

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Fish and Wildlife Service (We) will submit the collection of information described below to OMB for approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: You must submit comments on or before January 14, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Send your comments on this information collection requirement to Hope Grey, Service Information Collection Clearance Officer, Fish and Wildlife Service, MS 222-ARLSQ, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22203 (mail); Hope_Grey@fws.gov (e-mail); or (703) 358-2269 (fax).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request a copy of the information collection requirements or explanatory material, contact Hope Grey at the addresses above or by telephone at (703) 358-2482.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Management and Budget regulations at 5 CFR 1320, which implement provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13), 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 plan to submit a request to OMB to renew approval of the collection of information for the Conservation Order for Control of Mid-Continent Light Geese. The current OMB Control Number for this information collection is 1018-0103, which expires March 31, 2005. 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 number of light geese (lesser snow and Ross' geese) in the mid-continent region has nearly quadrupled during the past several decades due to a decline in adult mortality and an increase in winter survival. Lesser snow and Ross' geese are referred to as light geese because of their light coloration as opposed to dark geese such as white-fronted or Canada Geese. Because of their feeding activity, light geese have become seriously injurious to their habitat as well as to habitat important to other migratory birds. This poses a serious threat to the short- and long-term health and status of some migratory bird populations. We believe that the number of light geese in the mid-continent region has exceeded long-term sustainable levels for their arctic and subarctic breeding habitats

and that the populations must be reduced. 50 CFR 21 provides authority for the management of overabundant mid-continent light geese.

Light geese in the mid-continent region are separated into two different populations for management purposes. Lesser snow and Ross' geese that primarily migrate through North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Iowa, and Missouri, and winter in Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and eastern, central, and southern Texas and other Gulf States are referred to as the mid-continent population of light geese. Lesser snow and Ross' geese that primarily migrate through Montana, Wyoming, and Colorado and winter in New Mexico, northwestern Texas, and Chihuahua, Mexico, are referred to as Western Central Flyway population of light geese.

States that participate in the light geese conservation order must inform and brief all participants on the requirements in 50 CFR 21.60 and conservation order conditions that apply to the implementation of light geese control measures. Participating States must collect information on the number of birds taken during control efforts, the methods by which they were taken, and the date on which they were taken. We use this information to administer the conservation order and, particularly, to monitor the effectiveness of control strategies and to protect migratory birds. Each participating State must submit an annual report by August 30 of each year summarizing the activities it conducted. We contacted some participating States to estimate the burden hours for this information collection.

Title of Collection: Conservation Order for Control of Mid-Continent Light Geese, 50 CFR 21.60.

OMB Control Number: 1018-0103.

Form Number: None.

Frequency of Collection: Annually.

Description of Respondents: States participating in the conservation order.

Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,776.

Total Annual Responses: 24.

We invite comments concerning this submission on (1) whether or not the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of our migratory bird management functions, including whether or not 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 the collection of information on respondents. The information collections in this program are part of a

system of record covered by the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552(a)).

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 addresses from the record, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. There may also be limited circumstances in which we would withhold a respondent's identity from the administrative record, as allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this clearly at the beginning of your comment. We will not consider anonymous comments. We generally 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.

Dated: November 1, 2004.

Hope Grey,

*Information Collection Clearance Officer,
Fish and Wildlife Service.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces that the Information Collection Request for Adult Education Annual Report Form OMB #1076-0120 requires renewal. The current Adult Education Annual Report Form OMB #1076-0120, with no appreciable changes, will be submitted after the comment period to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The Bureau is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before January 14, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Comments are to be mailed to Edward Parisian, Director, Office of Indian Education Programs, Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 1849 C St., NW., Mail Stop 3609-MIB, Washington, DC 20240, or hand delivered to room 3623 at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Garry Martin, Bureau of Indian Affairs,
202-208-3478.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The information collection is necessary to assess the need for adult education programs in accordance with 25 CFR part 46, subpart A, sections 46.20 Program Requirements and 46.30 Records and Reporting Requirements of the Adult Education Program.

II. Method of Collection

The Adult Education Program regulations under 25 CFR part 46, subpart 46, contain the program requirements which govern the program. Information collected from the contractors will be used for administrative planning, setting long- and short-term goals, and analyzing and monitoring the use of funds.

III. Data

Title of the Collection of Information:
Bureau of Indian Affairs Adult Education Program Annual Report Form.

OMB Control Number: 1076-0120;
Expiration Date: January 31, 2005.

Type of Review: Renewal of a currently-approved information collection.

Summary of the Collection of Information: The collection of information provides pertinent data concerning the adult education programs.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use of the information: Submission of this information is necessary to assess the need for adult education programs. The information is needed for the utilization and management of program resources to provide education opportunities for adult American Indians and Alaska Natives to complete high school requirements, and to gain new skills and knowledge for individual student self enhancement. The information collected with the annual report will be used by the Bureau or tribally controlled programs for fiscal accountability and appropriate direct services documentation. The results of the data are used for administrative planning.

Affected Entities: Tribal adult education contractors.

Estimated number of respondents: 70. Respondents are tribal adult education program administrators.

Proposed frequency of responses: Annually.

Burden: The estimate of total annual reporting and recordkeeping burden that will result from the collection of

information: Reporting 4 hours per response x 70 respondents = 280 hours.

Estimated Annual Costs: \$5,040.00 (4 hours x 70 x \$18.00 = salary dollars). Cost for recordkeeping and auditing is part of their costs for administering this program under Tribal Priority Allocation activity of the tribal budget.

IV. Request for Comments

The Department of the Interior invites comments on:

(a) 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;

(b) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including the hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumption 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 collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; to develop, acquire, install and utilize technology and systems for the purpose of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information, to search data sources, to complete and review the collection of information; and to transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

It is our policy to make all comments available to the public for review at the location listed in the **ADDRESSES** section, Room 3623, during the hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., e.s.t., Monday through Friday, except for legal holidays. If you wish to have your name and/or address withheld, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. We will honor your request according to the requirements of the law. All comments from organizations or representatives will be available for review. We may withhold comments from review for other reasons.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection;

they also will become a matter of public record.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information, unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget control number.

Dated: November 5, 2004.

David W. Anderson,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) is seeking comments in preparation for renewal of the Indian Child Welfare Annual Report form. The information collected will aid the BIA in fulfilling requirements of law. This renewal meets the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Submit comments on or before January 14, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent directly to Larry Blair, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Office of Tribal Services, Division of Human Services, 1951 Constitution Avenue, NW., Mail Stop 320-SIB, Washington, DC 20240.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Interested persons may obtain copies of the information collection requests without charge by contacting Mr. Larry Blair, (202) 513-7621, Facsimile number (202) 208-2648.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The information collection required by the use of this form is necessary to comply with Public Law 95-608, The Indian Child Welfare Act, and as codified in 25 CFR Part 23, Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA). This information is collected through the use of a consolidated caseload form by tribal Indian Child Welfare Act program directors who are the providers of the ICWA services. The information is used to determine the extent of service needs in local Indian communities, assessment of the Indian Child Welfare Act program effectiveness, and to provide data for the annual program budget justification.