

burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of responses.

This Notice also lists the following information:

Title of Proposal: Ginnie Mae Prospectus.

OMB Control Number, if applicable: 2503-0018.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: These forms are used to provide a standard format for the description of securities for each type of mortgage eligible for inclusion in a mortgage-backed securities pool. The prospectus summarizes the type of security being sold or offered to a prospective buyer.

Agency form numbers, if applicable: HUD 11712, 11712-II, 11717, 11717-II, 1724, 11728, 11728-II, 1731, 1734, 11747, 11747-II, and 11772.

Members of affected public: For-profit business (mortgage industry trade associations, securities companies, accounting firms, law firms, service providers, etc.)

Estimation of the total numbers of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response:

Estimation of total number of hours needed to prepare the information collection is based on the number of respondents multiplied by the frequency of responses.

- (1) 655 respondents $\times$ 48 responses = 31,540 total annual responses
- (2) 31,540 $\times$.25 hours/response = 7,885 annual burden hours

Status of the proposed information collection: This is a reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

Authority: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended.

Dated: August 11, 2000.

J. Nicholas Shelley,

Acting Vice President for Customer Service.
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ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and notice of public scoping meetings related to the SDCP.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), this notice advises the public that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) intends to prepare an EIS to evaluate the impacts of and alternatives for the possible issuing an incidental take permit, pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act), to Pima County. Pima County proposes to be an applicant for an incidental take permit, through development and implementation of the Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan (SDCP), which will serve as a habitat conservation plan, as required by the Act for issuance of an incidental take permit. The SDCP will provide the measures to minimize and mitigate the effects of the proposed taking on listed and sensitive species and the habitats upon which they depend.

DATES AND ADDRESSES: Written comments on conservation alternatives and issues to be addressed in the EIS are requested by October 23, 2000, and should be sent to Mr. David Harlow, Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 2321 West Royal Palm Road, Suite 103, Phoenix, AZ, 85021 at 602/640-2720. Oral and written comments will also be accepted at the public scoping meetings to be held at the following locations:

October 4, 2000, 3-5 PM, Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum, Gallery, 2021 N. Kinney Road, Tucson, AZ 85743.

October 4, 2000, 6-8 PM, Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum, Gallery, 2021 N. Kinney Road, Tucson, AZ 85743.

For the information of the general public, names and addresses of anyone who comments may and can be disclosed under the Freedom of Information Act.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: *On the EIS, Contact:* Ms. Sherry Barrett, Assistant Field Supervisor, Tucson Suboffice, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 300 West Congress, Room 6J, Tucson, AZ, 85701, at 520/670-4617, or Mr. David Harlow, Field Supervisor, Arizona State Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 2321 West Royal Palm Road, Suite 103, Phoenix, AZ, 85021 at 602/640-2720.

For Further Information on the SDCP, Contact: Mr. Paul Fromer, RECON, 1927 Fifth Avenue, Suite 200, San Diego, California 92101-2358 at 619/308-9333. Information on the purpose, membership, meeting schedules, and documents associated with the SDCP

may be obtained on the Internet at <http://www.co.pima.az.us/cmo/sdcp/index.html>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice advises the public that the Service intends to gather information necessary to determine impacts and formulate alternatives for an EIS related to the potential issuance of an incidental take permit to Pima County, Arizona, and the development and implementation of the SDCP, which will provide measures to minimize and mitigate the effects of the incidental take of federally listed species.

Background

Pima County, Arizona, is home to over 800,000 residents, and the population is expected to reach 1.2 million by the year 2020. The Pima County Board of Supervisors is responsible for the protection of those lands in unincorporated Pima County that are of environmental, cultural, or historic importance. Given Pima County's rapid growth rate, Pima County has recognized the need to balance economic, environmental, and human interests by implementing a regional ecosystem-based multi-species conservation program.

Section 9 of the Act prohibits the "taking" of threatened and endangered species. The Service may, however, under limited circumstances, issue permits to take federally listed and candidate species, incidental to, and not the purpose of, otherwise lawful activities. Regulations governing permits for endangered species are at 50 CFR 17.22. The term "take" under the Act means to harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect, or attempt to engage in any such conduct. The proposed permit would allow approved incidental take outside of proposed preserve lands within the proposed permit boundaries.

Section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Act and regulations at 50 CFR 17.32, contain provisions for issuing incidental take permits to non-federal entities for the take of endangered and threatened species, provided the following criteria are met:

1. The taking will be incidental;
2. The applicant will, to the maximum extent practicable, minimize and mitigate the impacts of such taking;
3. The applicant will ensure that adequate funding for the Plan will be provided;
4. The taking will not appreciably reduce the likelihood of the survival and recovery of the species in the wild; and
5. Any other measures that the Service may require as being necessary

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan (SDCP) for Pima County, Arizona

AGENCY: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior.

or appropriate for the purposes of the Plan are met.

