

181, amended the National Housing Act to add Section 247 (12 U.S.C. 1715z-12) to permit FHA to insure mortgages for properties located on Hawaiian Homelands. Under this program, the mortgagor must be a native Hawaiian. Section 247 requires that the Department of Hawaiian Homelands (DHHL) of the State of Hawaii (a) will be a co-mortgagor; (b) guarantees or reimburses the Secretary for any mortgage insurance claim paid in connection with a property on Hawaiian homelands; or (c) offers other security acceptable to the Secretary. In accordance with 24 CFR 203.43i, the collection of information is verification that a loan applicant is a native Hawaiian and that the applicant holds a lease on land in a Hawaiian Homelands area. A borrower must obtain verification of eligibility from DHHL and submit it to the lender. A borrower cannot obtain a loan under these provisions without proof of status as a native Hawaiian. United States citizens living in Hawaii are not eligible for this leasehold program unless they are native Hawaiians. The eligibility document is required to obtain benefits.

In accordance with 24 CFR 203.439(c), lenders must report monthly to HUD and the DHHL on delinquent borrowers and provide documentation to HUD to support that the loss mitigation requirements of 24 CFR 203.604 have been met. To assist the DHHL in identifying delinquent loans, lenders report monthly. A delinquent mortgage that is reported timely would allow DHHL to intervene and prevent foreclosure. This collection of data is cited in 2502-0060.

DATES: *Comments Due Date:* May 11, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB approval Number (2502-0358) and should be sent to: HUD Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503; fax: 202-395-5806. Email: OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov fax: 202-395-5806.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Colette Pollard., Reports Management Officer, QDAM, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20410; email Colette.Pollard@hud.gov. or telephone (202) 402-3400. This is not a toll-free number. Copies of available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Ms. Pollard.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice informs the public that the Department of Housing and Urban Development has submitted to OMB a request for approval of the Information collection described below. This notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affecting agencies concerning the proposed collection of information to: (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (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; including through the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

This notice also lists the following information:

Title of Proposal: Single Family Mortgage Insurance on Hawaiian Homelands.

OMB Approval Number: 2502-0358.

Form Numbers: None.

Description of the Need for the Information and its Proposed Use: FHA insures mortgages on single-family dwellings under provisions of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1709). The Housing and Urban Rural Recovery Act (HURRA), Public Law 98-181, amended the National Housing Act to add Section 247 (12 U.S.C. 1715z-12) to permit FHA to insure mortgages for properties located on Hawaiian Homelands. Under this program, the mortgagor must be a native Hawaiian. Section 247 requires that the Department of Hawaiian Homelands (DHHL) of the State of Hawaii (a) will be a co-mortgagor; (b) guarantees or reimburses the Secretary for any mortgage insurance claim paid in connection with a property on Hawaiian homelands; or (c) offers other security acceptable to the Secretary. In accordance with 24 CFR 203.43i, the collection of information is verification that a loan applicant is a native Hawaiian and that the applicant holds a lease on land in a Hawaiian Homelands area. A borrower must obtain verification of eligibility from DHHL and submit it to the lender. A borrower cannot obtain a loan under these provisions without proof of status as a native Hawaiian. United States citizens living in Hawaii are not eligible for this leasehold program unless they

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Estimation of the total numbers of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response: The number of burden hours is 91. The number of respondents is 247, the number of responses is 494, the frequency of response is on occasion, and the burden hour per response is one hour and four minutes.

Status: This is an extension of a currently approved collection.

Authority: Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 35, as amended.

Dated: April 5, 2012.

