

billy_brooks@fws.gov or by calling (904)232-2580, extension 104 or at Jacksonville Field Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 6620 Southpoint Drive, South, Suite 310, Jacksonville, Florida, 32216. If you wish to comment, you may submit your comments by any one of several methods:

1. You may submit written comments and information to the Field Supervisor, at the above address.

2. You may hand-deliver written comments to our Jacksonville Field Office, at the above address, or fax your comments to (904)232-2404.

3. You may send comments by e-mail to billy_brooks@fws.gov. For directions on how to submit electronic filing of comments, see the "Public Comments Solicited" section.

Comments and materials received are available on request for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bill Brooks (see **ADDRESSES** section).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The West Indian manatee, *Trichechus manatus*, is currently listed as endangered throughout its range for both the Florida and Antillean subspecies (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 1967). The Florida manatee lives in freshwater, brackish, and marine habitats. Submerged, emergent, and floating vegetation are their preferred food. During the winter, cold temperatures keep the population concentrated in peninsular Florida and many manatees rely on the warm water from natural springs and power plant outfalls. During the late spring and summer, they expand their range and are seen on infrequent occasions as far north as Rhode Island on the Atlantic Coast and as far west as Texas on the Gulf Coast.

The most significant problem presently faced by manatees in Florida is death and serious injury from boat strikes. The availability of warm-water refuges for manatees is uncertain as deregulation of the power industry in Florida occurs, and if minimum flows and levels are not established and maintained for the natural springs on which many manatees depend. Consequences of a burgeoning human population and intensive coastal development are long-term threats to the Florida manatee. Their survival will depend on maintaining the integrity of ecosystems and habitat sufficient to support a viable manatee population.

Restoring an endangered or threatened animal or plant to the point

where it is again a secure, self-sustaining member of its ecosystem is a primary goal of the endangered species program. To help guide the recovery effort, we are preparing recovery plans for most of the listed species native to the United States. Recovery plans describe actions considered necessary for conservation of the species, establish criteria for downlisting or delisting them, and estimate time and cost for implementing the recovery measures needed.

The Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. *et seq.*) (Act), requires the development of recovery plans for listed species unless such a plan would not promote the conservation of a particular species. Section 4(f) of the Act, as amended in 1988, requires that public notice and an opportunity for public review and comment be provided during recovery plan development. We will consider all information presented during a public comment period prior to approval of each new or revised recovery plan. We and other Federal agencies will take these comments into account in the course of implementing approved recovery plans.

We developed the initial recovery plan for West Indian manatee in 1980. This plan focused primarily on manatees in Florida, but included Antillean manatees in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. In 1986, we adopted a separate recovery plan for manatees in Puerto Rico. To reflect new information and planning needs for manatees in Florida, we revised the original plan in 1989 and focused exclusively on the Florida manatee. This first revision covered a 5-year planning period ending in 1994. We revised and updated the plan again in 1996, which again covered a 5-year planning period ending in 2000. In 1999, we initiated the process to revise the plan for a third time. We established an 18-member recovery team made up of the public, agencies, and groups that have an interest in manatee recovery and/or could be affected by proposed recovery actions, to draft this revision.

In the 20 years since approval of the original recovery plan, a tremendous amount of knowledge of manatee biology and ecology has been achieved and significant protection programs have been implemented, through the guidance provided by the recovery planning process. This Technical/Agency Draft of the Florida Manatee Recovery Plan, Third Revision reflects many of those accomplishments, addresses new threats and needs, and specifically addresses the planning requirements of the Act through 2006.

This draft plan is based on discussions and information provided by the Florida Manatee Recovery Team.

Public Comments Solicited

We solicit written comments on the recovery plan described. We will consider all comments received by the date specified above prior to approval of the plan.

Please submit electronic comments as an ASCII file format and avoid the use of special characters and encryption. Please also include "Attn: [RIN number]" and your name and return address in your e-mail message. If you do not receive a confirmation from the system that we have received your e-mail message, contact us directly by calling our Jacksonville Field Office (see **ADDRESSES** section).

