

took longer to complete than expected which delayed the submission of the form for OMB approval. However, the statute (section 1854(a) of the Social Security Act) specifically requires this report to be submitted to HCFA by July 1 of each year. The form is used to price the M+C plan to be offered to Medicare beneficiaries and HCFA must approve the pricing structure of the M+C plan before it can be offered to Medicare beneficiaries.

We feel significant improvements were made to the form which are intended to simplify the methodology and submission, to reduce the amount of reporting burden and backup needed, and to provide more flexibility to users.

HCFA is requesting OMB review and approval of this collection by June 1, 2000, with a 180-day approval period. Written comments and recommendations will be accepted from the public if received by the individuals designated below by May 22, 2000. During this 180-day period, we will publish a separate **Federal Register** notice announcing the initiation of an extensive 60-day agency review and public comment period on these requirements. We will submit the requirements for OMB review and an extension of this emergency approval.

Type of Information Collection Request: Revision of a currently approved collection;

Title of Information Collection: Adjusted Community Rate (ACR) and Supporting Regulations in 42 CFR 422.306, 422.501, and 422.510;

Form No.: HCFA-R-228 (OMB# 0938-0742);

Use: This collection effort will be used to price the M+C plan offered to Medicare beneficiaries by an M+C organization. Organizations submitting the Adjusted Community Rate form would include all M+C organizations plus any organization intending to contract with HCFA as a M+C organization. These current M+C organization contractors will be required to submit this form no later than July 1, 2000 for the calendar year 2001.;

Frequency: Annually;

Affected Public: Businesses or other for profit, Not-for-profit institutions;

Number of Respondents: 1,200;

Total Annual Responses: 1,200;

Total Annual Hours Requested: 114,000.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, access HCFA's Web Site address at <http://www.hcfa.gov/regs/prdact95.htm>, or E-mail your request, including your address, phone

number, to Paperwork@hcfa.gov, or call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786-1326.

Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding the burden or any other aspect of these collections of Information requirements. However, as noted above, comments on these Information collection and recordkeeping requirements must be mailed and/or faxed to the designees referenced below, by May 22, 2000:

Health Care Financing Administration,
Office of Information Services,
Security and Standards Group,
Division of HCFA Enterprise
Standards, Attention: Dawn
Willingham, Room N2-14-26, 7500
Security Boulevard, Baltimore,
Maryland 21244-1850;

and
Office of Information and Regulatory
Affairs, Office of Management and
Budget, Room 10235, New Executive
Office Building, Washington, DC
20503, Fax Number: (202) 395-6974
or (202) 395-5167, Attn: Allison
Herron Eydt, HCFA Desk Officer.

Dated: April 4, 2000.

John P. Burke III,
*HCFA Reports Clearance Officer, HCFA Office
of Information Services, Security and
Standards Group, Division of HCFA
Enterprise Standards.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Availability of argali (*Ovis ammon*) Status Report for the Republic of Tajikistan

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service.

ACTION: Notice of the availability of the contract report "Current Population Status of the Pamir Arhar (argali) in Tajikistan."

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) announces the availability of a report titled "Current Population Status of the Pamir Arhar (Argali) in Tajikistan". This work is part of the continuing evaluation by the Service of the populations of argali in accordance with the species' listing under the U.S. Endangered Species Act. The Service is making copies of the report available to the public for informational purposes.

DATES: The Service will accept requests to obtain a photocopy of the report for 60 days after April 11, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Send your requests to the Chief, Branch of Permits, Office of

Management Authority, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203. You may also send your request by fax to Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203. You may also send your request by fax to (703) 358-2281, to the attention of Mike Carpenter.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mike Carpenter, Office of Management Authority, telephone (703) 358-2104 or fax (703) 358-2281, (see **ADDRESSES** section)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In 1999 the Service contracted with Dr. A. K. Fedosenko of the Department of Conservation and Rational Use of Game Resources of the Russian Federation to conduct a survey of the argali (*Ovis ammon polii*) population in the eastern portion of the Republic of Tajikistan. This survey is part of the continuing review of the status of populations of argali (*Ovis ammon*) listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act and effected by the Special Rule at 50 CFR 17.40(j). The present report is a continuation of the 1994 status review of the threatened argali populations completed for the Service by Dr. Anna Lushchekina and Dr. Fedosenko and presents the results of the 1999 survey in the same context as the previous data for the area.

Dated: April 5, 2000.

Kristen Nelson,

*Chief, Branch of Permits, Office of
Management Authority.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

National Satellite Land Remote Sensing Data Archive Advisory Committee, Committee Meeting

AGENCY: U.S. Geological Survey, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Public Law 92-463, the National Satellite Land Remote Sensing Data Archive (NSLRSDA) Advisory Committee will meet at or near the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) National Center in Reston, VA. The Committee, comprised of 15 members from academia, industry, government, information science, natural science, social science, and policy/law, will provide the USGS with advice and consultation on defining and accomplishing the NSLRSDA's archiving and access goals to carry out the requirements of the Land Remote