, address for the remaining 6 species (706/613–9493, ext. 23).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Act (16 U.S.C. 1533 et seq.), the Service maintains a list of endangered and threatened wildlife and plant species at 50 CFR 17.11 (for animals) and 17.12 (for plants) (collectively referred to as the List). Section 4(c)(2)(A) of the Act requires that we conduct a review of listed species at least once every 5 years. Then, on the basis of such reviews, under section 4(c)(2)(B), we determine whether or not any species should be removed from the List (delisted), or reclassified from endangered to threatened or from threatened to endangered. Delisting a species must be supported by the best scientific and commercial data available and only considered if such data substantiate that the species is neither endangered nor threatened for one or more of the following reasons: (1) The species is considered extinct; (2) the species is considered to be recovered; and/or (3) the original data available when the species was listed, or the interpretation of such data, were in error. Any change in Federal classification would require a separate rulemaking process. The regulations at 50 CFR 424.21 require that we publish a notice in the Federal Register announcing those species currently under active review. This notice announces our active review of the following species that are currently federally listed as threatened: Little amphianthus, Geocarpon minimum, and white-haired goldenrod; and the following species currently federally listed as endangered: Bachman’s warbler, Conasauga logperch, Cumberland bean, speckled pocketbook, hairy rattlesweed, black-spored quillwort, mat-forming quillwort, Short’s goldenrod, persistent trillium, and relict trillium. The List is found in 50 CFR 17.11 (wildlife) and 17.12 (plants) and is also available on our Internet site at http://endangered.fws.gov/wildlife.html#Species. Amendments to the List through final rules are published in the Federal Register.

What Information Is Considered in the Review?

A 5-year review considers the best scientific and commercial data that has become available since the current listing determination or most recent status review of each species, such as:

A. Species biology, including but not limited to population trends, distribution, abundance, demographics, and genetics;
B. Habitat conditions, including but not limited to amount, distribution, and suitability;
C. Conservation measures that have been implemented to benefit the species;
D. Threat status and trends (see five factors under heading “How do we determine whether a species is endangered or threatened?”); and
E. Other new information, data, or corrections, including but not limited to taxonomic or nomenclatural changes, identification of erroneous information contained in the List, and improved analytical methods.

Definitions Related to This Notice

The following definitions are provided to assist those persons who contemplate submitting information regarding the species being reviewed:

A. Species includes any species or subspecies of fish, wildlife, or plant, and any distinct population segment of any species of vertebrate which interbreeds when mature.
B. Endangered means any species that is in danger of extinction throughout all or a significant portion of its range.
C. Threatened means any species that is likely to become an endangered species within the foreseeable future throughout all or a significant portion of its range.

How Do We Determine Whether a Species Is Endangered or Threatened?

Section 4(a)(1) of the Act establishes that we determine whether a species is endangered or threatened based on one or more of the following five factors:

A. The present or threatened destruction, modification, or curtailment of its habitat or range;
B. Overutilization for commercial, recreational, scientific, or educational purposes;
C. Disease or predation;
D. The inadequacy of existing regulatory mechanisms; or
E. Other natural or manmade factors affecting its continued existence.

Section 4(a)(1) of the Act requires that our determination be made on the basis of the best scientific and commercial data available.

What Could Happen as a Result of This Review?

If we find that there is new information concerning any of these 13 species indicating that a change in classification may be warranted, we may propose a new rule that could do one of the following: (a) Reclassify the species from endangered to threatened (downlist); (b) reclassify the species from threatened to endangered (uplist); or (c) delist the species. If we determine that a change in classification is not warranted, then these species will remain on the List under their current status.

Public Solicitation of New Information

We request any new information concerning the status of these 13
species. See “What information is considered in the review?” heading for specific criteria. Information submitted should be supported by documentation such as maps, bibliographic references, methods used to gather and analyze the data, and/or copies of any pertinent publications, reports, or letters by knowledgeable sources. Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home addresses from the supporting record, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. There also may be circumstances in which we may withhold from the supporting record a respondent’s identity, as allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. We will not consider anonymous comments, however. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

Authority: This document is published under the authority of the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.).

Dated: July 5, 2005.

