render an appropriate decision on the application. USCIS will use this information to determine if any changes to the respondent’s prior statements affect the decisions the agency has made in regards to the respondent’s ability to be naturalized.

(5) An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond: The estimated total number of respondents for the information collection N=445 is 741,541 and the estimated hour burden per response is .25 hours.

(6) An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection: The total estimated annual hour burden associated with this collection is 185,385 hours.

(7) An estimate of the total public burden (in cost) associated with the collection: The estimated total annual cost burden associated with this collection of information is $0.

Dated: June 14, 2019.


DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR–7011–N–28]

Notice of Emergency Approval of an Information Collection: Housing Counseling Training Grant Program

AGENCY: Office of the Chief Information Officer, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, HUD has requested from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) emergency approval of the information collection described in this notice.

DATES: Comments Due Date: August 5, 2019.

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: 202−495−8850. Email: OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Colette Pollard, Reports Management Officer, QDAM, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW, Washington, DC 20410; email Colette Pollard at Colette.Pollard@hud.gov or telephone 202−402−3400. Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at (800) 877−8339. This is not a toll-free number. Copies of available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Ms. Pollard.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice informs the public that HUD has submitted to OMB a request for approval of the information collection described in Section A.

A. Overview of Information Collection

Title of Information Collection: Housing Counseling Training Grant Program

OMB Approval Number: 2502−0567.

Type of Request: Emergency.

Form Number: SF−424, Application for Federal Assistance; HUD−92910, Housing Counseling Training Charts; HUD−2880, Applicant/Recipient Disclosure/Update Report.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: Eligible organizations submit information to HUD through Grants.gov when applying for grant funds to provide housing counseling training to housing counselors. HUD uses the information collected to evaluate applicants competitively and then select qualified organizations to receive funding that supplement their housing counseling training program. Post−award collection, such as quarterly reports, will allow HUD to evaluate grantee’s performance. Respondents: Not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 24.

Estimated Number of Responses: 40.

Frequency of Response: One-time application and quarterly reports.

Average Hours per Response: 34.50.

Total Estimated Burdens: 1,380.

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.

C. Authority


Dated: June 13, 2019.

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

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS–R8−ES−2019−N053; FXES11140800000−190−FF08ECAR00]

Habitat Conservation Plan for the Coastal California Gnatcatcher; Categorical Exclusion for 93–129 Ltd, Orange County, California

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, have received an application from 93–129 Ltd for a 10-year incidental take permit for the coastal California gnatcatcher pursuant to the Endangered Species Act. We are requesting comments on the permit application and on our preliminary determination that the applicant’s accompanying proposed habitat conservation plan qualifies as low effect, eligible for a categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act. The basis for this determination is discussed in our environmental action statement and associated low−effect screening form, which are also available for public review.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before July 19, 2019.

ADDRESSES: Submitting Comments: You may submit comments by one of the following methods. Please include “93–129 Ltd” at the beginning of your comments.

• U.S. Mail: Field Supervisor, Carlsbad Fish and Wildlife Office, U.S.
Fish and Wildlife Service, 2177 Salk Avenue, Suite 250, Carlsbad, CA 92008.  
• Fax: Field Supervisor, 760–431–9624.  
• Email: fw8cfwocomments@fws.gov.  

Obtaining Documents: You may obtain copies of the documents by the following methods:  
• Internet: https://www.fws.gov/carlsbad/HCPs/HCP Docs.html.  
• Telephone: 760–431–9440.  
• U.S. Mail: Carlsbad Fish and Wildlife Office (address above).  
• In-Person: You may examine the documents by appointment during regular business hours at the Carlsbad Fish and Wildlife Office (address above). Please call to make an appointment (see FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT).  


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), have received an application from 93–129 Ltd (applicant) for a 10-year incidental take permit for one covered species pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.). The application addresses the anticipated “take” of the threatened coastal California gnatcatcher (Polioptila californica californica; gnatcatcher). The applicant proposes to grade, subdivide, and construct infrastructure for four estate custom home parcels on the approximately 50-acre parcel (Tentative Parcel Map 93–129) in Laguna Niguel, California. The proposed project will impact an estimated 4.3 acres of coastal sage scrub and up to two pairs of gnatcatchers. A conservation program to avoid, minimize, and mitigate for project activities would be implemented as described in the applicant’s proposed habitat conservation plan (HCP). On June 25, 2007, the Service issued a 10-year incidental take permit for the project subject. Implementation of the project was delayed and the permit expired on June 25, 2017.

We are requesting comments on the permit application and on our preliminary determination that the proposed HCP qualifies as a low-effect HCP, eligible for a categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA; 42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.). The basis for this determination is discussed in our environmental action statement and associated low-effect screening form, which are also available for public review.

Background

Section 9 of the ESA and its implementing Federal regulations prohibit the take of animal species listed as endangered or threatened. “Take” is defined under the ESA as to “harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect [listed animal species], or to attempt to engage in such conduct” (16 U.S.C. 1539). “Harm” includes significant habitat modification or degradation that actually kills or injures listed wildlife by significantly impairing essential behavioral patterns, such as breeding, feeding, or sheltering (50 CFR 17.3). However, under section 10(a) of the ESA, the Service may issue permits to authorize incidental take of listed species. “Incidental taking” is defined by the ESA implementing regulations as taking that is incidental to, and not the purpose of, carrying out an otherwise lawful activity (50 CFR 17.3). Regulations governing incidental take permits for endangered and threatened species, respectively, are found in the Code of Federal Regulations at 50 CFR 17.22 and 50 CFR 17.32.

