

wishes us to withhold his/her name and/or address, this must be stated prominently at the beginning of the comment.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Peter Fasbender at 612-713-5343 or peter_fasbender@fws.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Availability of Documents

Individuals requesting copies of the draft EA and draft HCP should contact the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service by telephone at (612) 713-5343 or by letter (see **ADDRESSES** above). Copies of the draft EA and draft HCP also are available for public review during normal business hours (8-4:30) at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Regional Office, located at 1 Federal Drive, Fort Snelling, Minnesota 55111, and at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's East Lansing Field Office, located at 2651 Coolidge Road, Suite 101, East Lansing, Michigan 48823. Both documents are also available for review at the Service's Regional Web site at: <http://www.fws.gov/midwest/Endangered/permits/hcp/index.html>.

Draft Habitat Conservation Plan

The purpose of the draft HCP is to manage habitat to promote recovery of the species and to minimize incidental take of KBB, mitigate the effects of any such take to the maximum extent practicable, and otherwise avoid any appreciable reduction in the likelihood of the survival and recovery of the KBB in the wild. The Applicant developed the draft HCP to facilitate conservation of oak savanna ecosystems (KBB habitat) and to help maintain occupied KBB habitat on both public and private land in Michigan. The goals of the HCP are to: (1) Support persistence of a functioning oak savanna ecosystem in Michigan; (2) support maintenance of oak-savanna habitats in a condition and configuration necessary to sustain existing populations of KBB and other associated species of concern; and (3) integrate diverse land uses with the conservation of the oak savanna ecosystem, KBB and other associated species of concern.

Active management of KBB habitat is necessary for the conservation of KBB and oak savanna. However, some management practices (e.g., prescribed burning, mowing) necessary for maintaining early-successional habitats may result in incidental take of KBB, and section 9 of the ESA prohibits take of an endangered species. Therefore, to obtain the legal authority to manage KBB habitat with the potential resultant take of KBB, the Applicant has applied

for an ITP which would allow habitat management, utility and transportation right-of-way maintenance, and certain development activities that avoid or minimize and mitigate take when conducted in occupied KBB habitat.

The Applicant has applied for a statewide ITP and developed a statewide HCP with the intent that other land managers and/or landowners may participate as sub-permittees, subject to the conditions of the final permit, in the event their otherwise lawful activities result in take of KBB. Currently, land managers and landowners need to obtain authorization on a project-by-project basis to conduct legally the activities listed above. This situation results in a patchwork of projects conducted with little coordinated planning or consideration of range-wide impacts to KBB and other species of concern. By contrast, projects implemented under the HCP would be done according to consistent procedures in a highly coordinated effort. The HCP will facilitate efforts to evaluate and minimize the cumulative adverse impacts of individual projects to KBB populations.

Actions conducted under the HCP are not intended or expected to either increase or decrease the amount of occupied KBB habitat in Michigan. Rather, management action will be conducted to help prevent the loss of occupied habitat on non-Federal land. Maintenance of existing populations is a critical component of the KBB conservation program in Michigan. It is also consistent with objectives of the Federal Recovery Plan, which outlines a strategy for "maintaining extant populations" and "improving and stabilizing populations where the butterfly is imperiled." Nevertheless, other management actions may take place on non-federal lands in Michigan not occupied by KBB that result in an increase in occupied habitat. The ITP and HCP described herein also are intended to cover any occupied KBB habitat that may develop in the future.

Draft Environmental Assessment

The purpose of the draft EA is to evaluate and publicly disclose the possible environmental consequences issuance of an ITP and implementation of the draft HCP could have on the quality of the physical, biological, and human environment, as required by the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

Prior to issuing the ITP, the Service is required to analyze alternatives considered in the development of the HCP. This analysis is contained in the draft EA, as required by the National

Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), for the Federal action of issuing an ITP under section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Act. The draft EA considers two "action" alternatives and one "no action" alternative.

The area encompassed by the HCP may contain facilities eligible to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places and other historical or archeological resources may be present. The National Historic Preservation Act and other laws require these properties and resources be identified and considered in project planning. The public is requested to inform the Service of concerns about archeological sites, buildings and structures, historic events, sacred and traditional areas, and other historic preservation concerns.

Decisions

The public process for the proposed Federal action will be completed after the public comment period, at which time the Service will evaluate the permit application (if appropriate to the selected alternative), the HCP, and comments submitted thereon to determine whether the application meets the requirements of 10(a)(1)(B) of the Act. If the requirements are met, the Service will issue an ITP to the Applicant for incidental take of KBB.

Dated: December 13, 2007.

Lynn Lewis,

*Deputy Assistant Regional Director,
Ecological Services, Region 3.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

**Agency Information Collection
Activities: Comment Request**

AGENCY: U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), Interior.

