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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This Refuge was established in 1935 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt through Executive Order No. 7160 “\* \* \* as a refuge and breeding ground for migratory birds and other wildlife.” The Refuge lies in the Lake Creek Valley on the northern edge of the Nebraska Sandhills and includes 16,410 acres of native sandhills, sub-irrigated meadows, impounded fresh water marshes, and tall and mixed-grass prairie uplands.

The WMD was started as part of the Small Wetlands Acquisition Program, in the 1950s, to save wetlands from various threats, particularly draining. The passage of Public Law 85-585, in August of 1958, amended the Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Act (Duck Stamp Act) of 1934, allowing for the acquisition of Waterfowl Production Areas and Easements for Waterfowl Management Rights (easements). The WMD is located in Stanley, Todd, Harding, Jackson, Jones, Lawrence, Lyman, Meade, Mellette, Fall River, Haakon, Custer, Pennington, Bennett, and Butte counties of South Dakota.

We announced the availability of the draft CCP and Environmental Assessment (EA) for a 30-day public review and comment period in the **Federal Register** on January 13, 2006 (71 FR 2264-2265). The Draft CCP was sent to more than 60 Tribal governments, State of Utah officials, state and federal congressional delegates, other federal agencies, city and county officials, public citizens, non-governmental organizations, private businesses and consulting companies, community colleges and universities, and public libraries. During the 30-day public review period, we received 18 written comments and held a public meeting in Martin, South Dakota. No substantive changes were made to the document based on public comments.

The Draft CCP/EA identified and evaluated three management alternatives for managing the Refuge and the WMD for the next 15 years. Alternative A, the No Action Alternative, would continue current management of the Refuge. Alternative B, Integrated Restoration, the Proposed

Action, would strive to restore ecological processes and achieve habitat conditions that require reduced management over time, recognizing the place of the refuge in the overall landscape and community. Alternative C, Comprehensive Grassland Restoration, would focus management on restoration of grassland habitat and its associated species. Based on this assessment and comments received, Alternative B was selected for implementation. We selected the preferred alternative (Alternative B) because it best meets the purposes for which the Refuge and the WMD were established, and is preferable to the “no action” alternative and Alternative C in light of physical, biological, economic, and social factors. The preferred alternative will continue to provide public access for wildlife-dependent recreation, environmental education, and interpretation.

As part of this plan, we developed a black-tailed prairie dog management plan for the Refuge. Management will include any activity conducted to control the size of prairie dog towns, maintain habitat suitability for black-tailed prairie dogs, and/or ensure the long-term viability of black-tailed prairie dogs at the Refuge, within a biologically and socially compatible zone over the next 15 years.

The Service is furnishing this notice to advise other agencies and the public of the availability of the Final CCP, to provide information on the desired conditions for the Refuge and the WMD, and to detail how the Service will implement management strategies. Based on the review and evaluation of the information contained in the environmental assessment, the Regional Director has determined that implementation of the Final CCP does not constitute a major Federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment within the meaning of Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act. Therefore, we will not prepare an Environmental Impact Statement.

Dated: May 23, 2006.

**James J. Slack,**

*Deputy Regional Director, Region 6, Denver, CO.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Indian Affairs

#### Request for Comments on Land Acquisitions Information Collection

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed renewal of an information collection.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) is seeking comments on the proposed renewal of the information collection, 25 CFR part 151 Land Acquisitions, OMB Control Number 1076-0100.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before February 12, 2007, to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to Ben Burshia, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Division of Real Estate Services, Office of the Deputy Bureau Director—Trust Services, Mail Stop 4639-MIB, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20240-0001. Submission by facsimile should be sent to (202) 219-1065. Electronic submission of comments is not available at this time.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** You may request further information or obtain copies of the proposed information collection request from Ben Burshia at (202) 219-1195.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 provides an opportunity for interested parties to comment on proposed information collection requests. This collection covers 25 CFR part 151 as presently approved. The Bureau of Indian Affairs, Division of Real Estate Services, is proceeding with this public comment period as the first step in obtaining a normal information collection clearance from OMB. The request contains (1) type of review, (2) title, (3) summary of the collection, (4) respondents, (5) frequency of collection, (6) reporting and recordkeeping requirements, and (7) reason for response.

#### 25 CFR Part 151—Land Acquisitions

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Title:* 25 CFR Part 151, Acquisition of Title to Land in Trust.

*Summary:* The Secretary of the Interior has statutory authority to acquire lands in trust status for individual Indians and federally recognized Indian tribes. The Secretary requests information in order to identify the party(ies) involved and a description of the land in question. Respondents are

Native American tribes or individuals who request acquisition of real property into trust status. The Secretary also requests additional information necessary to satisfy those pertinent factors listed in 25 CFR 151.10 or 151.11. The information is used to determine whether or not the Secretary will approve an applicant's request. No specific form is used, but respondents supply information and data, in accordance with 25 CFR 151, so that the Secretary may make an evaluation and determination in accordance with established Federal factors, rules and policies.

*Frequency of Collection:* One Time.

*Description of Respondents:* Native American tribes and individuals desiring acquisition of lands in trust status.

*Total Respondents:* 1,000.

*Total Annual Responses:* 1,000.