Applicant’s Proposed Project

The project is located on a 50-acre property in the City of Laguna Niguel in Orange County, California (Tentative Parcel Map 93–129). The applicant requests a 10-year permit under section 10(a)(1)(B) of the ESA. If we approve the permit, the applicant anticipates taking gnatcatcher as a result of permanent impacts to 4.3 acres of coastal sage scrub that the species uses for breeding, feeding, and sheltering. The take would be incidental to the applicant’s activities associated with the grading, subdivision, and construction of four estate custom home parcels.

The applicant proposes to mitigate permanent impacts to 4.3 acres of occupied gnatcatcher habitat through the creation and restoration of 10.61 acres of coastal sage scrub and conservation of 12.8 acres of coastal sage scrub (including the created and restored habitat). The conserved habitat will be managed in perpetuity.

The applicant’s proposed HCP also contains measures to minimize the effects of construction activities on the gnatcatcher, including the following: Oversight of project activities by a biological monitor; fencing the project limits; implementing an erosion control plan to avoid and minimize degradation of adjacent sensitive habitats; removing invasive plant species from the property; minimizing the spillage of project lighting into the conserved area; providing educational brochures to residents on the responsibilities associated with living near a conserved area; removing previously used dirt access roads to reduce illegal trespassing into natural areas; and monitoring and reporting to the Service upon project completion.

Proposed Action and Alternatives

The Proposed Action consists of the issuance of an incidental take permit and implementation of the proposed HCP, which includes measures to avoid, minimize, and mitigate impacts to the gnatcatcher. If we approve the permit, take of gnatcatcher would be authorized for the applicant’s activities associated with the implementation of the 93–129 project. In the proposed HCP, the applicant considers two alternatives. Under the No Action Alternative, no permit would be issued and incidental take of the gnatcatcher resulting from habitat loss would occur, and no long-term protection and management would be afforded to the species. The No Action Alternative would not meet the primary goal of the proposed Project, which is to construct residential homes.

Under the Parcel by Parcel Alternative, each individual parcel owner would conduct grading and slope stabilization activities. This alternative would necessitate the construction of an additional road immediately adjacent to the coastal sage scrub habitat conservation area on the north side of the property’s ridgeline and would significantly increase the impacts to coastal sage scrub habitat.

Our Preliminary Determination

The Service has made a preliminary determination that approval of the HCP and issuance of an incidental take permit qualify for categorical exclusion under NEPA (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), as provided by the Department of the Interior implementing regulations in part 46 of title 43 of the Code of Federal Regulations (43 CFR 46.205, 46.210, and 46.215), and that the HCP qualifies as a low-effect plan as defined by the Habitat Conservation Planning Handbook (December 2016).

We base our determination that a HCP qualifies as a low-effect plan on the following three criteria:

(1) Implementation of the HCP would result in minor or negligible effects on federally listed, proposed, and candidate species and their habitats;  
(2) Implementation of the HCP would result in minor or negligible effects on other environmental values or resources; and  
(3) Implementation of the HCP would result in minor or negligible effects on other environmental values or resources.
Next Steps

We will evaluate the proposed HCP and comments we receive to determine whether the permit application meets the requirements and issuance criteria under section 10(a) of the ESA (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.). We will also evaluate whether issuance of a section 10(a)(1)(B) incidental take permit would comply with section 7 of the ESA by conducting an intra-Service consultation. 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 a permit. If the requirements and issuance criteria under section 10(a) are met, we will issue the permit to the applicant for incidental take of the gnatcatcher.

Public Availability of Comments

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 may 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.

Authority

We provide this notice under section 10 of the ESA (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) and NEPA regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

Scott Sobiech,
Acting Field Supervisor, Carlsbad Fish and Wildlife Office, Carlsbad, California.

Dated: May 17, 2019.

Tara Sweeney,
Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

The Comanche Indian Tribe Liquor Control Ordinance, Article VII, Taxes, Section (1), as amended, shall read as follows:

Article VII, Taxes, Section (1)

Section (1) Tax. There is hereby levied and shall be collected a tax on each wholesale and retail sale of Alcohol Beverages on Tribal land in the amount of one percent (1%) of the retail sales and an additional (5%) on-Premise Poured Liquor Tax, respectively, to be added to the wholesale and retail sales price. All taxes from the sale of such Alcohol Beverages shall be paid into a separate account under exclusive authority of the Tax Commission. This tax may be adjusted as requested by the Tax Commission and approved by the Business Committee.

Bills and Permits

Send written comments on this information collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Leases and Permits

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice publishes the amendment to the Comanche Indian Tribe Liquor Control Ordinance. The liquor control ordinance regulates and controls the possession, sale, manufacture, and distribution of alcohol on Comanche trust lands in conformity with the laws of the State of Oklahoma where applicable and necessary. The amendment does not become effective until published in the Federal Register.

DATES: This ordinance shall become effective on July 19, 2019.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Sherry Lovin, Tribal Government Officer, Southern Plains Regional Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Post Box 368, Anadarko, Oklahoma 73005, telephone: (405) 247–1534 or (405) 247–6673, fax: (405) 247–1534; or Ms. Laurel Iron Cloud, Chief, Division of Tribal Government Services, Office of Indian Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 1849 C Street NW, MS–4513–MIB, Washington, DC 20240, telephone: (202) 513–7641.


This notice is published in accordance with the delegated authority by the Secretary of the Interior to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs. I certify that the Comanche Nation Business Committee duly adopted the amendment to the Comanche Tribe Liquor Control Ordinance by Resolution 89–18 on May 17, 2018.