DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT


30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Mortgage Record Change

AGENCY: Office of the Chief Information Officer, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: HUD submitted the proposed information collection requirement described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 30 days of public comment.

DATES: Comments Due Date: October 25, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB Control Number and should be sent to: HUD Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503; fax: 202–355–1270; Email: OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Colette Pollard, Reports Management Officer, QMAC, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Washington, DC 20410; email Colette.Pollard@hud.gov, or telephone 202–402–3400. 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 (800) 877–8339.

Copies of available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Ms. Pollard.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice informs the public that HUD is seeking approval from OMB for the information collection described in Section A.

The Federal Register notice that solicited public comment on the information collection for a period of 60 days was published on July 12, 2017 at 82 FR 32195.

A. Overview of Information Collection

Title of Information Collection: Mortgage Record Change.

OMB Approval Number: 2502–0422.

Type of Request: Extension without change of a currently approved collection.

Form Number: 92080 (FHA Connection).

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: Servicing of insured mortgages must be performed by a mortgagee that is approved by HUD to service insured mortgages. The Mortgage Record Change information is used by FHA-approved mortgagees to comply with HUD requirements for reporting the sale of a mortgage between investors and/or the transfer of the mortgage servicing responsibility, as appropriate.

Respondents: (Affected public): Not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 7,000.

Estimated Number of Responses: 4,000,000.

Frequency of Response: On occasion at sale or transfer.

Average Hours per Response: 0.1.

Total Estimated Burdens: 400,000.

B. Solicitation of Public Comment

This notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected parties concerning the collection of information described in Section A on the following:

1. 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. The accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed 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 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.

HUD encourages interested parties to submit comment in response to these questions.


Dated: September 13, 2017.

Colette Pollard, Department Reports Management Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service


Foreign Endangered and Threatened Species; Receipt of Applications for Permit

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of applications for permit.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on the following applications to conduct certain activities with endangered and threatened species. With some exceptions, the Endangered Species Act prohibits activities with listed species unless Federal authorization is acquired that allows such activities.

DATES: We must receive comments or requests for documents on or before October 25, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Submitting Comments: You may submit comments by one of the following methods:


When submitting comments, please indicate the name of the applicant and the PRT# you are commenting on. We will post all comments on http://
I. Public Comment Procedures

A. How do I request copies of applications or comment on submitted applications?

Send your request for copies of applications or comments and materials concerning any of the applications to the contact listed under ADDRESSES. If you provide an email address in your request for copies of applications, we will attempt to respond to your request electronically.

Please make your requests or comments as specific as possible. Please confine your comments to issues for which we seek comments in this notice, and explain the basis for your comments. Include sufficient information with your comments to allow us to authenticate any scientific or commercial data you include.

The comments and recommendations that will be most useful and likely to influence agency decisions are: (1) Those supported by quantitative information or studies; and (2) Those that include citations to, and analyses of, the applicable laws and regulations. We will not consider or include in our administrative record comments we receive after the close of the comment period (see DATES) or comments delivered to an address other than those listed above (see ADDRESSES).

B. May I review comments submitted by others?

Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the street address listed under ADDRESSES. The public may review documents and other information applicants have sent in support of the application unless our allowing viewing would violate the Privacy Act or Freedom of Information Act. 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.

II. Background

To help us carry out our conservation responsibilities for affected species, and in consideration of section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.; ESA), along with Executive Order 13576, "Delivering an Efficient, Effective, and Accountable Government," and the President’s Memorandum for the Heads of Executive Departments and Agencies of January 21, 2009—Transparency and Open Government (74 FR 4685; Jan. 26, 2009), which call on all Federal agencies to promote openness and transparency in Government by disclosing information to the public, we invite public comment on these permit applications before final action is taken.

III. Permit Applications

We invite the public to comment on applications to conduct certain activities with endangered species. With some exceptions, ESA prohibits activities with listed species unless Federal authorization is acquired that allows such activities.

Applicant: Philadelphia Zoo, Philadelphia, PA; PRT–22842C

The applicant requests a permit to import one captive-born male snow leopard (Uncia uncia) from Assiniboine Park Zoo, Winnipeg, Canada, to enhance the propagation or survival of the species. This notification is for a single import.

Applicant: Palm Beach Zoo and Conservation Society, West Palm Beach, Florida; PRT–39618C

The applicant requests an import permit for a captive-bred jaguar (Panthera onca) from the Zoo de Granby in Quebec, Canada to the Palm Beach Zoo in West Palm Beach, Florida to enhance the propagation or survival of the species. This notification is for a single import.

Applicant: Center for Conservation of Tropical Ungulates, Punta Gorda, Florida; PRT–43158C

The applicant requests a permit to import one male captive-born Asian tapir (Tapirus indicus) from the Singapore Zoo and Night Safari, Singapore, to enhance the propagation or survival of the species. This notification is for a single import.

Trophy Applicants

The following applicants each request a permit to import a sport-hunted trophy of a 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 enhancing the propagation or survival of the species.

