SUMMARY: We (Fish and Wildlife Service) have requested that OMB approve our information collection associated with research to support outdoor recreation management at Lake Umbagog National Wildlife Refuge, Errol, New Hampshire. We have requested that OMB approve this information collection for a 1-year term.

DATES: You must submit comments on or before June 19, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Send your comments and suggestions on this information collection to the Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior at OMB-OIRA at (202) 395–6566 (fax) or OIRA_DOCKET@OMB.eop.gov (e-mail). Please provide a copy of your comments to Hope Grey, Information Collection Clearance Officer, Fish and Wildlife Service, MS 222–ARLSQ, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22203 (mail); (703) 358–2269 (fax); or hope.grey@fws.gov (e-mail).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request a copy of the information collection requirements, explanatory information, or related form, contact Hope Grey, Information Collection Clearance Officer, at the above addresses or by telephone at (703) 358–2482.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: OMB regulations at 5 CFR part 1320, which implement the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.), require 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)). Federal agencies may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

On January 27, 2006, we published in the Federal Register (71 FR 4607) a notice of our intent to request information collection authority from OMB. In that notice, we solicited public comments for 60 days, ending March 28, 2006. We received comments from one individual who objected to the use of Lake Umbagog National Wildlife Refuge for hunting, trapping, and related recreational uses. The commenter did not address the necessity, clarity, or accuracy of the information collection, but suggested that we seek input from the public outside the local area of the refuge. The proposed survey will include a representative sample of all visitors to the refuge, both local and non-local. We did not make any changes to our information collection based on this comment.

The National Wildlife Refuge Improvement Act of 1997, which amended the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act (16 U.S.C. 668dd–668ee), guides planning and management of the National Wildlife Refuge System. The law identifies six priority wildlife-dependent recreational uses and provides a process for ensuring that these and other activities do not conflict with the management purpose and goals of each refuge. The Act also requires that we develop a comprehensive conservation plan (CCP) for every refuge by the year 2012. A refuge CCP outlines goals, objectives, and management strategies for the refuge. It provides a vision and describes desired future conditions for the refuge. Development of a CCP for Lake Umbagog National Wildlife Refuge is ongoing and requires baseline information on recreation use and use patterns at the refuge. Since recreation use is dispersed at this refuge, the only feasible way to collect information on recreation use is through an onsite visitor survey. We will ask questions about visitor experience, wildlife disturbance, crowding, fishing, and camping. This type of information is especially important at Lake Umbagog National Wildlife Refuge because of increasing concern over growing recreational use and its potential impacts on sensitive wildlife populations.

Title of Collection: Research to Support Outdoor Recreation Management at Lake Umbagog National Wildlife Refuge.

OMB Control Number: None; this is a new collection.

Form Number: FWS Form 3–2330.

Frequency of Responses: On occasion.

Description of Respondents: Visitors to Lake Umbagog National Wildlife Refuge.

Number of Respondents: 500.

Number of Responses: 500.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 125 hours. We estimate that the reporting burden will average 15 minutes per respondent.

We invite your comments concerning this information collection on: (1) Whether or not the collection of information is necessary to properly manage visitor carrying capacity, including whether or not the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of burden; (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 those who are to respond.


Hope Grey,
Information Collection Clearance Officer, Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Receipt of Applications for Permit

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of applications for permit.

SUMMARY: The public is invited to comment on the following applications to conduct certain activities with endangered species and/or marine mammals.

DATES: Written data, comments or requests must be received by June 19, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act, by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice to: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203; fax 703/358–2281.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Division of Management Authority, telephone 703/358–2104.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Endangered Species

The public is invited to comment on the following applications for a permit to conduct certain activities with endangered species. This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.). Written data, comments, or requests for copies of these complete applications should be submitted to the Director (address above).

Applicant: Yerkes National Primate Research Center, Atlanta, GA, PRT–837068.

The applicant requests amendment of a permit to include lethal take of up to twenty captive born white-collared mangabeys (Cercocebus torquatus) per year, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a five-year period.
Applicant: Richard T. Frey, 
Chattahoochee, FL, PRT–121015.

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (Damaliscus pygargus pygargus) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: Kirk E. Windward, Salt Lake City, UT, PRT–122242.

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (Damaliscus pygargus pygargus) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: Robert V. Underwood, 
Pleasant Grove, UT, PRT–122447.

