DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service
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Proposed Information Collection; Survey of National Wildlife Refuge Visitors Service Refuge Visitors

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We (Fish and Wildlife Service) will ask the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve the information collection (IC) described below. As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and as part of our continuing efforts to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, we invite the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on this IC. We 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.

DATES: You must submit comments on or before April 6, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Send your comments on the IC to Hope Grey, Information Collection Clearance Officer, Fish and Wildlife Service, MS 222–ARLSQ, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22203 (mail); hope.grey@fws.gov (e-mail).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request additional information about this ICR, contact Hope Grey by mail, or e-mail (see ADDRESSES) or by telephone at (703) 358–2482.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

We have contracted with the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) to conduct a survey of national wildlife refuge visitors so that we can better understand their recreational, educational, and information experiences. The Policy Analysis and Science Assistance Branch of the USGS will conduct the survey on-site at approximately 75 national wildlife refuges nationwide. Respondents will have the option to return the survey by mail or to complete it online.

We will use this survey to measure visitor satisfaction with current visitor services and facilities and their desire for future services and facilities. Information from this survey will provide refuge managers, planners, and visitor services professionals with scientifically sound data that can be used to:

1. Prepare conservation planning documents,
2. Improve the design of visitor facilities,
3. Tailor visitor services and facilities to match visitor interests and needs,
4. Better protect refuge resources by combining this data with biological data, and
5. Understand the economic impact of visitors to the local community.

Additionally, this survey can target public access and transportation planning issues related to wildlife-oriented recreational opportunities such as auto tour routes, trails, parking lots, and roads.

II. Data

OMB Control Number: None. This is a new collection.

Title: Survey of National Wildlife Refuge Visitors.

Service Form Number(s): None.

Type of Request: New.

Affected Public: Visitors to national wildlife refuges.

Respondent’s Obligation: Voluntary.

Frequency of Collection: Biannual.

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 15,000 (approximately 200 visitors at 75 national wildlife refuges).

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 15,000.

Estimated Time per Response: 20 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 5,000.

III. Request for Comments

We invite comments concerning this IC on:

1. whether or not the collection of information is necessary, including whether or not the information will have practical utility;
2. the accuracy of our estimate of the burden for this collection of information;
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.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this IC. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment...
to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we
cannot guarantee that we will be able to
do so.

Dated: January 22, 2009
Hope Grey,
Information Collection Clearance Officer,
Fish and Wildlife Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Fish and Wildlife Service
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Meeting Announcement: North American Wetlands Conservation Council
AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.
ACTION: Notice of meeting.
SUMMARY: The North American Wetlands Conservation Council (Council) will meet to select North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA) grant proposals for recommendation to the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission (Commission). This meeting is open to the public, and interested persons may present oral or written statements.
DATES: Council Meeting: March 16, 2009, 1–3 p.m.
ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Crystal Gateway Marriott, 1700 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202.
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mike Johnson, Council Coordinator, by phone at (703) 358–1784; by e-mail at dbhc@fws.gov; or by U.S. mail to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Mail Stop MBSP 4501–4075, Arlington, VA 22203.
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with NAWCA (Pub. L. 101–233, 103 Stat. 1968, December 13, 1989, as amended), the State-private-Federal Council meets to consider wetland acquisition, restoration, enhancement, and management projects for recommendation to, and final funding approval by, the Commission.
If you are interested in presenting information at the public meeting, contact the Council Coordinator no later than March 2, 2009.
Proposals require a minimum of 50 percent non-Federal matching funds. The Council will consider Canadian and U.S. small grant proposals at the meeting. The tentative date for the Commission meeting is June 10, 2009.
Paul Schmidt,
Assistant Director—Migratory Birds.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Land Management
Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board; Meeting
AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.
ACTION: Announcement of Meeting.
SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces that the Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board will conduct a meeting on matters pertaining to management and protection of wild, free-roaming horses and burros on the Nation’s public lands.
DATES: The Advisory Board will meet Monday, March 2, 2009, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., local time. This will be a one day meeting.
ADDRESSES: The Advisory Board will meet in Reno, Nevada at the Silver Legacy Resort Casino, in the Reno Ballroom, 50 East Fourth Street, Reno, Nevada 89501. The Silver Legacy’s address is 407 North Virginia Street, Reno, Nevada 89501. Their phone number is 1–800–687–7733.
Written comments pertaining to the Advisory Board meeting should be sent to: Bureau of Land Management, National Wild Horse and Burro Program, WO–260, Attention: Ramona DeLorme, 1340 Financial Boulevard, Reno, Nevada 89502–7147. Submit written comments pertaining to the Advisory Board meeting no later than close of business February 25, 2009. See the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section for electronic access and filing address.
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ramona DeLorme, Wild Horse and Burro Administrative Assistant, at 775–861–6583. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may reach Ms. DeLorme at any time by calling the Federal Information Relay Service at 1–800–877–8339.
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
I. Public Meeting
Under the authority of 43 CFR part 1784, the Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board advises the Secretary of the Interior, the Director of the BLM, the Secretary of Agriculture, and the Chief of the Forest Service, on matters pertaining to management and protection of wild, free-roaming horses and burros on the Nation’s public lands. The tentative agenda for the meeting is:
Monday, March 2, 2009 (8 a.m.–5 p.m.)
8 a.m.—Call to Order & Introductions:
8:15 a.m.—Old Business:
Approval of November 2008 Minutes Update Pending Litigation
8:45 a.m.—Program Updates:
Gathers
Adoptions
Facilities
Forest Service Update
Break (9:30 a.m.–9:45 a.m.)
9:45 a.m.—Program Updates (continued):
Program Accomplishments
BLM Response to Advisory Board Recommendations
Lunch (11:45 a.m.–1 p.m.)
1 p.m.—New Business:
Break (2:45 p.m.–3 p.m.)
3 p.m.—Public Comments
4 p.m.—Board Recommendations
4:45 p.m.—Recap/Summary/Next Meeting/Date/Site
5 p.m.—Adjourn
The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities. An individual with a disability needing an auxiliary aid or service to participate in the meeting, such as an interpreting service, assistive listening device, or materials in an alternate format, must notify the person listed under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT two weeks before the scheduled meeting date. Although the BLM will attempt to meet a request received after that date, the requested auxiliary aid or service may not be available because of insufficient time to arrange it.
The Federal Advisory Committee Management Regulations [41 CFR 101–6.1015(b),] require BLM to publish in the Federal Register notice of a meeting 15 days prior to the meeting date.
II. Public Comment Procedures
Members of the public may make oral statements to the Advisory Board on March 2, 2009 at the appropriate point in the agenda. This opportunity is anticipated to occur at 3 p.m., local time. Persons wishing to make statements should register with the BLM by noon on March 2, 2009 at the meeting location. Depending on the number of speakers, the Advisory Board