Applicant: Warren Bell Cleveland, OH; PRT–40757C

Applicant: Danny Spindler Evansville, IN; PRT–35244C

IV. Next Steps

If the Service decides to issue permits to any of the applicants listed in this notice, we will publish a notice in the Federal Register. You may locate the Federal Register notice announcing the permit issuance date by searching regulations.gov under the permit number listed in this document.

V. Public Comments

You may submit your comments and materials concerning this notice by one of the methods listed in ADDRESSES. We will not consider comments sent by email or fax or to an address not listed in ADDRESSES.

If you submit a comment via regulations.gov, your entire comment, including any personal identifying information, will be posted on the Web site. If you submit a hardcopy comment that includes personal identifying information, you may request at the top of your document that we withhold this information from public review. However, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

We will post all hardcopy comments on regulations.gov.
VI. Authority

The authority for this action is the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.).

Joyce Russell, Government Information Specialist, Branch of Permits, Division of Management Authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service


Enhancement of Survival Permit Application; Draft Candidate Conservation Agreement With Assurances for the Greater Sage-Grouse and Four Grassland Songbirds in Montana; Draft Environmental Assessment

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, are making available for public comment an application from The Nature Conservancy (TNC) for an enhancement of survival permit (permit) under the Endangered Species Act for take of five species associated with implementation of a candidate conservation agreement with assurances (CCAA) in Montana. The intent of the CCAA is to provide private landowners in the coverage area with the opportunity to voluntarily conserve covered species and their habitats while carrying out their operations in a manner that would contribute to precluding the need to list the covered species. Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act, we have prepared a draft environmental assessment (EA) that analyzes the potential impacts of issuance of the permit and implementation of the proposed CCAA, as well as two alternatives to the proposed action. The permit application, draft CCAA, and EA are available for public review, and we seek public comment on these documents and potential issuance of the permit.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted by October 25, 2017.

ADDRESSES: To request further information or submit written comments, please use the following methods, and note that your information request or comments are in reference to the Montana CCAA.

○ Internet: Documents may be viewed on the Internet at https://www.fws.gov/greatersagegrouse/news.php.


○ Email: MT. CCAA@fws.gov. Include “MT CCAA” in the subject line of the message.

○ Fax: 406–449–5339, Attn: MT CCAA.

○ In-Person Viewing or Pickup: Documents will be available for public inspection by appointment during normal business hours at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Montana Ecological Services Field Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 585 Shephard Way, Suite 1, Helena, MT 59601.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), received and make available for comment an application from The Nature Conservancy (TNC) for an enhancement of survival permit (permit) under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.; ESA), for potential take of five species associated with implementation of a candidate conservation agreement with assurances (CCAA) in Montana (coverage area). The coverage area would be the range of the five species on privately owned lands in Montana. The CCAA would cover and include conservation measures for the greater sage-grouse (Centrocercus urophasianus), Baird’s sparrow (Ammodramus bairdii), chestnut-collared longspur (Calcarius ornatus), McGowen’s longspur (Rhyynchaphanes mccownii), and Sprague’s pipit (Anthus spragueii). The intent of the CCAA is to provide ranchers and agriculture producers in the coverage area with the opportunity to voluntarily conserve the covered species and their habitat, while carrying out their operations in a manner that would provide net conservation benefit to the species.

Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.: NEPA), we have prepared a draft environmental assessment (EA) that analyzes the potential impacts of issuance of the permit and implementation of the proposed CCAA, as well as two alternatives to the proposed action. The permit application, draft CCAA, and EA are available for public review, and we seek public comment on these documents and potential issuance of the permit.

Background Information

A CCAA is an agreement with the Service in which private and other non-Federal landowners voluntarily agree to undertake management activities and conservation efforts on their properties to enhance, restore, or maintain habitat to benefit species that are proposed for listing under the ESA, that are candidates for listing, or that may become candidates. The Service works with these partners to identify threats to candidate species, plan the measures needed to address the threats and conserve these species, identify willing landowners, develop agreements, and design and implement conservation measures and monitor their effectiveness.

If we approve this CCAA, we will issue an associated enhancement of survival permit under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA that authorizes incidental take resulting from covered activities should any of the five covered species addressed in the CCAA become listed. Through the CCAA and permit, we also provide assurances to participating landowners that we will not impose additional land, water, or financial commitments, or restrictions on land, water, or resource use, as a result of their efforts to attract or increase the numbers or distribution of a species on their properties if that species becomes listed under the ESA in the future. Application requirements and issuance criteria for enhancement of survival permits through a CCAA are found in 50 CFR 17.22(d) and 17.32(d), as well as in 50 CFR part 13.

Proposed Action

Under the proposed programmatic CCAA, enrolled landowners in the CCAA (participants) would implement conservation measures that avoid, minimize, and mitigate impacts to the covered species and their habitats from ongoing grazing and range management activities on enrolled lands. The Service would issue the permit to TNC, which would administer the CCAA and enroll the participants. The CCAA would be in effect for 20 years. The covered area would encompass the non-Federal lands within the range of the covered species in Montana.

With issuance of the enhancement of survival permit, the Service would provide TNC and the participants...