SPECIAL SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Section A. Authority

The Secretary hereby delegates to the General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs authority and responsibility for conveying the Department’s mission through internal and external outreach to include local, regional, and national level media. The Office of Public Affairs is responsible for ensuring that information provided to the news media by HUD is current, complete, and accurate. It also has responsibility for ensuring that all applicable laws, regulations, and policies involving the release of information to the public are followed. In carrying out these responsibilities, the General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs shall, among other duties:

1. Direct and coordinate all media outreach for the Department regarding the Department’s mission.
2. Use a variety of mediums and media outlets to communicate the Department’s initiatives and goals to stakeholders, homeowners, renters, and those individuals living in or in need of subsidized housing.
3. Provide Americans with information about housing policies and programs through coordinating press conferences; drafting press releases; and utilizing the Internet and social media, including departmental blogs, Facebook, Twitter, Flikr, and You Tube, in addition to community outreach and other methods of communication.
4. Reviewing or drafting all official speeches and statements made by HUD officials and employees before such statements are released to the public.

Section B. Authority Excepted

The authority delegated in this document does not include the authority to sue or be sued or to issue or waive regulations.

Section C. Authority to Redelgate

The General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs is authorized to redelegate to employees of HUD any of the authority delegated under Section A.

Section D. Authority Superseded

This delegation supersedes all prior delegations of authority from the Secretary to the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs.

Department of Housing and Urban Development
Order of Succession for the Office of Public Affairs

AGENCY: Office of Public Affairs, HUD.

ACTION: Notice of order of succession.

SUMMARY: In this notice, the General Deputy Assistant Secretary designates the Order of Succession for the Office of Public Affairs. This Order of Succession supersedes all prior orders of succession for the Office of Public Affairs.

DATES: Effective Date: June 29, 2011.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Neill Coleman, General Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Public Affairs, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Room 10130, Washington, DC 20410–6000, telephone number 202–708–0980. (This is not a toll-free number.) Persons with hearing- or speech-impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at 1–800–877–8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The General Deputy Assistant Secretary is issuing this Order of Succession of officials authorized to perform the functions and duties of the Office of Public Affairs when, by reason of absence, disability, or vacancy in office, the General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs is not available to exercise the powers or perform the duties of the office. This Order of Succession is subject to the provisions of the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998 (5 U.S.C. 3345–3349d), and supersedes all prior Orders of Succession for the Office of Public Affairs.

Accordingly, the General Deputy Assistant Secretary designates the following Order of Succession:

Section A. Order of Succession

Subject to the provisions of the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998, during any period when, by reason of absence, disability, or vacancy in office, the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs is not available to exercise the powers or perform the duties of the office of the Assistant Secretary, the following officials within the Office of Public Affairs are hereby designated to exercise the powers and perform the duties of the Office:

(1) Press Secretary;
(2) Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs; and
(3) Supervisory Public Affairs Specialist.

These officials shall perform the functions and duties of the office in the order specified herein, and no official shall serve unless all the other officials, whose position titles precede his hers in this order, are unable to act by reason of absence, disability, or vacancy in office.

>This Order of Succession supersedes all prior orders of succession for the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs.

Authority: Section 7(d), Department of Housing and Urban Development Act, 42 U.S.C. 3535(d).

Dated: June 29, 2011.

Neill Coleman, General Deputy Assistant Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Proposed Information Collection; Hunting and Fishing Application Forms and Activity Reports for National Wildlife Refuges

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service) will ask the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to renew approval for 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. This IC is scheduled to expire on January 31, 2012. 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.

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Order of Succession for the Office of Public Affairs

AGENCY: Office of Public Affairs, HUD.

ACTION: Notice of order of succession.

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Authority: Section 7(d), Department of Housing and Urban Development Act, 42 U.S.C. 3535(d).

Dated: June 29, 2011.