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (Damaliscus pygargus pygargus) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Marine Mammals

The public is invited to comment on the following applications for a permit to conduct certain activities with marine mammals. The applications were submitted to satisfy requirements of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 et seq.), and the regulations governing marine mammals (50 CFR part 18). Written data, comments, or requests for copies of the complete applications or requests for a public hearing on these applications should be submitted to the Director (address above). Anyone requesting a hearing should give specific reasons why a hearing would be appropriate. The holding of such a hearing is at the discretion of the Director.

Applicant: Kevin Moloney, Las Vegas, NV, PRT–122050.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (Ursus maritimus) sport hunted from the Northern Beaufort Sea polar bear population in Canada for personal, noncommercial use.

Applicant: Michael J. Wilmet, Long Grove, IL, PRT–121219.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (Ursus maritimus) sport hunted from the Western Hudson Bay polar bear population in Canada for personal, noncommercial use.

Applicant: Kimberly J. Comb, 
6205 Buttercup Rd., PRT–122007.

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one polar bear (Ursus maritimus) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: Michael S. Moore, 
Senior Permit Biologist, Branch of Permits, 
Division of Management Authority.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

Notice of Availability of the Alamosa River Watershed Restoration Master Plan and Environmental Assessment

AGENCIES: Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior, lead agency; Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, cooperating agency; Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, cooperating agency.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public and other agencies of the availability of the Alamosa River Watershed Restoration Master Plan and Environmental Assessment ("Plan") prepared under the direction of Federal and state natural resource trustees, pursuant to subpart G of the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (40 CFR 300.600 and 300.610) and Executive Order 12580. The Department of the Interior (represented by the Bureau of Land Management and the Fish and Wildlife Service), Department of Agriculture (represented by the Forest Service), and the State of Colorado (represented by the Departments of Law, Natural Resources, and Public Health and the Environment) are Trustees for natural resources considered in this Plan. The Alamosa River is located in the San Luis Valley of south-central Colorado. The Plan describes the Alamosa River environment and the impacts to watershed resources and land uses, and briefly describes proposed restoration projects.

DATES: On November 10, 2005, the Authorized Official (Colorado State Director of the Bureau of Land Management) of the Department of the Interior issued a Decision Record, which approved the preferred alternative in the Plan and Environmental Assessment. The Decision Record also referred to an attached Finding of No Significant Impact to the human environment, which concluded that an Environmental Impact Statement is not required. The Regional Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service concurred with release of the Plan. The Regional Forester of the Forest Service concurred with the Decision Record for the Plan and the Finding of No Significant Impact for the Environmental Assessment.

Addresses and Further Information: The Plan is available at the following Internet address: http://mountain-prairie.fws.gov/nrrda/SummitvilleColo/ Summitville.htm. Copies of the document are available for on-site review in the Del Norte Public Library, 190 Grand Avenue, Del Norte, CO 81131 or Department of Agriculture, Conejos County Natural Resources Conservation Service, 15 Spruce, La Jara, CO 81140. The Decision Record and further information is available from Robert Robinson, Bureau of Land Management, 2850 Youngfield Street, Lakewood, CO 80215, telephone 303–239–3642, or via e-mail at rob_robinson@blm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Plan comprehensively addresses all watershed restoration needs, including those resulting from injuries pursuant to the federal Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration (NRDAR) regulations in Title 43 Code of Federal Regulations part 11, as well as restoration needs arising from other impacts. The Plan also outlines several sets of projects based on competing needs and limited funding, and identifies a preferred restoration alternative, consisting of a project set that best addresses the various resource impacts. The Decision Record approves the preferred alternative, which includes projects for greater in-stream flow, cleaner surface water, river bank stabilization, restored riparian areas, abandoned mine reclamation, and increased public access to the river corridor. The Plan envisions funds from the NRDAR settlement, along with matching funds, grants, and other funding sources, to support the preferred alternative. The restoration actions ultimately undertaken will result from proposals for specific actions that respond to the needs and projects identified in the preferred restoration alternative. The Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA, more commonly known as the Federal “Superfund” law) [42 U.S.C. 9601 et seq.] and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, commonly known as the Clean Water Act (CWA) [33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.] authorize States, federally recognized Tribes, and certain Federal agencies, which have the authority to manage or control natural resources, to act as “trustees” on behalf of the public, to restore, rehabilitate, replace, and/or acquire natural resources equivalent to those harmed by hazardous substance releases.


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