

Alternative F is to allow State wildlife management agencies sufficient flexibility, within predefined guidelines, to deal with problems caused by resident Canada geese within their respective States. Other guidelines under Alternative F would include criteria for such activities as control options for taking geese during the portion of the Migratory Bird Treaty closed period (August 1–31), airport, agricultural, and public health control, and the non-permitted take of nests and eggs.

We are publishing simultaneously a proposed rule in the **Federal Register** that would implement our preferred alternative. Because of the publishing of the proposed rule, we have reopened the comment period on the DEIS. The Service invites careful consideration by all parties, and welcomes serious scrutiny from those committed to the long-term conservation of migratory birds.

In order to be considered, electronic submission of comments must include your name and postal mailing address; we will not consider anonymous comments. All comments received including names and addresses, will become part of the public record. The public may inspect comments during normal business hours at the Service's office in Room 4701, 4501 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Virginia. Requests for such comments will be handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act and the Council on Environmental Quality's National Environmental Policy Act regulations [40 CFR 1506.6(f)]. Our practice is to make all comments available for public inspection during regular business hours. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from the record, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. If a respondent wishes us to withhold his/her name and/or address, this must be stated prominently at the beginning of the comment.

Dated: July 1, 2003.

Steve Williams,

Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR

Geological Survey

Request for Public Comments on Information Collection To Be Submitted to OMB for Review Under the Paperwork Reduction Act

A request to reinstate the information collection described below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35). Copies of the proposed collection of information may be obtained by contacting the Bureau's clearance officer at the phone number listed below. Comments and suggestions on the proposal should be made within 60 days directly to the Bureau clearance officer, U.S. Geological Survey, 807 National Center, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia 20192, telephone (703) 648–7313.

As required by OMB regulations at 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1), the U.S. Geological Survey solicits specific public comments as to:

1. Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions on the bureaus, including whether the information will have practical utility;
2. The accuracy of the Bureau estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
3. The quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
4. How to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology.

Title: North American Bird Banding Program—Banding Database.

Previous OMB Approval Number: 1018–0006.

Summary: In accordance with the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, the USGS Bird Banding Laboratory issues permits for the trapping and marking of migratory birds. These permits require that data on marked birds be submitted to the Bird Banding Laboratory in a timely fashion. Currently this data is submitted electronically using a program (Band Manager) supplied by the Bird Banding Laboratory and the Canadian Bird Banding Office to all active permit holders. Data may also be submitted using a paper form. These data are used to provide researchers with information needed for projects and also to respond to the 85,000 reports of banded birds received annually by the Bird Banding

Laboratory and the Canadian Bird Banding Office. These data are vital to the study of avian biology. Data are received for approximately 1.2 million birds per year. For further information on the North American Bird Banding Program, see our Web site (<http://www.pwrc.usgs.gov/bbl>).

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 2400.

Estimated Annual Burden Hours: 27, 563.

Affected Public: Primarily U.S. and Canadian citizens who hold either a U.S. or Canadian permit to mark and tag birds (bird banding).

For Further Information Contact: To obtain copies of the survey, contact the Bureau clearance officer, U.S. Geological Survey, 807 National Center, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia 20192, telephone (703) 648–7313 or see the Web site at <http://www.pwrc.usgs.gov/bbl>.

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Ken Williams,

Acting Associate Director for Biology.

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2. The accuracy of the Bureau estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

3. The quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

4. How to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology.

Title: North American Bird Banding Program—Encounter Database.

Previous OMB Approval Number: 1018–0005.

Summary: The North American Bird Banding Program receives reports of banded birds (encounters) from the public via a 1–800 telephone number, web site forms, and letters. These reports are submitted voluntarily at the volition of the reporter. The information that is collected (band number, type of bird, where and when it was found, how found) is computerized and utilized by state, provincial, federal and private agencies as well as by both U.S. and Canadian researchers. The data on waterfowl and other game birds are one part of the data set used to help managers set hunting regulations. All data are utilized by both private and public agencies and individuals for management and conservation studies. Also, avian researchers throughout North America utilize these data in many of their studies as well as in many publications on avian topics. All persons reporting a band encounter receive a Certificate of Appreciation giving them information on type of bird, when and where was banded and who banded. For further information on the North American Banding Program and the Encounter Database see our Web site (<http://www.pwrc.usgs.gov/bbl>).

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 85,000.

Estimated Annual Burden Hours: 7,083.

Affected Public: Primarily U.S. and Canadian citizens. Some citizens of Mexico, the Caribbean, Central America, Middle America, South America, Europe, Asia.

For Further Information Contact: To obtain copies of the survey, contact the Bureau clearance officer, U.S. Geological Survey, 807 National Center, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia 20192, telephone (703) 648–7313 or see the Web site at <http://www.pwrc.usgs.gov/bbl>.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

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3. The quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
4. How to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate, electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology.

Title: North American Bird Banding Program—Application for Federal Bird Banding Permit.

Previous OMB Approval Number: 1018–0017.

Summary: In accordance with the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and subsequent treaties with other countries, the trapping and marking of wild migratory birds must be monitored. To accomplish this mandate, federal permits are required to trap and mark. The permit is required for persons who trap and mark for research or management purposes. Responsibility to evaluate applications and issue permits is the responsibility of the USGS Bird Banding Laboratory. The application provides information about the applicant that is necessary to assess and evaluate qualifications of the applicant. For further information on the North American Bird Banding Program, see our Web site (<http://www.pwrc.usgs.gov/bbl>).

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 550.

Estimated Annual Burden Hours: 550.

Affected Public: Mostly U.S. citizens from the public and private sectors with a few from Canada, the Caribbean, Central America and South America. Permits to band in Canada are handled by the Canadian Wildlife Service, Bird Banding Office.

For Further Information Contact: To obtain copies of the survey, contact the Bureau clearance officer, U.S. Geological Survey, 807 National Center, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia 20192, telephone (703) 648–7313 or see the Web site at <http://www.pwrc.usgs.gov/bbl>.

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Acting Associate Director for Biology.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Indian Gaming

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Tribal-State Gaming Compact Between the State of Arizona and the Yavapai-Prescott Indian Tribe.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 11 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 (IGRA), Pub. L. 100–497, 25 U.S.C 2710, the Secretary of the Interior shall publish, in the **Federal Register**, notice of approved Tribal-State Compacts for the purpose of engaging in Class III gaming activities on Indian lands. The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, through her delegated authority, has approved the Tribal-State Compact for Class III gaming between the State of Arizona and the Yavapai-Prescott Indian Tribe. The Compact expands the scope of gaming activities authorized under the Compact, increase wager limits, increase the number of permitted gaming devices, and allows the tribe to enter into gaming device transfer agreements with one or more gaming tribes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 21, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: George T. Skibine, Director, Office of Indian Gaming Management, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Washington, DC 20240, (202) 219–4066.