Neill Coleman, General Deputy Assistant Secretary.
DATES: To ensure that we are able to consider your comments on this IC, we must receive them by September 19, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Send your comments on the IC to the Service Information Collection Clearance Officer, Fish and Wildlife Service, MS 2042–PDM, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22203 (mail); or INFOCOL@fws.gov (e-mail). Please include “1018–0140” in the subject line of your comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request additional information about this IC, contact Hope Grey at INFOCOL@fws.gov (e-mail) or 703–358–2482 (telephone).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 668dd–668ee), as amended (Administration Act), and the Refuge Recreation Act of 1962 (16 U.S.C. 460k–460k–4) (Recreation Act) govern the administration and uses of national wildlife refuges and wetland management districts. The Administration Act consolidated all the different refuge areas into a single Refuge System. It also authorizes us to permit public uses, including hunting and fishing, on lands of the Refuge System when we find that the activity is compatible and appropriate with the purpose for which the refuge was established. The Recreation Act allows the use of refuges for public recreation when the use is not inconsistent or does not interfere with the primary purpose(s) of the refuge.

There are 408 national wildlife refuges where we administer hunting and/or fishing programs. We only collect user information at about 20 percent of these refuges. Information that we plan to collect will help us:

- Administer and monitor hunting and fishing programs on refuges.
- Distribute hunting and fishing permits in a fair and equitable manner to eligible participants.
- We use nine application and report forms associated with hunting and fishing on refuges. We may not allow all opportunities on all refuges; therefore, we developed different forms to simplify the process and avoid confusion for applicants. The currently approved forms are available online at http://www.fws.gov/forms/. Not all refuges will use each form and some refuges may collect the identical information in a nonform format.
- We use the following application forms when we assign areas, dates, and/or types of hunts via a drawing because of limited resources, high demand, or when a permit is needed to hunt. We issue application forms for specific periods, usually seasonally or annually.
  - FWS Form 3–2354 (Quota Deer Hunt Application).
  - FWS Form 3–2355 (Waterfowl Lottery Application).
  - FWS Form 3–2356 (Big/Upland Game Hunt Application).
  - FWS Form 3–2357 (Migratory Bird Hunt Application).
  - FWS Form 3–2358 (Fishing/Shrimping/ Crabbing Application).

- We collect information on:
  - Applicant (name, address, phone number) so that we can notify applicants of their selection.
  - User preferences (dates, areas, method) so that we can distribute users equitably.
  - Whether or not the applicant is applying for a special opportunity for disabled or youth hunters.
  - Age of youth hunter(s) so that we can establish eligibility.

- We ask users to report on their success after their experience so that we can evaluate hunting/fishing quality and resource impacts. We use the following activity reports, which we distribute during appropriate seasons, as determined by State or Federal regulations.
  - FWS Form 3–2359 (Big Game Harvest Report).
  - FWS Form 3–2360 (Fishing Report).
  - FWS Form 3–2362 (Upland/Small Game/Furbearer Report).

We collect information on:

- Names of users so we can differentiate between responses.
- City and State of residence so that we can better understand if users are local or traveling.
- Dates, time, and number in party so we can identify use trends and allocate staff and resources.
- Details of success by species so that we can evaluate quality of experience and resource impacts.

II. Data

OMB Control Number: 1018–0140. Title: Hunting and Fishing Application Forms and Activity Reports for National Wildlife Refuges, 50 CFR parts 25, 26, 27, 30, 31, and 32. Service Form Number(s): FWS Forms 3–2354, 3–2355, 3–2356, 3–2357, 3–2358, 3–2359, 3–2360, 3–2361, 3–2362. Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection. Description of Respondents: Individuals and households. Respondent’s Obligation: Required to obtain or retain a benefit. Frequency of Collection: On occasion (for applications, usually once per year at the beginning of the hunting season; for activity reports, once at the conclusion of the hunting/fishing experience). Nonhour Cost Burden: We estimate the annual nonhour cost burden to be $60,000 for hunting application fees at some refuges.
III. Comments

We invite comments concerning this information collection on:

- Whether or not the collection of information is necessary, including whether or not the information will have practical utility;
- The accuracy of our estimate of the burden for this collection of information;
- Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Ways to imize 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: July 14, 2011.

