

Background

Section 9 of the ESA prohibits the taking of a species listed as endangered or threatened. The ESA defines “take” to mean to harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect, or to attempt to engage in any such conduct. The FWS may issue permits, under limited circumstances, to take listed species incidental to otherwise lawful activities pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(B) of the ESA and implementing regulations (50 CFR 17.22(b) and 17.32(b)).

On November 1, 2024, the FWS and NMFS received separate ITP applications from Pierce County, in accordance with the requirements of the ESA. Pierce County prepared an HCP in support of its applications and is seeking 30-year ITPs for incidental take of seven covered species. The ITPs, if issued would authorize take of the covered species that may occur incidental to the maintenance and operations activities associated with Pierce County-owned flood risk reduction structures, and conservation activities described in the HCP, in and along the Puyallup, White, and Nisqually Rivers in Pierce County, Washington (covered activities). Authorization for take of the three species not currently listed under the ESA would be included in the ITP proposed for issuance by FWS; the take authorization would go into effect for one or more of the species if the FWS lists the species during the permit term. The HCP addresses potential impacts that will likely result from the taking of covered species and describes the steps the applicant will undertake to avoid, minimize, and mitigate such impacts.

The HCP also describes alternatives considered by the applicants, monitoring protocols, funding assurances, and procedures to account for unforeseen or extraordinary circumstances.

The proposed issuance of the ITPs is considered a Federal action under NEPA, and NMFS prepared a draft EA to analyze the potential impacts on the human environment in accordance with the requirements of NEPA, with input from FWS as a cooperating agency. Further information regarding the draft EA is described in the NMFS notice of availability.

Next Steps

After the public comment period ends (see **DATES**), FWS and NMFS will each evaluate the permit applications, associated documents, and any comments received to make their permit decisions based on the statutory and

regulatory criteria of the ESA. Each agency will document its determination independently in separate ESA section 10 findings documents and ESA section 7 biological opinions. NMFS will also finalize the EA and determine whether the proposed action warrants a finding of no significant impact, or whether an environmental impact statement should be prepared pursuant to NEPA.

Public Availability of Comments

The HCP and draft EA are available for public review and comment. Written comments we receive become part of the administrative record associated with this action. 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 request in your comment that we withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. Moreover, all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public disclosure in their entirety.

Authority

The Service provides this notice under section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and its implementing regulations (50 CFR 17.22, and 50 CFR 17.32).

Bridget Fahey,

Acting Regional Director, Pacific Region, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

[Docket No. USGS–Core–2025–0003; OMB Control Number: 1028–0087; GX25GL00DT7ST00]

Agency Information Collection Activities; National Geological and Geophysical Data Preservation Program (NGGDPP) Grant Opportunity

AGENCY: U.S. Geological Survey, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS,

we) is proposing to renew an information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before September 22, 2025.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments online at <https://www.regulations.gov> by searching for and submitting comments on Docket No. USGS–Core–2025–0003; or by U.S. mail to USGS, Information Collections Clearance Officer, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, MS 159, Reston, VA 20192.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Darcee Killpack by email at dkillpack@usgs.gov, or by telephone at 303–202–4115. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or Tele Braille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the PRA of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) and 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1), all information collections require approval under the PRA. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, nor is a person 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 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 the agency might minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including using 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 personally identifiable information (PII) in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your PII—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your PII from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Abstract: This notice concerns the collection of information that is sufficient and relevant to evaluate and select proposals for funding under the NGGDPP. We will accept proposals from State geological surveys requesting funds to inventory and assess the condition of existing collections and preserve and modernize geological and geophysical data. Financial assistance will be awarded annually on a competitive basis following the evaluation and ranking of State proposals by a review panel composed of representatives from the U.S. Department of the Interior, State geological surveys, and academic institutions.

To submit a proposal, respondents must complete a project narrative and submit the application online via www.grants.gov. Grant recipients must complete a final technical report at the end of the project period. Narrative and report guidance is available at <http://datapreservation.usgs.gov> and at www.grants.gov.

Annual data preservation priorities are provided in the notice of funding opportunity as guidance for applicants to consider when submitting proposals.

Since its inception in 2007, the NGGDPP has awarded 46 States with \$28.7 million, which, when matched or exceeded by State funding, amounts to over \$57.4 million invested in the rescue and preservation efforts.

This notice concerns the collection of information that is sufficient and relevant to evaluate and select proposals for funding. We will protect information from respondents considered proprietary under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and implementing regulations (43 CFR part 2), and under regulations at 30 CFR 250.197, “Data and information to be made available to the public or for limited inspection.” Responses are voluntary. No questions of a “sensitive”

nature are asked. We intend to release the project abstracts and identify States for awarded/funded projects only.

Title of Collection: National Geological and Geophysical Data Preservation Program (NGGDPP).

OMB Control Number: 1028–0087.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents/Affected Public: All State geological surveys may apply for NGGDPP grants.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Respondents: 35.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 70 (35 applications, 35 final technical report submissions).

Estimated Completion Time per Response: Grant application time estimate is 80 hours; final technical report completion time estimate is 10 hours.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 3,150.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain a benefit.

Frequency of Collection: Annually.

Total Estimated Annual Non-Hour Burden Cost: None.

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

Darcee Killpack,

NGGDPP Acting Associate Program Coordinator.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

[OMB Control Number 1029–0089; S1D1S SS08011000 SX064A000 256S180110; S2D2S SS08011000 SX064A000 25XS501520]

Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Exemption for Coal Extraction Incidental to the Extraction of Other Minerals

AGENCY: Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE) is proposing to renew an information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before August 22, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Send your comments on this information collection request (ICR)

by mail to William Frankel, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, 1849 C Street NW, Room 4547–MIB, Washington, DC 20240, or by email to wfrankel@osmre.gov. Please reference OMB Control Number 1029–0089 in the subject line of your comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

William Frankel by email at wfrankel@osmre.gov, or by telephone at 202–208–0121. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States. You may also view the ICR at <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) and 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1), we provide the general public and other Federal agencies with an opportunity 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.

A **Federal Register** notice with a 60-day public comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on December 10, 2024 (89 FR 99276). No comments were received.

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 agency; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the agency enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the agency minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

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