

Effective interest rate	On or after	Prior to
8	Jan. 1, 1992	July 1, 1992.
8	July 1, 1992	Jan. 1, 1993.
7 ³ / ₄	Jan. 1, 1993	July 1, 1993.
7	July 1, 1993	Jan. 1, 1994.
6 ⁵ / ₈	Jan. 1, 1994	July 1, 1994.
7 ³ / ₄	July 1, 1994	Jan. 1, 1995.
8 ³ / ₈	Jan. 1, 1995	July 1, 1995.
7 ¹ / ₄	July 1, 1995	Jan. 1, 1996.
6 ¹ / ₂	Jan. 1, 1996	July 1, 1996.
7 ¹ / ₄	July 1, 1996	Jan. 1, 1997.
6 ³ / ₄	Jan. 1, 1997	July 1, 1997.
7 ¹ / ₈	July 1, 1997	Jan. 1, 1998.
6 ³ / ₈	Jan. 1, 1998	July 1, 1998.

Section 221(g)(4) of the Act provides that debentures issued pursuant to that paragraph (with respect to the assignment of an insured mortgage to the Secretary) will bear interest at the "going Federal rate" of interest in effect at the time the debentures are issued. The term "going Federal rate" is defined to mean the interest rate that the Secretary of the Treasury determines, pursuant to a statutory formula based on the average yield on all outstanding marketable Treasury obligations of eight- to twelve-year maturities, for the six-month periods of January through June and July through December of each year. Section 221(g)(4) is implemented in the HUD regulations at 24 CFR 221.790.

The Secretary of the Treasury has determined that the interest rate to be borne by debentures issued pursuant to Section 221(g)(4) during the six-month period beginning January 1, 1998, is 6¹/₄ percent.

HUD expects to publish its next notice to change in debenture interest rates in July 1998.

The subject matter of this notice falls within the categorical exclusion from HUD's environmental clearance procedures set forth in 24 CFR 50.20(1). For that reason, no environmental finding has been prepared for this notice.

(Secs. 211, 221, 224, National Housing Act, 12 U.S.C. 1715b, 1715i, 1715o; sec. 7(d), Department of HUD Act, 42 U.S.C. 3535(d))

Dated: January 15, 1998.

Sarah Rosen,

Associate General Deputy, Assistant Secretary for Housing.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Intent to Prepare Comprehensive Conservation Plan

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to Prepare Comprehensive Conservation Plan.

SUMMARY: This notice advises that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) intends to gather information necessary to prepare a Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) and associated environmental documents for the Lacreek National Wildlife Refuge in Bennett County in southwestern South Dakota.

The Notice of Intent is in compliance with the Service's CCP policy to advise other agencies and the public of its intentions. The Service plans to obtain suggestions and information on the scope of issues to be considered in the planning process.

DATES: Written comments should be received by February 23, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments and requests for more information should be referred to Jon Kauffeld, Planning Team Leader, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 203 W. 2nd, Federal Building, Grand Island, NE 68801.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Service has initiated Comprehensive Conservation Planning for the Lacreek National Wildlife Refuge. Each National Wildlife Refuge has specific purposes for which it was established and for which legislation was enacted. Those purposes are used to develop and prioritize management goals and objectives within the National Wildlife Refuge System mission, and to guide which public uses occur on the Refuge. The planning process is a way for the Service and the public to evaluate management goals and objectives for the best possible conservation efforts of this important wildlife habitat, while

providing for wildlife-dependent recreation opportunities that are compatible with each national wildlife refuge's establishing purposes and the mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System.

The Lacreek National Wildlife Refuge (16,410 acres) was established as "* * *" a refuge and breeding ground for migratory birds and other wildlife "* * *" by Executive Order No. 7160, on August 26, 1935. The Refuge is located in the Lake Creek Valley, southern Bennett County, on the northern edge of the Nebraska sandhills. The Refuge provides breeding and migration habitat for Central Flyway waterfowl, other migratory birds, and is home to a significant portion of the high plains trumpeter swan populations.

The Refuge administers the Little White River Recreation Area which was donated to and accepted by the Service on May 20, 1980, under authority of the Refuge Recreation Act (16 U.S.C. 460K-K4) for public recreation. Public use opportunities include wildlife observation and photography, environmental education, and hunting and fishing on the refuge, and on the Little White River Recreation Area boating, waterskiing, swimming, and camping are also permitted.

The Service will conduct a comprehensive conservation planning process that will provide opportunity for Tribal, State and local governments, agencies, organizations, and the public to participate in scoping issues and comment. The Service is requesting input for issues, concerns, ideas, and suggestions for future management of Lacreek National Wildlife Refuge. Anyone interested in providing input is invited to respond to the following three questions.