Tina A. Campbell,
Chief, Division of Policy and Directives Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service


Hunt Fee at Caddo Lake National Wildlife Refuge, TX

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to Implement a Hunt Fee.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce our intent to implement a hunt fee at Caddo Lake National Wildlife Refuge (Refuge), located in Texas, as authorized by Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (REA). The Refuge’s proposed fee is $12.50 for lottery deer and feral hog hunt. Under REA provisions, the Refuge will identify and post the specific fee.

DATES: Submit your comments on this action by August 19, 2011. Unless we publish a notice in the Federal Register withdrawing this action, we will implement the hunt fee on January 16, 2012 at the Refuge.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments by one of the following methods:
- By fax to: (505) 248–6621.
- By e-mail to: Ken_Garrahan@fws.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ken Garrahan, at (505) 248–6635.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) is the regulatory agency for wildlife in Texas. To monitor deer population dynamics throughout the state, TPWD has identified 33 unique Resource Management Units (RMUs) having similar soils, vegetation types and land use practices. TPWD collects, compiles, and analyzes deer population data from identified RMUs and associated ecoregions throughout the state and adjusts deer hunting regulations accordingly.

Caddo Lake NWR is within RMU 16 where deer densities increased from 8.7 to 15.1 deer per 1,000 acres and recruitment decreased almost 50 percent from 2005 to 2008. The Refuge has worked in cooperation with TPWD biologists and staff to monitor the deer herd on Caddo Lake NWR.

In 2008 and 2009, Refuge and TPWD staff conducted spotlight surveys, browse surveys, forest understory evaluations and review of historic and ongoing Army deer hunt data (prior to 2004, the land was under the jurisdiction of the United States Army, Department of Defense). The data indicate that the Refuge deer herd is at/near carrying capacity (K) levels, or that it exceeds K levels in certain areas of the Refuge. During this 2-year period, deer density on the refuge has increased from 34.3 to 58.9 deer per 1,000 acres. Estimated doe per buck ratio also increased from 2:1 to 3:1, while recruitment remained low, at near 0.15 fawns per doe. Accordingly, the proposed limited deer hunt will reduce the number of deer to obtain a more healthy and sustainable population on the Refuge.

Feral hogs are an extremely invasive exotic species that is not considered a game species by the State of Texas. Texas is home to an estimated 2 million feral hogs. This is due in part to intentional releases, suitable habitat, disease eradication, limited natural predators, and the high reproductive potential. There are very few inhibiting factors to curtail this population growth. The hunting of feral hogs has become a popular sport in the State, and the public interest would best be served by allowing this activity on the refuge. The damaging effects of feral hogs were present prior to the establishment of the refuge, and their numbers and damaging effects on the habitat and native wildlife species will continue to increase without a control mechanism. If a control mechanism (i.e. hunting or trapping) is not established and implemented, feral hogs will degrade the refuge habitat and have a negative impact on native wildlife species.

We announce our intent to implement a $12.50 hunt fee for a lottery deer and feral hog hunt at the Refuge under 16 U.S.C. 6802(g) of the REA. The Refuge plans to use collected fees to defray costs associated with a hunting program on the Refuge. Fees garnered through this program will be used to offset expenses in operating the hunt, including providing refuge hunt permits/brochures, boundary line/hunt area signage, maintenance of overtime by law enforcement officers, employee salaries dedicated to the administration of the hunts, and for expansion and improvement of parking areas, and improved accessibility for mobility impaired hunters. It is our policy to only allow activities that are appropriate and compatible with the Refuge’s purposes.

Public Availability of Comments

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.

Authorities and Requirements of the REA

In December 2004, the REA became law (16 U.S.C. 6801–6814). The REA provides authority through December 2014 for the Secretaries of the Departments of the Interior and Agriculture to establish, modify, charge, and collect recreation fees for use at some Federal recreation lands and waters, and contains specific provisions addressing public involvement in the establishment of recreation fees. The REA also directed the Secretaries of the Departments of the Interior and Agriculture to publish advance notice in the Federal Register whenever necessary