

collection of information listed below to OMB for approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act. If you wish to obtain copies of the proposed information collection requirement, related forms, or explanatory material, contact the Service Information Collection Clearance Officer at the address listed below.

DATES: You must submit comments by April 7, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments on this information collection renewal to the Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior at OMB-OIRA via facsimile or e-mail using the following fax number or e-mail address: (202) 395-6566 (fax); *OIRA-DOCKET@omb.eop.gov* (e-mail). Please provide a copy of your comments to the Fish and Wildlife Service's Information Collection Clearance Officer, 4401 N. Fairfax Dr., MS 222 ARLSQ, Arlington, VA 22203; (703) 358-2269 (fax); or *anissa-craghead@fws.gov* (e-mail).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request a copy of the information collection request, explanatory information, or related forms, contact Anissa Craghead at (703) 358-2445, or electronically to *anissa-craghead@fws.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations at 5 CFR 1320, which implement provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), require that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (*see* 5 CFR 1320.8(d)). We have submitted a request to OMB to renew its approval of the collection of information for the NEPA

Compliance Checklist. We are requesting a 3-year term of approval for this information collection activity.

Federal agencies 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 OMB control number for this collection of information is 1018-0110.

The Service administers several grant programs authorized by the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 669-669i), the Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 777-777k), the Anadromous Fish Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 757a-757g), the Endangered Species Act (7 U.S.C. 136), the Clean Vessel Act (33 U.S.C. 1322), the Sportfishing and Boating Safety Act (16 U.S.C. 777g), North American Wetlands Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 4401-4412), the Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 3951 *et seq.*), and through other Acts and authorities. The Service uses the information collected on the NEPA Compliance Checklist to determine whether a grantee complies with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321-4347, 40 CFR 1500-1508). The State or other grantee uses the checklist as a guide to general NEPA requirements, and the checklist becomes an administrative record to meet their assurances requirements for receiving a grant.

Certain grant applicants must provide the information requested on the NEPA Compliance Checklist in order to qualify to receive benefits in the form of grants for purposes outlined in the applicable law. This form is designed to cause the minimum impact in the form of hourly burden on respondents and still obtain all necessary information. Only about 3

percent of the Service's applicants for either a new grant or for an amendment to an existing grant will meet the criteria and need to complete the NEPA Compliance Checklist. The checklist needs to be prepared when: (a) The proposed action is not completely covered by a categorical exclusion (*e.g.*, the proposal cannot meet the qualifying criteria in the categorical exclusion, and "is not" will be checked on the Checklist); (b) The proposed action cannot be categorically excluded because an exception to the categorical exclusion applies (*e.g.*, a "Yes" will be checked on the Checklist); (c) Environmental conditions at or in the vicinity of the site have materially changed, affecting the consideration of alternatives and impacts (applicable to amendments and renewals); (d) There is a need to document a normally categorically excluded action that may be controversial; or (e) Additional internal review and/or documentation of the NEPA administrative record are desirable.

We are proposing several changes to the NEPA Compliance Checklist to make the checklist easier to understand and easier for the respondent to complete and to update the checklist based on revisions to our Departmental Manual.

Title: NEPA Compliance Checklist.

OMB Control Number: 1018-0110.

Form Number: 3-2185.

Frequency of Collection: Annually.

Description of Respondents: The 50 U.S. States, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa.

Total Annual Burden Hours

Form name	Completion time per form	Annual number of responses	Annual hour burden
Checklist	1/2 hour	160	80

We again invite comments on: (1) Whether 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 of the collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of collection of information on respondents, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological

collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Dated: March 2, 2004.

Anissa Craghead,

Information Collection Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Information Collection Renewal Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Approval Under the Paperwork Reduction Act; OMB Control Number 1018-0093, Applications for Permits

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (we) has submitted the collection of information described below to OMB for approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. A description of the information collection requirement is included in this notice. If you wish to obtain copies of the information collection requirements, related forms, or explanatory material, contact the Service Information Collection Clearance Officer at the address or telephone number listed below.

