DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Notice of Submission of Proposed Information Collection to OMB; Emergency Comment Request; Grant Application for Public Housing Graduation Incentive Bonus

AGENCY: Office of Chief Information Officer, HUD.

ACTION: Notice of proposed information collection.

SUMMARY: The proposed information collection requirement described below has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for emergency review and approval, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

This is a request for a new information collection that will be used to select awardees for the Graduation Incentive Bonus program grants that will be part of the 2005 Notice of Funding Availability.

Congress has authorized this Graduation Incentive Bonus funding as a set aside from the 2005 Public Housing Operating Fund allocation. Funds can be used for any and all operating expenses approved under section 9 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 and 24 CFR part 990.

DATES: Comments Due Date: April 27, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments must be received within seven (30) days from the date of this notice. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and should be sent to: HUD Desk Officer, Office of Management and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wayne Eddins, Paperwork Reduction Act Compliance Officer, AYO, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410; e-mail Wayne.Eddins@HUD.gov; telephone (202) 708–2374. This is not a toll-free number. Copies of documentation submitted to OMB may be obtained from Mr. Eddins.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This Notice informs the public that the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has submitted to OMB, for emergency processing, a proposed information collection requirement as described below. This Notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affecting agencies concerning the proposed collection of information to: (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) evaluate the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (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 through the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

This notice also lists the following information:

Title Of Proposal: Public Housing Graduation Incentive Bonus.

Description Of Information Collection: This is a new information collection for selecting applicants for the Public Housing Graduation Incentive Bonus program grants, which will be part of the 2005 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA).

Congress has authorized this Graduation Incentive Bonus funding as a set aside from the 2005 Public Housing Operating Fund allocation. Funds can be used for any and all operating expenses approved under section 9 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 and 24 CFR part 990.

OMB Control Number: To be assigned.

Agency Form Numbers: Standard grant application form SF 424.

Members of Affected Public: Public Housing Authorities (PHAs).

Estimation of the Total Numbers of Hours Needed to Prepare the Information Collection Including Number of Respondents, Frequency of Responses, and Hours of Response: An estimation of the total number of hours needed to prepare the information collection is 0.75 hours per applicant. The estimated number of respondents is 277. The frequency of response is once per annum. The total public burden is estimated to be 208 hours.

Status: Proposed new collection.


Dated: March 22, 2005.

Wayne Eddins, Departmental Paperwork Reduction Act Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Intent To Prepare a Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Assessment for the Long Island National Wildlife Refuge Complex

AGENCY: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) intends to prepare a Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) and Environmental Assessment (EA) pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act and its implementing regulations, for the Long Island National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) Complex refuges located in the State of New York. The Long Island NWR Complex is a diverse group of eight refuges totaling over 6,200 acres, and contains most of the habitat types found on Long Island which are important to migratory birds and other wildlife. These refuges include Amagansett, Conscience Point, Lido Beach, Morton, Oyster Bay, Seatuck, Target Rock, and Wertheim NWRs. The refuges are in Suffolk and Nassau Counties, New York. This notice also advises the public that the Service is withdrawing a previous notice, published on May 30, 2000, stating that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) would be developed for the refuge complex. Comments already received under the previous notice will be considered during preparation of the subject CCP/EA.

The Service is furnishing this notice in compliance with the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 668dd et seq.): (1) To advise other agencies and the public of our intentions, and (2) to obtain suggestions and information on the scope of issues
to include in the environmental documents.

DATES: Please provide any comments on the subject CCP/EA by April 15, 2005. The Service will notify the public of subsequent meetings on development of the proposed CCP/EA via Federal Register notice and other means, including special mailings, newspaper articles, and Web site announcements. Inquire at the address below for future dates of planning activity.

ADDRESSES: Comments and requests for more information may be addressed to Refuge Manager, Long Island National Wildlife Refuge Complex, P.O. Box 21, Shirley, New York 11976, 631–286–0485.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: By Federal law, all lands within the National Wildlife Refuge System are to be managed in accordance with an approved CCP. The CCP guides management decisions and identifies refuge goals, long-range objectives, and strategies for achieving refuge purposes. Public input into this planning process is essential. The CCP will provide other agencies and the public with a clear understanding of the desired conditions for the refuges and how the Service will implement management strategies. Public input into this planning process is essential.

