

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Fish and Wildlife Service**

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Control Number 1018–New]

**Agency Information Collection
Activities; U.S. Fish and Wildlife
Service External Affairs Tribal
Contacts Database**

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service,
Interior.

ACTION: Notice of information collection;
request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the
Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we,
the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
(Service), are proposing a new
information collection in use without
Office of Management and Budget
(OMB) approval.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to
submit comments on or before October
12, 2021.

ADDRESSES: Send your comments on the
information collection request (ICR) by
mail to the Service Information
Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish
and Wildlife Service, MS: PRB (JAO/
3W), 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church,
VA 22041–3803 (mail); or by email to
Info_Coll@fws.gov. Please reference
OMB Control Number “1018–Tribal
Contacts” in the subject line of your
comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To
request additional information about
this ICR, contact Madonna L. Baucum,
Service Information Collection
Clearance Officer, by email at *Info_Coll@fws.gov*, or by telephone at (703)
358–2503. Individuals who are hearing
or speech impaired may call the Federal
Relay Service at 1–800–877–8339 for
TTY assistance.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In
accordance with the Paperwork
Reduction Act (PRA, 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et
seq.*) and its implementing regulations
at 5 CFR 1320, all information
collections require approval under the
PRA. We may not conduct or sponsor
and you are not required to respond to
a collection of information unless it
displays a currently valid OMB control
number.

As part of our continuing effort to
reduce paperwork and respondent
burdens, we invite the public and other
Federal agencies to comment on new,
proposed, revised, and continuing
collections of information. This helps us
assess the impact of our information
collection requirements and minimize
the public’s reporting burden. It also

helps the public understand our
information collection requirements and
provide the requested data in the
desired format.

We are especially interested in public
comment addressing the following:

- (1) Whether or not the collection of
information is necessary for the proper
performance of the functions of the
agency, including whether or not the
information will have practical utility;
- (2) The accuracy of our estimate of the
burden for this collection of
information, including the validity of
the methodology and assumptions used;
- (3) Ways to enhance the quality,
utility, and clarity of the information to
be collected; and

- (4) How might the agency minimize
the burden of the collection of
information on those who are to
respond, including through the use of
appropriate automated, electronic,
mechanical, or other technological
collection techniques or other forms of
information technology, *e.g.*, permitting
electronic submission of response.

Comments that you submit in
response to this notice are a matter of
public record. We will include or
summarize each comment in our request
to OMB to approve this ICR. Before
including your address, phone number,
email address, or other personal
identifying information in your
comment, you should be aware that
your entire comment—including your
personal identifying information—may
be made publicly available at any time.
While you can ask us in your comment
to withhold your personal identifying
information from public review, we
cannot guarantee that we will be able to
do so.

Abstract: In support of Executive
Order 13175, “*Consultation and
Coordination With Indian Tribal
Governments*” (November 6, 2000),
Presidential Memorandum “*Tribal
Consultation and Strengthening Nation-
to-Nation Relationships*” (January 26,
2021), and Secretarial Order 3335,
“*Reaffirmation of the Federal Trust
Responsibility to Federally Recognized
Indian Tribes and Individual Indian
Beneficiaries*” (August 20, 2014), the
Service strives to strengthen its
government-to-government relationship
with Indian Tribes through a
commitment to consultation with and
recognition of their right to self-
governance and Tribal sovereignty.
Coordination with and on the behalf of
Tribes is some of the most important
work the Service does. Within that
work, the Service bears the large
responsibility to ensure that it is
consistently and accurately working on
a government-to-government basis with

each Tribe and its delegated program
staff.

An ongoing challenge in this
endeavor is ensuring that Tribal contact
information is accurate and up to date,
because using outdated contact
information when coordinating with
Tribes serves to undermine the integrity
of the Service’s Tribal trust
responsibility. To help maintain the
integrity in our outreach and
collaborative work with Tribes, the
Service’s Southwest (SW) Region Office
of External Affairs (EA) has identified
the need to have a regionally based
contacts database for Tribes that can be
expanded both nationally and to other
regions in the future if such need should
arise. In addition, the Service will
solicit information from the Tribal
contacts regarding their Tribal priorities
and/or interests in relation to Service
programs and periodic updates to those
priorities and/or interests.