The proposed action is the issuance of an incidental take permit for listed and sensitive species in Pima County, pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended. Pima County will develop and implement the SDCP, which will serve as a habitat conservation plan, as required by section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act. The SDCP will provide measures to minimize and mitigate the effects of the taking on listed and sensitive species and their habitats. The biological goal of the SDCP is to ensure the long-term survival of the full spectrum of plants and animals that are indigenous to Pima County through maintaining or improving the habitat conditions and ecosystem functions necessary for their survival.

Activities proposed for coverage under the incidental take permit include lawful activities that would occur outside the proposed preserve, and include, but are not limited to, maintenance of county operations, implementation of capital improvement projects, and issuance of land use related permits, including those for development.

Pima County is expected to apply for an incidental take permit for the following federally listed species (proposed covered species): the lesser long-nosed bat (*Leptonycteris curasoae yerbabuena*), southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*), cactus ferruginous pygmy owl (*Glaucidium brasilianum cactorum*), desert pupfish (*Cyprinodon macularius*),

Pima pineapple cactus (*Coryphantha scheeri* var. *robustispina*), Nichol's Turk's head cactus (*Echinocactus horizonthalonius* var. *nicholli*), and Huachuaca water umbel (*Lilaeopsis schaffneriana recurva*). In addition, Pima County will seek to address and cover the Chiricahua leopard frog (*Rana chiricahuensis*), a species proposed for listing, and the Gila chub (*Gila intermedia*) and the Acuna cactus (*Echinomastus erectocentrus* var. *acunensis*), both of which are candidates for listing. Pima County is also seeking to address and cover at least 50 other rare and/or sensitive species that occur in the County. Unlisted species that are addressed as if they were listed, and that are found to be adequately conserved by the SDCP, will be automatically permitted for take should they be listed as federally threatened or endangered species at some time in the future. Numerous other listed and sensitive species for which Pima County is not seeking

permit coverage will also benefit from the conservation measures provided in the SDCP.

The purpose of and need for the EIS and proposed SDCP are: (1) to ensure the long-term survival of the full spectrum of plants and animals that are indigenous to Pima County, through maintaining or improving the habitat conditions and ecosystems necessary for their survival; and, (2) to provide the framework for a combination of actions to protect and enhance the natural environment through comprehensive, long-range planning. This will ensure that the County's natural and urban environments not only can coexist, but also can develop an interdependent relationship with one another, thus guiding already approved public bond investments and conservation and preservation actions, defining Federal program and funding priorities, and establishing a regional preference for the expenditure of State funds to preserve and protect State Trust lands threatened by urbanization. The Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan contains the following six elements: (1) Ranch conservation, (2) historic and cultural preservation, (3) riparian restoration, (4) mountain parks, (5) habitat, biological and ecological corridor conservation, and (6) critical and sensitive habitat preservation.

In October of 1998 a draft Sonoran Desert Conservation Concept Plan was proposed by Pima County. During a three-month comment period, nearly 200 written responses were received. The SDCP was adopted in concept by Pima County in March of 1999 to frame future regional conservation planning. An 84 member Steering Committee and numerous technical teams were formed.

It was also agreed to pursue an ecosystem-based approach to developing the SDCP for interim and long-term compliance with applicable endangered species and environmental laws and to implement conservation and protection measures for species and habitats covered in the SDCP.

It is anticipated that Pima County will request permit coverage for a period of 30–50 years. Implementation of the SDCP will result in the establishment of a preserve system that will provide for the conservation of covered species and their habitats in perpetuity. Research and monitoring, in combination with adaptive management, will be used to facilitate accomplishment of these goals.

The proposed action and alternatives to be analyzed in the EIS will be assessed against a No Action/No Project alternative, which assumes that some or all of the current and future projects proposed in Pima County would be

implemented individually, one at a time, and be in compliance with the ESA. The No Action/No Project alternative implies that the impacts from these potential projects on sensitive species and habitats would be evaluated and mitigated on a project-by-project basis, as is currently the case. Individual ESA Section 10(a) permits would be required for any activities involving take of federally listed species due to non-federal projects/actions. Without a coordinated, comprehensive, ecosystem-based conservation approach for the region, listed species may not be adequately addressed by individual project-specific mitigation requirements, unlisted candidate and sensitive species would not receive proactive actions intended to benefit them and prevent their listing, and project-specific mitigation would be less cost effective and piecemeal and would not help Federal and non-federal agencies work toward recovery of listed species. Urban land uses, including residential, commercial, and industrial development
Transportation
Water resources, including hydrology and water quality
Agriculture
Air resources
Cultural and historical resources
Recreation
Ranching practices and livestock grazing
Mineral resources
Utility rights-of-way
Fire management
Social and economic resources
Environmental justice

The Service will conduct an environmental review that analyzes the proposed action, as well as a range of reasonable alternatives and the associated impacts of each. The EIS will be the basis for the Service's evaluation of impacts to the species and to the environment, and the range of alternatives to be addressed. The EIS is expected to provide biological descriptions of species and habitats and socioeconomic effects of the proposed action to be affected by the SDCP.

Comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties to ensure that a range of issues and alternatives related to the proposed action are identified. The review of this project will be conducted according to the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), National Environmental Policy Act Regulations (40 CFR parts 1500–1508), and other appropriate Federal laws, regulations, policies and guidance.

Related Project Documentation—It is anticipated that the EIS process will make full use (including incorporation by reference, as appropriate, pursuant to NEPA) of documents prepared by Pima County and other entities regarding the environmental and socioeconomic issues in the project area, copies of which will be available for public inspection at the Pima County Administrator's Office, 130 West Congress, 10th floor, Tucson AZ 85701.

After the environmental review is completed, the Service will publish a notice of availability and a request for comment on the draft EIS and Pima County's permit application, which will include the SDCP.

The draft EIS is expected to be completed by December, 2002.

Dated: August 31, 2000.

Domenick R. Ciccone,

Acting Regional Director, Southwest Region, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AZ-910-0777-26-241A]

State of Arizona Resource Advisory Council Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Arizona Resource Advisory Council Meeting notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Arizona Resource Advisory Council (RAC). The meeting will be held on October 4, in Phoenix, Arizona. The RAC meeting will begin at 9 a.m. and will conclude at approximately 4 p.m. The agenda items to be covered include the review of the March 31, May 11, and August 4, 2000, meeting minutes; BLM State Director's Update on legislation, regulations and statewide planning efforts; New RAC Member Introductions; Wilderness Area Access Regulations; Update on Undocumented Immigrants and the Impacts to the San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area; RAC Discussion of Rangeland Resource Teams' Progress; Update Proposed Field Office Rangeland Resource Teams; Reports from BLM Field Office Managers; Reports by the Standards and Guidelines, Recreation and Public Relations, Wild Horse and Burro Working Groups; Reports from RAC members; and Discussion of future meetings. A public comment period will be provided at 11:30 a.m. on October 3,

2000, for any interested publics who wish to address the Council.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Deborah Stevens, Bureau of Land Management, Arizona State Office, 222 North Central Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85004-2203, (602) 417-9215.

Gary D. Bauer,

Acting Arizona State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CO-930-1430-ET; COC-1269; COC-28334]

Public Land Order No. 7461; Partial Revocation of Oil Shale Withdrawals; Colorado

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Public land order.

SUMMARY: This order partially revokes an Executive order and a public land order insofar as they affect 753.38 acres of public lands withdrawn for the protection of oil shale values. This order also partially revokes the Executive order establishing Naval Oil Shale Reserve No. 3 insofar as it affects 73.38 acres of public land. These revocations will allow for disposal of the lands by exchange. The lands have been and will remain open to mineral leasing. The lands continue to be segregated by an overlapping exchange proposal.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 10, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Doris E. Chelius, BLM Colorado State Office, 2850 Youngfield Street, Lakewood, Colorado 80215-7093, 303-239-3706.

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of the Interior by Section 204 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714 (1994), it is ordered as follows:

1. Executive Order No. 5327 and Public Land Order No. 4522, which withdrew oil shale deposits and the lands containing such deposits for the protection of oil shale and associated values, are hereby revoked insofar as they affect the following described public land:

Sixth Principal Meridian

T. 4 S., R. 95 W.,

Sec. 22, W $\frac{1}{2}$;

Sec. 23, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 34, SW $\frac{1}{4}$.

T. 5 S., R. 95 W.,

Sec. 4, lots 5 and 7.

T. 5 S., R. 96 W.,

Sec. 15, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$.

T. 6 S., R. 96 W.,

Sec. 21, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$.

The areas described aggregate 753.38 acres in Garfield County.

2. The Executive Order dated September 27, 1924, which established Naval Oil Shale Reserve No. 3, is hereby revoked insofar as it affects the following described public lands:

Sixth Principal Meridian

T. 5 S., R. 95 W.,

Sec. 4, lots 5 and 7.

The area described contains 73.38 acres in Garfield County.

3. At 9 a.m. on October 10, 2000, the lands described in Paragraphs 1 and 2, will be opened to the operation of the public land laws generally, subject to valid existing rights, the provisions of existing withdrawals, other segregations of record, and the requirements of applicable law. All valid applications received at or prior to 9 a.m. on October 10, 2000, shall be considered as simultaneously filed at that time. Those received thereafter shall be considered in the order of filing.

Dated: August 11, 2000.

Sylvia V. Baca,

Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

Notice of Proposed Information Collection

AGENCY: Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM) is announcing its intention to request approval for the collection of information under 30 CFR Part 769, Petition process for designation of federal lands as unsuitable for all or certain types of surface coal mining operations and for termination of previous designations. The collection described below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The information collection request describes the nature of the information collection and the expected burden and cost.

DATES: OMB has up to 60 days to approve or disapprove the information