Our practice is to make all 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. In some circumstances, we would withhold also from the rulemaking record a respondent's identity, as allowable by law. If you wish for us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. 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.

Authority: The authority for this action is section 4(f) of the Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. 1533(f).

Dated: November 22, 2000.

David L. Hankla,
Field Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WO-250-1231-EB-01-24 1A]

Extension of Approved Information Collection, OMB Number 1004-0119

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the

Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces its intention to request renewal of an existing approval to collect certain information from recreation visitors to areas of the public lands, and related waters, where special recreation permits are required. This information allows BLM to authorize requested use, determine appropriate fees, and will also be used to tabulate recreation use data for the annual Federal Recreation Fee Report as required by the Land and Water Conservation Act.

DATES: You must submit your comments to BLM at the appropriate address below on or before January 29, 2001. BLM will not necessarily consider any comments received after the above date.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to: Regulatory Affairs Group (630), Bureau of Land Management, 1849 C Street, NW., Room 401LS, Washington, DC 20240.

Comments may be sent via Internet to: WOCComment@blm.gov. Please include "ATTN: 1004-0119" and your name and return address in your Internet message.

You may hand-deliver comments to the Bureau of Land Management, Administrative Record, Room 401, 1620 L Street, NW., Washington, D.C.

BLM will make comments available for public review at the L Street address during regular business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.), Monday through Friday.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lee Larson, (202) 452-5168.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with 5 CFR 1320.12(a), BLM is required to provide 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning a collection of information contained in BLM Form 8370-1 to solicit comments on (a) 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; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to 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. BLM will receive and analyze any comments sent in response to this notice and include them with its request for approval from the OMB under 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

Respondents supply identifying information and data on proposed commercial, competitive, or individual recreation use, respectively, when required, to determine eligibility for a permit. This information allows the BLM to authorize requested use, determine appropriate fees, and will also be used to tabulate recreation use data for the annual Federal Recreation Fee Report as required by the Land and Water Conservation Act.

Based on BLM's experience administering the activities described above, the public reporting burden for the information collected is estimated to average about 30 minutes per response. The respondents are recreation visitors to areas of the public lands, and related waters, where special recreation permits are required. The frequency of response is on occasion. The number of responses per year is estimated to total 31,000. The estimated total annual burden is 15,500 hours. BLM is specifically requesting your comments on its estimate of the amount of time that it takes to prepare a response.

BLM will summarize all responses to this notice and include them in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: November 27, 2000.

Michael Schwartz,

BLM Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WO-250-1220-EA-01-24 1A]

Extension of Approved Information Collection, OMB Number 1004-0133

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces its intention to request renewal of an existing approval to collect certain information from individuals desiring to use campgrounds. This information allows BLM to determine if all users have paid the required fee, the number of users, and their State of origin.

DATES: You must submit your comments to BLM at the appropriate address below on or before January 29, 2000. BLM will

not necessarily consider any comments received after the above date.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to: Regulatory Affairs Group (630), Bureau of Land Management, 1849 C Street, NW., Room 401LS, Washington, DC 20240.

Comments may be sent via Internet to: WOCComment@blm.gov. Please include "ATTN: 104-0133" and your name and return address in your Internet message.

You may hand-deliver comments to the Bureau of Land Management, Administrative Record, Room 401, 1620 L Street, NW., Washington, DC

BLM will make comments available for public review at the L Street address during regular business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.), Monday through Friday.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with 5 CFR 1320.12(a), BLM is required to provide 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning a collection of information contained in BLM Form 8370-1 to solicit comments on (a) 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; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to 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. BLM will receive and analyze any comments sent in response to this notice and include them with its request for approval from the OMB under 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

Respondents supply identifying information and data on the campsite number, date camping, number in party, zip code, fee paid, vehicle license number, and primary purpose of visit. This information allows the BLM to determine if all users have paid the required fee, the number of users, and their State of origin.

Based on BLM's experience administering the activities described above, the public reporting burden for the information collected is estimated to average about three minutes per response. The respondents are individuals desiring to use the campground. The frequency of response is occasionally. The number of