The Service began soliciting information from the public in 2000 via open houses, meetings, and written comments. Special mailings, newspaper articles, and Web site announcements helped to inform the public in the general area near each refuge of the time and place of opportunities for input to the CCP.

The refuge complex has recently completed two EAs independent of the CCP process; one EA specifically addressed the issue of deer hunting at Wertheim NWR, and another EA addressed development of a headquarters and visitor center at Wertheim NWR. The Service has determined that, at this time, an EA is a more appropriate document than an EIS to accompany the CCP.

The need to prepare an EIS is a matter of professional judgment requiring consideration of all issues in question. If the EA determines that the CCP will constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment, an EIS will then be prepared. The primary purpose of an EIS is to ensure that a full and fair discussion of all significant environmental impacts occurs and to inform decision makers and the public of the reasonable alternatives that would avoid or minimize adverse impacts or enhance the quality of the human environment.

Review of this project will be conducted in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.). NEPA Regulations (40 CFR 1500–1508), other appropriate Federal laws and regulations, and Service policies and procedures for compliance with those regulations. Concurrent with the CCP process, the Service will conduct a wilderness review and incorporate a summary of the review into the CCP, as well as include compatibility determinations for all applicable refuge uses. We estimate that the Draft CCP/EA will be available in the summer 2005.


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Deputy Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Hadley, Massachusetts.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WAY–920–09–1320–EL, WYW162491]

Coal Lease Exploration License, WY

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of invitation for coal exploration license.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 2(b) of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended by Section 4 of the Federal Coal Leasing Amendments Act of 1976, 90 Stat. 1083, 30 U.S.C. 201(b), and to the regulations adopted as 43 CFR 3410, all interested parties are hereby invited to participate with Powder River Coal Company on a pro rata cost sharing basis in its program for the exploration of coal deposits owned by the United States of America in the following-described lands in Campbell County, WY:

T. 41 N., R. 69 W., 6th P.M., Wyoming
Sec. 5: Lots 8, 9, and 16;
T. 42 N., R. 69 W., 6th P.M., Wyoming
Sec. 18: Lot 13 (S1⁄2);
Sec. 19: Lots 6 (S1⁄4), 7, 9, 11 (NW1⁄4), 12, 15;
Sec. 29: Lots 4 (W1⁄2), 5, 12, 13, 14 (SW1⁄4);
Sec. 30: Lots 5 through 7;
Sec. 32: Lots 3 (SW1⁄4), 4, 5 (N1⁄4);
Containing 693.9025 acres, more or less.

All of the coal in the above-described land consists of unleased Federal coal within the Powder River Basin Known Coal Leasing Area and the Powder River Basin Known Recoverable Coal Resources Area. The purpose of the exploration program is to delineate the cropline for the Wyodak-Anderson coal seam and to obtain coal structure and quality data.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the exploration plan are available for review during normal business hours in the following offices (serialized under number WYW162491): Bureau of Land Management, Wyoming State Office, 5353 Yellowstone Road, P.O. Box 1828, Cheyenne, WY 82003; and Bureau of Land Management, Casper Field Office, 2987 Prospector Drive, Casper, WY 82604.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed exploration program is fully described and will be conducted pursuant to an exploration plan to be approved by the Bureau of Land Management. This notice of invitation will be published in The News-Record of Gillette, WY, once each week for two consecutive weeks beginning the week of March 28, 2005, and in the Federal Register. Any party electing to participate in this exploration program must send written notice to both the Bureau of Land Management and Powder River Coal Company no later than thirty days after publication of this invitation in the Federal Register. The written notice should be sent to the following addresses: Powder River Coal Company, Attn: Karen Lohkamp, Caller Box 3034, Gillette, WY 82717–3034, and the Bureau of Land Management, Wyoming State Office, Branch of Solid Minerals, Attn: Julie Weaver, P.O. Box 1828, Cheyenne, WY 82003.

The foregoing is published in the Federal Register pursuant to 43 CFR 3410.2–1(c)(1).

Dated: February 1, 2005.

Phillip C. Perlewitz,
Acting Deputy State Director, Minerals and Lands.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[MT–962–05–1420–BJ]

Montana: Filing of Plats of Amended Protraction Diagrams

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Montana State Office, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of filing of plats of amended protraction diagrams.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will file the plats of the amended protraction diagrams of the lands described below in the BLM.

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