The Service plans to solicit a contract
opportunity for the development of a
Tribal contacts database for the SW
Region to facilitate improved
collaboration with Tribes. This database
would need to be accessible by Service
staff and will be updated in real time
with information from Tribal contacts.
In addition, the database will contain a
significant geospatial component to help
ensure that the contacts data can easily
be integrated with various geographic
datasets representing content that is of
mutual interest to the Tribes and the
Service, such as areas in which an
endangered species may exist within
Tribal lands.

Types of data collected from Tribal
contacts to be maintained within the
database include:

General Tribe Information:

- Official Tribe name (or other name,
if different from Federally recognized
Tribe name);
- Tribal contact information, to
include mailing address, phone number,
and official website;
- Relevant cultural information;
- Tribal interest in FWS program;
- Tribal priorities; and
- Additional relevant notes.

Tribal Contact Information:

- Tribal contact/staff name(s);
preferred salutation, job title, and
contact information;
- Type of contact (Tribal leader;
Tribal historic preservation officer;
person in a cultural, legal, grants, fiscal
role, etc.);
- Tribal department;
- Type of work (as related to Service-
related projects);
- Specialization (*e.g.*, eagles, Mexican
wolves, etc.); and
- Additional relevant notes.

<p><i>Species of Interest:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scientific name; and • Common name. <p><i>State/Other Government Tribal Liaisons:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agency name and department; • Contact information, to include mailing address, phone number, and email address; • Specialization (e.g., eagles, Mexican wolves, etc.); • Type of work (as related to Service-related projects); and • Additional relevant notes. 	<p>The Service will use the database to effectively and efficiently uphold its Federal Trust responsibility to Tribes through ensuring the integrity of the contact data needed to do so. Tribal leader information will be collected from the Bureau of Indian Affairs as a baseline but will be updated through our own working knowledge of changes/needed revisions. Another purpose of this database is to better identify Service actions of interest to Federally recognized Tribes.</p>	<p><i>Title of Collection:</i> U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service External Affairs Tribal Contacts Database.</p> <p><i>OMB Control Number:</i> 1018–New.</p> <p><i>Form Number(s):</i> None.</p> <p><i>Type of Review:</i> Existing collection in use without an OMB control number.</p> <p><i>Respondents/Affected Public:</i> State and Tribal government representatives.</p> <p><i>Respondent's Obligation:</i> Voluntary.</p> <p><i>Frequency of Collection:</i> On occasion for initial submission, and during subsequent updates to data.</p> <p><i>Total Estimated Annual Nonhour Burden Cost:</i> None.</p>
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Requirement	Average number of annual respondents	Average number of responses each	Average number of annual responses*	Average completion time per response	Estimated Annual burden hours*
Solicitation of General Tribe/Tribal Contact Information					
Government	87	1	87	5 mins	7
Updates to General Tribe/Tribal Contact Information					
Government	8	1	8	5 mins	1
Solicitation of Tribal Priorities and/or Interests in Relation to FWS Programs					
Government	87	1	87	5 mins	7
Updates to Tribal Priorities and/or Interests in Relation to FWS Programs					
Government	8	1	8	5 mins	1
<i>Totals:</i>	190	190	16

* Rounded.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

The authority for this action is the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

Madonna Baucum,

Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

[GX21GC009PLFM00; OMB Control Number 1028–0088]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; National Cooperative Geologic Mapping Program (EDMAP and STATEMAP)

AGENCY: U.S. Geological Survey, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we, the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) are proposing to renew an information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before October 12, 2021.

ADDRESSES: Send your comments on this information collection request (ICR) by mail to Mr. Michael Marketti, National Cooperative Geologic Mapping Program, U.S. Geological Survey, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Mail Stop 908, Reston, VA 20192, or email him at mmarketti@usgs.gov.

Please reference Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Control Number 1028–0088 in the subject line of your comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request additional information about this ICR, contact Michael Marketti by email at mmarketti@usgs.gov, or by telephone at 703–648–6976. You may also view the ICR at <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>.

Individuals who are hearing or speech impaired may call the Federal Relay Service at 1–800–877–8339 for TTY assistance.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We, the USGS, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, provide the general public and other Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand our information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format.

We are soliciting comments on the proposed ICR that is described below. We are especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is the collection necessary to the proper functions of the USGS; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the USGS enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the