DATES: OMB has up to 60 days to approve or disapprove information collection but may respond after 30 days. Therefore, to ensure maximum consideration, you must submit comments on or before April 7, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments on this information collection renewal to the Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior at OMB-OIRA via facsimile or e-mail using the following fax number or e-mail address: (202) 395-6566 (fax); *OIRA—DOCKET@omb.eop.gov* (e-mail). Please provide a copy of your comments to the Fish and Wildlife Service's Information Collection Clearance Officer, 4401 N. Fairfax Dr., MS 222 ARLSQ, Arlington, VA 22203; (703) 358-2269 (fax); or *anissa—craghead@fws.gov* (e-mail).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request a copy of the information collection request, explanatory information, or related forms, contact Anissa Craghead, Information Collection Clearance Officer, at 703-358-2445 or electronically at *Anissa—Craghead@fws.gov*, or Amy Brisendine at 703-358-2104 ext. 2441, electronically at *Amy—Brisendine@fws.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations at 5 CFR 1320, which implement provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), require that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and record keeping activities (see 5 CFR 1320.8(d)). We have submitted a request to OMB to renew its approval of the collection of information for: (1) The Service's license/permit application form numbers 3-200-19 through 3-200-25 and 3-200-27 through 3-200-53, which are all currently approved under OMB control number 1018-0093; (2) the placement of Service form 3-200-26, which is currently approved under OMB control number 1018-0092, under OMB control number 1018-0093; (3) the addition of forms 3-200-58, 3-200-64

through 3-200-66, and 3-200-73; and (4) the deletion of form 3-200-38. We are requesting a 3-year term of approval for this information collection activity. A previous 60-day notice on this information collection requirement was published in the March 31, 2003, **Federal Register** (68 FR 15474) inviting public comment. Comments were received from the American Zoo and Aquarium Association (AZA). Many of their comments and suggestions were incorporated into the forms. This notice provides an additional 30 days in which to comment on the information collection.

Federal agencies 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 number. The OMB control number for this collection is 1018-0093.

The information collection requirements in this submission implement the regulatory requirements of the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. 703 *et seq.*), the Lacey Act (16 U.S.C. 3371 *et seq.*), the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 668), the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) (27 U.S.T. 1087), the Marine Mammal Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 1361-1407 *et seq.*), and the Wild Bird Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 4901-4916 *et seq.*), and are contained in Service regulations in chapter I, subchapter B of title 50 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) parts 15, 16, 17, and 23. Common permit applications and record keeping requirements have been consolidated in 50 CFR part 13, and unique requirements of the various statutes in the applicable part.

OMB Control Number: 1018-0093.

Service Form Numbers: 3-200-19 through 3-200-37, 3-200-39 through 3-200-53, 3-200-58, 3-200-64 through 3-200-66, and 3-200-73.

Frequency of Collection: On occasion.

Description of Respondents:

Individuals, biomedical companies, circuses, zoological parks, botanical gardens, nurseries, museums, universities, scientists, antique dealers, exotic pet industry, hunters, taxidermists, commercial importers/exporters of wildlife and plants, freight forwarders/brokers, and local, State, tribal and Federal governments.

Total Annual Responses: 9,307.

Total Annual Burden Hours: 6,746.

Total Annual Non-Hour Dollar Cost Burden: \$955,625.

We again invite comments concerning this renewal on: (1) Whether 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 the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond. The information collections in this program are part of a system of record covered by the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552 (a)).

Dated: March 2, 2004.

Anissa Craghead,

Service Information Collection Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Public Meetings for a Caribou-Targhee National Forest Proposed Withdrawal; ID

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the time and place for three public meetings to be held in conjunction with the Caribou-Targhee National Forest's proposed withdrawal of 7,131,56 acres to protect and preserve the Yellowstone Cutthroat trout and the area's historic mining features.

DATES: Public meetings will be held on Tuesday, April 27, 2004 in Afton, Wyoming at the Grays River Ranger District Office located at 125 Washington Street; Wednesday, April 28, 2004 at the Soda Springs Ranger District Office conference room, located at 410 East Hooper Avenue, Soda Springs, Idaho; and Thursday, April 29, 2004 in the Caribou-Targhee National Forest Supervisor's Office conference room, 1405 Hillpark Drive, Idaho Falls, Idaho. All three meetings will be held from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. mountain standard time.

ADDRESSES: All persons who wish to submit comments in connection with the proposed withdrawal should do so in writing and send them to the Idaho State Director, BLM, Idaho State Office, 1387 S. Vinnell Way, Boise, Idaho 83709.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jackie Simmons, BLM, Idaho State Office, 1387 S. Vinnell Way, Boise,