*Total Annual Burden Hours:* 59,300 hours.

*Reason for Response:* Required to obtain or retain benefits.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs solicits comments in order to:

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the bureau, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the bureau's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond.

Any public comments will be addressed in the Bureau of Indian Affairs' submission of the information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget.

We will not sponsor nor conduct a request for information, and you need not respond to such a request unless there is a valid OMB Control Number.

Please note that comments are open to public review; if you wish to have your name and address withheld from the reviewing public, you must state so prominently at the beginning of your comments. We will honor your request to the limit of the appropriate laws. All comments from businesses or their representatives will be available for public review. We may decide to withhold information for other reasons.

Dated: December 8, 2006.

**Michael D. Olsen,**

*Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Indian Affairs

#### Land Acquisitions; Jicarilla Apache Tribe of New Mexico

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of final agency determination to take land into trust under 25 CFR part 151.

**SUMMARY:** The Associate Deputy Secretary made a final agency determination to acquire approximately 31,777.066 acres, more or less, of land into trust for the Jicarilla Apache Tribe of New Mexico on December 4, 2006. This notice is published in the exercise of authority delegated by the Secretary of the Interior to the Associate Deputy Secretary by 209 DM 8.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ben Burshia, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Chief, Division of Real Estate Services, Mail Stop 4639-MIB, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20240, Telephone No. (202) 208-7737.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice is published to comply with the requirement of 25 CFR 151.12(b) that notice be given to the public of the Associate Deputy Secretary's decision to acquire land in trust at least 30 days prior to signatory acceptance of the land into trust. The purpose of the 30 days waiting period in 25 CFR 12(b) is to afford interested parties the opportunity to seek judicial review of final administrative decisions to take land in trust for Indian tribes and individual Indians before transfer of title to the property occurs. On December 4, 2006, the Associate Deputy Secretary decided to accept approximately 31,777.066 acres, more or less, of land into trust for the Jicarilla Apache Tribe of New Mexico pursuant to the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat., 986; 25 U.S.C. 467). The Associate Deputy Secretary shall acquire title in the name of the United States in trust for the Jicarilla Apache Tribe of New Mexico for the following parcel of land described below no sooner than 30 days after the date of this notice.

New Mexico Principal Meridian, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.

All of the following described tracts, pieces, or parcels of land comprising a

net area of 31,777.066 acres of land, more or less (including PARCEL ONE, minus its seven exceptions, plus PARCEL TWO), situated within the Tierra Amarilla Grant, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, to wit:

#### Parcel One

The following described land in Rio Arriba County, New Mexico:

Beginning at the point of intersection of the North bank of Canones Creek and the (1913) East right of way line of the Chama-Tierra Amarilla Wagon road, a granite stone 12" x 5" x 15" in a pile of stones marked

"S.W.C.J.T." on East side, whence a cottonwood 18 inches in diameter and marked "B.T." bears South 3 feet distant and running along the East right of way line of the road aforesaid by courses and distances as follows: N. 10°31' W., 504.7 feet to a stone marked "V.J.1"; thence N. 24°02' W., 1370 feet to a stone marked "V.J.2"; thence N. 2°13' W., 912.7 feet to a stone marked "V.J.3"; thence N. 3°37' W., 1800 feet to a stone marked "V.J.4"; thence N. 0°15' W., 1200 feet to a stone marked "V.J.5"; thence N. 4°57' E., 1050 feet to a stone marked "V.J.6"; thence N. 11°29' W., 730 feet to a stone marked "V.J.7"; thence N. 15°35' E., 540 feet to a stone marked "V.J.8"; thence N. 14°23' W., 1030 feet to a stone marked "V.J.9"; thence N. 1°17' E., 1032 feet to a stone marked "V.J.10"; thence N. 20°20' W., 430 feet to a stone marked "V.J.11"; the point of intersection of the (1913) East right of way line of the said Chama-Tierra Amarilla wagon road and the East boundary line of the "old" Chama-Tierra Amarilla wagon road as used prior to the year 1912, whence a pine 30 inches in diameter and marked "B.T." bears S. 76° W., 422.5 feet distant; thence Northerly along the East boundary line of the "old" Chama-Tierra Amarilla wagon road last above described by courses and distances as follows: N. 13°46' E., 520 feet to a stone marked "V.J.12"; thence N. 23°43' W., 1150 feet to a stone marked "V.J.13"; thence N. 1°06' W., 1105 feet to a stone marked "V.J.14"; thence N. 25°26' W., 1020 feet to a stone marked "V.J.15"; thence N. 23°29' W., 1658 feet to a stone marked "V.J.16"; thence N. 36°57' W., 1330 feet to a stone marked "V.J.17"; thence N. 29°08' W., 940 feet to a stone marked "V.J.18"; thence N. 15°49' W., 630 feet to a stone marked "V.J.19"; thence N. 29°53' W., 1150 feet to a stone marked "V.J.20"; thence N. 8°16' W., 462 feet to a pine 8 inches in diameter marked "V.J.21"; thence N. 6°07' E., 2250 feet to a stone marked "V.J.22"; thence N. 4°05' W., 1400 feet to a stone marked "V.J.23"; thence N. 14°46' W., 410 feet to a stone marked "V.J.24";