ACTION: Proposed extension of an information collection (1028-0078).

SUMMARY: To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), we are notifying the public that we will submit to the Office of management and Budget (OMB) an information collection request (ICR) to renew approval of the paperwork requirements for the North American Amphibian Monitoring Program (NAAMP). This notice provides the public an opportunity to comment on the ICR.

DATES: Submit written comments by March 25, 2007.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments to the Department of the Interior, USGS, via:

- *E-mail:* atravnic@usgs.gov. Use Information Collection Number 1028–0078 in the subject line.
- *Fax:* (703) 648–7069. Use Information Collection Number 1028–0078 in the subject line.
- Mail or hand-carry comments to the Department of the Interior; USGS Clearance Officer, U.S. Geological Survey, 807 National Center, Reston, VA 20192. Please reference Information Collection 1028–0078 in your comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Linda Weir at (301) 497–5932 or the USGS information collection clearance officer at the phone number listed below.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: North American Amphibian Monitoring Program.

OMB Control Number: 1028–0078.

Abstract: The collection of information referred herein applies to a USGS program that permits individuals to submit records of the number of calling amphibians at survey routes. This information is used by scientists and federal, state, and local agencies to monitor amphibian populations and detect population trends. Responses are voluntary. No questions of a “sensitive” nature are asked. Further information about the program can be obtained at the Web site <http://www.pwrc.usgs.gov/naamp>.

Estimated Number and Description of Respondents: Approximately 500 volunteer observers.

Frequency of Responses: 3 times per year.

Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 1,500.

Total Annual burden hours: 4,500 hours.

Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping “Hour” Burden: We estimate the public reporting burden averages 3 hours per response. This includes the time for driving to/from the survey route locations, 5-minute listening period per sampling station (10 sampling stations per route) and data entry time to submit data to the NAAMP.

Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping “Non-Hour Cost” Burden: Estimated “non-hour cost” burden includes one-time cost per respondent for the purchase of a thermometer, plus the operational cost of mileage for conducting the surveys. The thermometer is needed to record air temperature during the survey. The cost of such thermometers is approximately

\$15. The total operational costs consist of a mileage estimate in accomplishing a survey, calculated by using the mileage reimbursement rate of 40.5 cents per mile (as used in travel reimbursement for federal employees) times 15 miles (the approximate distance of a calling survey route), for a total of \$6.07 per survey.

- i. Total capital and start-up costs: \$15.00
- ii. Total operation and maintenance costs: \$6.07

Public Disclosure Statement: The PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*) provides that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and you are not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a current valid OMB control number.

Comments: Before submitting an ICR to OMB, PRA section 3506(c)(2)(A) (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*) requires each agency “ * * * to provide notice * * * and otherwise consult with members of the public and affected agencies concerning each proposed collection of information * * * ” Agencies must specifically solicit comments to: (a) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the agency to perform its duties, including whether the information is useful; (b) evaluate the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) minimize the burden on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

To comply with the public consultation process, we publish this **Federal Register** notice announcing that we will submit this ICR to OMB for approval. This notice provides a required 60-day public comment period.

USGS Information Collection Clearance Officer: Alfred Travnicsek, 703–648–7231.

Dated: January 8, 2008

Susan D. Haseltine,

Associate Director for Biology.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WO–320–1330–PB–24 1A]

Extension of Approval Information Collection, OMB Control Number 1004–0169

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Extension of Approved Information Collection, OMB Control Number 1004–0169.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) plans to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to extend an existing approval to collect information from mining claimants concerning use and occupancy of mining claims on public lands. The nonform information under 43 CFR subpart 3715 authorizes the BLM to manage the use and occupancy of public lands for developing the mineral deposits by mining claimants.

DATES: You must submit your comments to the BLM at the address below on or before March 25, 2008. The BLM will not necessarily consider any comments received after the above date.

ADDRESSES: You may send comments to the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Mail Stop 401LS, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20045, “ATTN: 1004–0169”.

You may send comments via the Internet to WOComments@blm.gov. Please include “ATTN: 1004–0169” and your name and address in your Internet message. You may deliver comments to: The U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Administrative Record, Room 401, 1620 L Street, NW., ATTN: Bureau Information Collection Clearance Officer (WO–630), Washington, DC, 20036 during regular business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.) Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays.

All comments will be available for public review at the L Street address during regular business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.) Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: You may contact Roger Haskins at 202–452–0355 (Commercial or FTS). Persons who use a telecommunication device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) on 1–800–877–8330, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to leave a message for Mr. Haskins.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 5 CFR 1320.12(a) requires that we provide a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning a collection of information to solicit comments on:

(a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper functioning of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(b) The accuracy of our estimates of the information collection burden,