Colette Pollard,

*Department Reports Management Officer,
Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5603-N-25]

Notice of Submission of Proposed Information Collection to OMB Public Housing Agency Plan

AGENCY: Office of the Chief Information Officer, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The proposed information collection requirement described below has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

The PHA Plan is a comprehensive guide to PHA policies, programs, operations, and strategies for meeting local housing needs and goals. The PHA Plan informs HUD, residents, and the public of the PHA's mission for serving the needs of low, very low-income, and extremely low-income families and its strategy for addressing those needs. This

data allows HUD to monitor the performance of programs and the performance of public housing agencies that administer the programs. The PHA Plan is being revised to address, clarify and provide additional guidance on the submission requirements for qualified and nonqualified PHAs, as well as to address previous public comments. Section 2702 of Title VII—Small Public Housing Authorities Paperwork Reduction Act, of the Housing and Economic Recovery Act (HERA) of 2008 amends section 5A(b) of the 1937 Act by establishing “qualified public housing agencies,” a category of PHAs with less than 550 public housing units and tenant-based vouchers combined that are provided substantial paperwork relief, primarily with respect to the PHA Annual Plan requirements in section 5(A)(b) of the United States Housing Act of 1937. The paperwork relief exempts qualified PHAs from the requirement to prepare and submit an annual PHA plan to HUD for review. This Act impacts approximately seventy-four percent, or 2,994 of the 4,053 PHAs that are required to submit an annual PHA plan. In addition to the exemption from submitting annual plans for qualified agencies, because of the different annual plan submission requirements of agencies that are considered standard, high-performer, Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) only, small, and troubled within 24 CFR part 903, the existing approved forms were determined to be incompatible with the program requirements. Therefore, some previously approved forms have been separated into new forms that will be completed by different classes of PHAs. These changes also reflect recommendations made by the public in a previous information collection. Specifically, this information collection revises previously approved OMB forms HUD-50077-SL and HUD-50077-CR; adds Certifications of Compliance with PHA Plans and Related Regulations (form HUD-50077-SM-HP and HUD-50077-ST-HCV) formerly appearing on form HUD 50077 as separate documents; deletes approved OMB form HUD-50075, and replaces that form with five new forms (form HUD-50075-5Y, HUD-50075-ST, HUD-50075-SM-HP, HUD-50075-HCV, and HUD-50075-QA). Qualified PHAs no longer submit information on discretionary programs (demolition or disposition, HOPE VI, Project-based vouchers, required or voluntary conversion, homeownership, or capital improvements, etc.) as part of an Annual PHA Plan submission. However, Qualified PHAs that intend to implement these activities are still

subject to the full application and approval processes that exist for demolition or disposition, designated housing, conversion, homeownership, and other special application processes that will no longer be tied to prior authorization in an Annual PHA Plan for a Qualified PHA. All PHAs, including the PHAs identified as Qualified PHAs under HERA, must continue to submit any demolition or disposition, public housing conversion, homeownership, or other special applications as applicable to HUD’s Special Applications Center (SAC) in Chicago for review and approval or to HUD Headquarters for CFFP proposals.

It is expected that Qualified PHAs, as a matter of good business practice, continue to keep their residents, the general public, and the local HUD office apprised of any plans to initiate these types of programs and activities.

DATES: *Comments Due Date:* May 11, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB approval Number (2577-0226) and should be sent to: HUD Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503; fax: 202-395-5806. Email: OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov fax: 202-395-5806.

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on those who are to respond; including through the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

This notice also lists the following information:

Title of Proposal: Public Housing Agency Plan.

OMB Approval Number: 2577-0226.

Form Numbers: 50075-SM-HP, HUD 50075-5Y, HUD-50077-CR, HUD-50077-ST-HCV, HUD-50077-CRT-SM-HP, HUD-50075-ST, HUD-50075-PHA HCV, HUD-50075.2, HUD-50075.1, HUD-50075-SM-HP, HUD 50077-SL, HUD-50075-QA.