(1) What makes the Lacreek Refuge (or any specific unit) special or unique for you?

(2) What problems or issues do you want to see addressed in the Comprehensive Conservation Plan?

(3) What improvements would you recommend for the Lacreek Refuge (or any specific unit)?

The Service has provided the above questions for your optional use. There is no requirement to provide information to the Service. The Planning Team developed the above questions to facilitate gathering of information about individual issues and ideas concerning the Lacreek National Wildlife Refuge. Comments received by the Planning Team will be used as part of the planning process, individual comments will not be referenced in our reports or directly responded to.

There was an advertised open house on November 13, 1997, which provided the opportunity to scope issues and concerns. Comments may also be provided anytime during the planning process by writing to the above address. All information provided voluntarily by mail, phone, or at public meetings becomes part of the official public record (e.g., names, addresses, letters of comment, input recorded during meetings). If requested under the Freedom of Information Act by a private citizen or organization, the Service may provide copies of such information.

The environmental review of this project will be conducted in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), NEPA Regulations (40 CFR 1500–1508), other appropriate Federal laws and regulations, Executive Order 12996 (Management and Public Use of the National Wildlife Refuge System), the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997, and Service policies and procedures for compliance with those regulations.

We estimate that the draft environmental documents will be available for review in December 1998.

Dated: January 14, 1998.

Terry T. Terrell,

Deputy Regional Director, Denver, Colorado.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs—Office of Indian Education Programs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the Information Collection Request for the Tribally Controlled Community College

Grant Application Form, OMB #1076–018, and the Tribally Controlled Community College Annual Report Form, OMB #1076–0105, require reinstatement. The proposed information collection requirement, with no appreciable changes, described below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13, 44 U.S.C. 350(c)(2)(A). The Bureau is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before March 23, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments are to be mailed to Director, Office of Indian Education Programs, Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 1849 C Street, NW, Mail Stop 3512–MIB, Washington D.C. 20240, or hand delivered to Room 3512 at the above address. All written comments will be available for public inspection in Room 3543 of the Main Interior Building, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington D.C., from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Garry R. Martin, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW, Mail Stop 3512, Washington D.C. 20240. Telephone 202–208–3478.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The information collection is necessary to assess the need for financial assistance and annual performance in accordance with 25 CFR, part 41—Grants To Tribally Controlled Community Colleges And Navajo Community College.

II. Method of Collection

The Tribally Controlled Community Colleges and Navajo Community College regulations provided in 25 CFR part 41.9, subpart A and 25 CFR part 41.25, subpart B contain the program requirements which govern the program. Information collected from the institutions will be used for the continued operation and improvement of tribally controlled community colleges to ensure continued and expanded opportunities for Indian students.

III. Data

(1) *Titles of the Collection of Information* are (a) Tribally Controlled Community College Grant Application, OMB No. 1076–018. Expiration Date: 6–30–93; Type of Review: Reinstatement of an approved information collection

form; and (b) Tribally Controlled Community College Annual Report, OMB No. 1076–0105. Expiration Date: 8–31–93; Type of Review: Reinstatement of an approved information collection form.

(2) *Summary of the Collection of Information:* The collection of information provides pertinent data concerning institutional need and annual performance of the Tribally Controlled Community Colleges.

(3) *Affected Entities:* Tribally Controlled Community Colleges

(4) *Description of the need for the information and proposed use of the information:* Submission of an annual grant application (OMB No. 1076–018), is required by statute. Submission of the annual report (OMB No. 1076–0105) is necessary to assess an annual performance for the expenditure of funds received under the authorizing Act. The information is needed to ensure continued support of the establishment, operation and improvement of tribally controlled community colleges. The information collected with the annual report will be used by the Bureau of Indian Affairs or tribal programs for fiscal accountability. The analysis of data will be utilized for administrative and program planning.

(5) *Description of likely respondents, including the estimated number of likely respondents, and proposed frequency of responses to the collection of information:* There are 25 tribal college institutions that respond annually. The number of likely respondents, currently estimated at four additional institutions, will depend on an institution's ability to complete the criteria for becoming an approved tribal college.

(6) *Estimate of total annual reporting and record keeping burden that will result from the collection of information:* 150 hours per annum. 75 hours is the estimated public reporting burden for the 25 tribal institutions to complete the tribally controlled community college grant application (OMB No. 1076–018). This form is estimated to average three hours per respondent that includes time for reviewing the instructions, gathering and maintaining data and completing the form. 75 hours is the estimated public reporting burden for the 25 tribal institutions to complete the tribally controlled community college annual report (OMB No. 1076–0105). This form is estimated to average three hours per respondent that includes time for reviewing the instructions, gathering and maintaining data and completing the form. Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 150 hours. Estimated