Public Involvement

The draft EIS began as a joint document between the Service and The State of Hawaii’s Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR). Due to differences in procedural requirements, the environmental process diverged after the draft EIS was published and the project incorporated the modified proposed action alternative.

In May of 2013, the applicant began holding community meetings, small focus group meetings with stakeholders, and individual meetings with community leaders and legislators to discuss the proposed project and engage the public in the project’s planning and design.

On November 5, 2013, the Service published a notice of intent (NOI) to prepare a draft EIS in the Federal Register (78 FR 66377). The NOI also announced a public scoping period (November 5 to December 5, 2013), during which we invited interested parties to provide written comments related to the proposal. A public scoping meeting was held in Kahuku, Hawaii, on November 13, 2013, in accordance with NEPA (40 CFR 1501.7).

Utilizing public scoping comments, we prepared a draft EIS to analyze the effects of project alternatives on the human environment. The Service published a notice of availability (NOA) of the draft EIS in the Federal Register on June 12, 2015 (80 FR 33535), opening a 60-day public comment period. The Service also posted the Federal Register NOA, Notice of Public Scoping Meeting, draft HCP, draft EIS, and a news release on their Web site at http://www.fws.gov/pacificislands/. A public open-house meeting was held on June 23, 2015, in Kahuku, Hawaii, to solicit additional input from the public on the draft EIS and draft HCP. A total of 90 comment letters and emails were received from the public. The official comment period ended on August 11, 2015. The NOA of the final EIS and final HCP was published in the Federal Register by the Service on July 12, 2016 (81 FR 45174–45176), initiating a 30-day waiting period.

The State of Hawaii’s environmental impact statement preparation notice (EISPN) was distributed to interested parties for review between December 23, 2013, and January 23, 2014, and again between November 8 and December 8, 2014 (republished to reflect the addition of a second access into the project site). During the initial public scoping period for the EISPN, three public scoping meetings were held at Kahuku Community Center: On November 13, 2013, January 10, 2014, and November 19, 2014. In addition to the public meetings, a media advisory was sent out prior to each meeting. DLNR hosted a public hearing at the Kahuku Community Center on June 4, 2015. The draft EIS was published in the State of Hawaii Office of Environmental Quality Control’s The Environmental Notice on June 8, 2015, in accordance with requirements set forth under the Hawaii Environmental Policy Act (HRS § 343–3). Public comments were accepted during the 45-day State public comment period. On April 23, 2016, DLNR published a second draft EIS with an additional 45-day State public comment period to address the modified proposed action option. The Board of Land and Natural Resources published acceptance of the final EIS in The Environmental Notice on August 8, 2016, which initiated a 60-day legal challenge period that ended on October 8, 2016.

Next Steps

We will evaluate the permit application, associated documents, and public comments in reaching a final decision on whether the application meets the requirements of section 10(a) of the ESA (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.). We will evaluate whether the proposed permit action would comply with section 7 of the ESA by conducting an intra-Service section 7 consultation on the proposed permit action. We will use the results of this consultation, in combination with the above findings, in our final analysis to determine whether or not to issue an incidental take permit. If the requirements are met, we will issue the permit to the applicant. We will issue a Record of Decision and issue or deny the permit no sooner than 30 days after publication of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s notice of availability of the SEIS.

Authority

We provide this notice in accordance with the requirements of section 10(c) of the ESA and its implementing regulations (50 CFR 17.22 and 17.32), and NEPA and its implementing regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

Theresa Rabot,
Deputy Regional Director, Pacific Region, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Portland, Oregon.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Proposed Information Collection; Approval Procedures for Nontoxic Shot and Shot Coatings

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 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. This IC is scheduled to expire on January 31, 2017. We may not conduct or sponsor a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

DATES: To ensure that we are able to consider your comments on this IC, we must receive them by January 17, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Send your comments on the IC to the Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, MS BPHC, 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041–3803 (mail); or tina.campbell@fws.gov (email). Please include “1018–0067” in the subject line of your comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request additional information about this IC, contact Tina Campbell at Tina.Campbell@fws.gov (email) or 703–358–2676 (telephone).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. 703 et seq.) prohibits the unauthorized take of migratory birds and authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to regulate take of migratory birds in the United States. Under this authority, we control the hunting of migratory game birds through regulations in 50 CFR part 20. On January 1, 1991, we banned the use of lead shot for hunting waterfowl and coots in the United States. The regulations at 50 CFR 20.134 outline the application and approval processes for new types of nontoxic shot. When considering approval of a candidate material as nontoxic, we must ensure that it is not hazardous in the
environment and that secondary exposure (ingestion of spent shot or its components) is not a hazard to migratory birds. To make that decision, we require each applicant to provide information about the solubility and toxicity of the candidate material. Additionally, for law enforcement purposes, a noninvasive field detection device must be available to distinguish candidate shot from lead shot. This information constitutes the bulk of an application for approval of nontoxic shot. The Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service uses the data in the application to decide whether or not to approve a material as nontoxic.

II. Data

OMB Control Number: 1018–0067.
Title: Approval Procedures for Nontoxic Shot and Shot Coatings, 50 CFR 20.134.
Service Form Number: None.
Type of Request: Extension of a previously approved collection.
Description of Respondents: Businesses that produce and/or market approved nontoxic shot types or nontoxic shot coatings.
Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain a benefit.
Frequency of Collection: On occasion.
Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 1.
Estimated Completion Time per Response (Hours): 3,200.
Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 3,200.
Estimated Nonhour Cost Burden: $25,000.

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 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, email 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: November 12, 2016.
Tina A. Campbell,
Chief, Division of Policy, Performance, and Management Programs, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

Notice of Public Meeting, Eastern Montana Resource Advisory Council Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.
ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Eastern Montana Resource Advisory Council (RAC) will meet as indicated below.

DATES: The Eastern Montana Resource Advisory Council meeting will be held on December 15, 2016, in Miles City, Montana. When determined, the meeting location and times will be announced in a news release.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark Jacobsen, Public Affairs Specialist, BLM Eastern Montana/Dakotas District, 111 Garryowen Road, Miles City, Montana 59301; (406) 233–2831; mjacobse@blm.gov. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–677–8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 15-member council advises the Secretary of the Interior through the BLM on a variety of planning and management issues associated with public land management in eastern Montana. At this meeting, topics will include: An Eastern Montana/Dakotas District report, Billing Field Office and Miles City Field Office manager reports, a travel management, recreation planning, individual RAC member reports and other issues the council may raise. All meetings are open to the public and the public may present written comments to the council. Each formal RAC meeting will have time allocated for hearing public comments. Depending on the number of persons wishing to comment and time available, the time for individual oral comments may be limited. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation, tour transportation or other reasonable accommodations should contact the BLM as provided above.

Authority: 43 CFR 1784.4–2.

Cornelia Hudson,
Acting, Eastern Montana/Dakotas District Manager.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 337–TA–965]

Certain Table Saws Incorporating Active Injury Mitigation Technology and Components Thereof;
Commission Determination Not To Review a Final Initial Determination Finding a Violation of Section 337; Schedule for Briefing on Remedy, the Public Interest, and Bonding


ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. International Trade Commission has determined not to review a final initial determination (“ID”) issued by the presiding administrative law judge (“ALJ”), finding a violation of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended. The Commission has also set a schedule for briefing on remedy, the public interest, and bonding.