Description of the Need for the Information and its Proposed Use: The PHA Plan is a comprehensive guide to PHA policies, programs, operations, and strategies for meeting local housing needs and goals. The PHA Plan informs HUD, residents, and the public of the PHA’s mission for serving the needs of low, very low-income, and extremely low-income families and its strategy for addressing those needs. This data allows HUD to monitor the performance of programs and the performance of public housing agencies that administer the programs. The PHA Plan is being revised to address, clarify and provide additional guidance on the submission requirements for qualified and nonqualified PHAs, as well as to address previous public comments. Section 2702 of Title VII—Small Public Housing Authorities Paperwork Reduction Act, of the Housing and Economic Recovery Act (HERA) of 2008 amends section 5A(b) of the 1937 Act by establishing “qualified public housing agencies,” a category of PHAs with less than 550 public housing units and tenant-based vouchers combined that are provided substantial paperwork relief, primarily with respect to the PHA Annual Plan requirements in section 5(A)(b) of the United States Housing Act of 1937. The paperwork relief exempts qualified PHAs from the requirement to prepare and submit an annual PHA plan to HUD for review. This Act impacts approximately seventy-four percent, or 2,994 of the 4,053 PHAs that are required to submit an annual PHA plan. In addition to the exemption from submitting annual plans for qualified agencies, because of the different annual plan submission requirements of agencies that are considered standard, high-performer, Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) only, small, and troubled within 24 CFR part 903, the existing approved forms were determined to be incompatible with the program requirements. Therefore, some

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	Number of respondents	Annual responses	×	Hours per response	Burden hours
Reporting Burden	4,053	1		5.006	20,290

Status: Reinstatement with change of a previously approved collection.
Authority: Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 35, as amended.

Dated: April 5, 2012.

Colette Pollard,
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 Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Hopper Mountain, Bitter Creek, and Blue Ridge National Wildlife Refuges, Ventura, Kern, San Luis Obispo, and Tulare Counties, CA

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comments: draft comprehensive conservation plan/environmental assessment.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) announce the availability of a Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) and Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Hopper Mountain, Bitter Creek, and Blue Ridge National Wildlife Refuges for public review and comment. The CCP/EA, prepared under the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997, and in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, describes how the Service

proposes to manage the three refuges for the next 15 years. Draft compatibility determinations for several existing and proposed public uses are also available for review and public comment with the Draft CCP/EA.

DATES: To ensure consideration, we must receive your written comments by June 11, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Send your comments, requests for more information, or requests to be added to the mailing list by any of the following methods.

Email: fw8plancomments@fws.gov. Include "Hopper CCP" in the subject line of the message.

Fax: Attn: Sandy Osborn, (916) 414-6497.

U.S. Mail: Pacific Southwest Region, Refuge Planning, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 2800 Cottage Way, W-1832, Sacramento, CA 95825-1846.

In-Person Drop-off: You may drop off comments during regular business hours at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sandy Osborn, Planning Team Leader, at (916) 414-6503, or Michael Brady, Project Leader, at (805) 644-5185 or fw8plancomments@fws.gov. Further information may also be found at <http://www.fws.gov/hoppermountain/>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 (16 U.S.C. 668dd-668ee), which amended the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966, requires the Service to develop a CCP for each national wildlife refuge. The purpose in developing a CCP is to provide refuge managers with a 15-year plan for achieving refuge purposes and contributing toward the mission of the

National Wildlife Refuge System, consistent with sound principles of fish and wildlife management, conservation, legal mandates, and our policies. In addition to outlining broad management direction on conserving wildlife and their habitats, CCPs identify wildlife-dependent recreational opportunities available to the public, including opportunities for hunting, fishing, wildlife observation and photography, environmental education and interpretation.

We initiated the CCP/EA for the Hopper Mountain, Bitter Creek, and Blue Ridge National Wildlife Refuges in April 2010. At that time and throughout the process, we requested, considered, and incorporated public scoping comments in numerous ways. Our public outreach included a **Federal Register** notice of intent published on April 6, 2010 (75 FR 17430), two planning updates, a CCP Web page (<http://www.fws.gov/hoppermountain/>), and three public scoping meetings. The scoping comment period ended on May 21, 2010. Verbal comments were recorded at the public meetings, and written comments were received via letters, emails, completed issues workbooks, comment cards, meeting evaluations, and a petition letter with 276 signatures.

Background

Hopper Mountain NWR was established in 1974 and includes 2,471 contiguous acres in Ventura County, California. Bitter Creek NWR was established in 1985 and includes 14,097 acres, primarily in Kern County and extending into San Luis Obispo and Ventura Counties. Blue Ridge NWR was established in 1982 and includes 897