

National Wildlife Refuges in North Carolina.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the Fish and Wildlife Service, Southeast Region, intends to gather information necessary to prepare comprehensive conservation plans and associated environmental documents pursuant to the Service's Comprehensive Conservation Planning Policy and the National Environmental Policy Act and implementing regulations to achieve the following:

- (1) Advise other agencies and the public of our intentions; and
- (2) Obtain suggestions and information on the scope of issues to include in the environmental documents.

DATES: Written comments should be received within 60 days of this publication.

ADDRESSES: Address comments and requests for more information to the following: D. A. Brown, M.S., P.W.S., 1106 West Queen Street, P.O. Box 329, Edenton, North Carolina 27932, (252) 482-2364.

Information concerning these refuges may be found at the following website: <http://rtncl-rci.ral.r4.fws.gov>

If you wish to comment, you may submit your comments by any one of several methods. You may mail comments to the above address. You may also comment via the Internet to the following address: D_A_Brown@fws.gov. Please submit Internet comments as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Please also include your name and return address your Internet message. If you do not receive a confirmation from the system that we have received your Internet message, contact D.A. Brown directly at the above address. Finally, you may hand-deliver comments to Mr. Brown at 1106 West Queen Street, Edenton, North Carolina. Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from the rulemaking record, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. There also may be circumstances in which we would withhold from the rulemaking record a respondent's identity, as allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. However, we will not consider anonymous comments. We will make all submissions from

organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: It is the policy of the Fish and Wildlife Service to have all lands within the National Wildlife Refuge System managed in accordance with an approved Comprehensive Conservation Plan. The plan guides management decisions and identifies the goals, objections, and strategies for achieving refuge purposes. Public input into this planning process is encouraged. The plan will provide other agencies and the public with a clear understanding of the desired conditions of the refuge and how the Service will implement management strategies.

Dated: October 25, 2000.

H. Dale Hall,

Acting Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Information Collection Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for Review Under the Paperwork Reduction Act

SUMMARY: The proposal for renewal of the collection of information listed below has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for approval under the provisions of Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 25).

DATES: Comments and suggestions on the renewal must be received by December 4, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the proposed collection of information and related forms may be obtained by contacting the Division of Real Estate Services as listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice. Comments and suggestions should be made directly to the Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior at the Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Larry E. Scrivner or Helen R. Latall, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Division of Real Estate Services, MS-4510/MIB, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20240, telephone (202) 208-7737.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Secretary of the Interior has statutory authority to acquire lands in trust status for individual Indians and Federally recognized Indian tribes. The Secretary

requests information in order to identify the party(ies) involved and describe the land in question. Respondents are Native American tribes or individuals who request real property acquisition for trust status. The Secretary also requests additional information necessary to satisfy those pertinent factors listed in 25 CFR 151.10 or 151.11. The information is used to determine whether or not the Secretary will approve an applicant request. No specific form is used, but respondents supply information and data so that the Secretary may make an evaluation and determination in accordance with established Federal factors, rules and policies.

Title: Land Acquisitions.

OMB approval number: 1076-0100.

Frequency: As needed.

Description of respondents: Native American tribes or individuals who request real property acquisition for trust status.

Nature of response: Required for a benefit.

Estimated completion time: 4 hours.

Annual responses: 9,200.

Annual Burden hours: 36,800.

You are asked to comment on whether it is necessary for the proper performance of agency functions; it reduces burden on small entities; it uses plain, coherent, and unambiguous terminology that is understandable to respondents; its implementation will be consistent and compatible with current reporting and recordkeeping practices; why the information is being collected and how it will be used.

Note: Comments, names and addresses of commentors are available for public review during regular business hours. If you wish us to withhold this information, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. We will honor your request to the extent allowable by law. In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, as amended, the collection has been reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget and assigned a number and expiration date. The number and expiration date are at the top right corner of a form. Please note that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless there is a valid OMB clearance number.

Dated: October 30, 2000.

Kevin Gover,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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