Cynthia K. Dohner,
Acting Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
 Minerals Management Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submitted for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of extension of an information collection (1010–0041).

SUMMARY: To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), we are notifying the public that we have submitted to OMB an information collection request (ICR) to renew approval of the paperwork requirements in the regulations under 30 CFR part 250, “Subpart K. Oil and Gas Production Rates,” and related documents. This notice also provides the public a second opportunity to comment on the paperwork burden of these regulatory requirements.


ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on this information collection directly to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB Attention: Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior either via OMB email: (OIRA_DOCKET@omb.eop.gov); or by fax (202) 395–6566; identify with (1010–0041).

Submit a copy of your comments to the Department of the Interior, MMS, via:
- MMS’s Public Connect on-line commenting system, https://ocsconnect.mms.gov. Follow the instructions on the website for submitting comments.
- E-mail MMS at rules.comments@mms.gov. Use Information Collection Number 1010–0041 in the subject line.
- Fax: 703–787–1093. Identify with Information Collection Number 1010–0041.
- Mail or hand-carry comments to the Department of the Interior; Minerals Management Service; Attention: Rules Team, (703) 787–20170, Herndon, Virginia 20170–4817, Please reference “Information Collection 1010–0041” in your comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Cheryl Blundon, Rules Processing Team, (703) 787–1600. You may also contact Cheryl Blundon to obtain a copy, at no cost, of the regulations and forms that require the subject collection of information.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: 30 CFR part 250, Subpart K. Oil and Gas Production Rates.

OMB Control Number: 1010–0041.

Abstract: The Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Lands Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 1331 et seq. and 43 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.), authorizes the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) to prescribe rules and regulations to administer leasing of the OCS. Such rules and regulations will apply to all operations conducted under a lease. Operations on the OCS must preserve, protect, and develop oil and natural gas resources in a manner that is consistent with the need to make such resources available to meet the Nation’s energy needs as rapidly as possible; to balance orderly energy resource development with protection of human, marine, and coastal environments; to ensure the public a fair and equitable return on the resources of the OCS; and to preserve and maintain free enterprise competition.

Section 5(a) of the OCS Lands Act requires the Secretary to prescribe rules and regulations “to provide for the prevention of waste, and conservation of the natural resources of the Outer Continental Shelf, and the protection of correlative rights therein” and to include provisions “for the prompt and efficient exploration and development of a lease area.”

Section 1334(g)(2) states “* * * the lessee shall produce such oil or gas, or both, at rates * * * to assure the maximum rate of production which may be sustained without loss of ultimate recovery of oil or gas, or both, under sound engineering and economic principles, and which is safe for the duration of the activity covered by the approved plan.”

In addition, MMS also issues various Notices to Lessees (NTLs) and Operators to clarify and provide additional guidance on some aspects of the regulations, as well as various forms to capture the data and information. The current subpart K regulations specify the use of forms MMS–126 (Well Potential Test Report, 1010–0039, expiration 10/31/07), MMS–127 (Sensitive Reservoir Information Report, 1010–0018, expiration 10/31/07), and MMS–128 (Semiannuall Well Test Report, 1010–0017, expiration 8/31/05), that were approved individually by OMB and assigned separate control numbers. This submission also includes the burden for form MMS–140 (Bottomhole Pressure Survey Report). Form MMS–140 is used in the Gulf of Mexico OCS Region (GOMR) for submitting the results of static bottomhole pressure surveys required under §250.1104(c). With this submission, we are now merging all the collections for the forms associated with subpart K into the primary collection for subpart K, OMB control number 1010–0041.

Regulations implementing these responsibilities are under 30 CFR part 250. Responses are mandatory. No questions of a “sensitive” nature are asked.

The MMS protects information considered proprietary under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and its implementing regulations (43 CFR part 2), and under regulations at 30 CFR 250.196, “Data and information to be made available to the public,” 30 CFR part 252, “OCS Oil and Gas Information Program.” Proprietary information concerning geological and geophysical data will be protected according to 43 U.S.C. 1352.

The information collected under subpart K is used in our efforts to conserve natural resources, prevent waste, and protect correlative rights, including the Government’s royalty