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*Time:* 2:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* NIH, Rockledge 2, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Telephone Conference Call).

*Contact Person:* Everett E. Sinnett, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4120, MSC 7818, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301-435-1016\_\_ev sinnett@nih.gov.

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Dated: April 28, 1999.

**Anna Snouffer,**

*Acting Committee Management Officer, NIH.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### Statement of Organization, Functions, and Delegations of Authority

Part N, National Institutes of Health, of the Statement of Organization, Functions, and Delegations of Authority for the Department of Health and Human Services (40 FR 22859, May 27, 1975, as amended most recently at 64 FR 8583, February 22, 1999, and redesignated from Part HN as Part N at 60 FR 56605, November 9, 1995), is amended as set forth below to reorganize the Office of Disease

Prevention (ODP) as follows: (1) Abolish the Division of Disease prevention, ODP, and transfer its functions to the ODP and (2) revise the functional statement of the ODP.

*Section N-B, Organization and Functions*, under the heading *Office of the Director (NA, formerly HNA), Office of Disease Prevention (NA2, formerly HNA2)* is amended as follows:

(1) The title and functional statement of the *Division of Disease Prevention (NA22, formerly HNA22)* are abolished in their entirety.

(2) The functional statement for the *Office of Disease Prevention (NA2, formerly HNA2)* is replaced with the following:

*Office of Disease Prevention (NA2, formerly HNA2).* Coordinates the activities of disease prevention, rare diseases, dietary supplements, and medical applications of research, and advises the NIH Director and senior staff on the following: (a) research related to disease prevention, and promotion of disease prevention research; (b) research related to dietary supplements and their role in disease prevention; (c) research and activities related to rare diseases; and (d) medical applications of research including drugs, procedures, devices and other technology developed from basic biomedical research at NIH. The Office also: (1) Advises the Associate Director for Disease Prevention and provides guidance to the research institutes on research related to disease prevention; (2) coordinates and facilitates the systematic identification of research activities pertinent to all aspects of disease prevention, including: (a) identification of risk factors for disease; (b) risk assessment, identification, and development of biologic, environmental, and behavioral interventions to prevent disease occurrence or progression of presymptomatic disease; and (c) the conduct of field trials and demonstrations to assess interventions and encourage their adoption, if warranted; (3) identifies, coordinates, and encourages fundamental research aimed at elucidating the chain of causation of acute and chronic diseases; (4) coordinates and facilitates clinically relevant NIH-sponsored research bearing on disease prevention, including interventions to prevent the progression of detectable but asymptomatic disease; (5) promotes the coordinating linkage for research institutes on biobehavioral modification toward prevention of disease; (6) coordinates with the Office of Medical Applications of Research to promote the effective transfer of identified safe and efficacious preventive interventions to

the health care community and the public; (7) works with the research institutes to initiate and develop FRAs, PAs, and FFPs to enhance disease prevention program development; and sponsors singly or in combination with other organizations, workshops and conferences on disease prevention; (8) provides a link between the disease prevention and health promotion activities of the research institutes of the NIH, the Surgeon General and Assistant Secretary for Health, and the Secretary, DHHS; (9) monitors the effectiveness and progress of disease prevention and health promotion activities of the NIH; and (10) reports expenditures and personnel involved in prevention activities at NIH.

#### *Delegations of Authority Statement:*

All delegations and redelegations of authority to offices and employees of NIH which were in effect immediately prior to the effective date of this reorganization and are consistent with this reorganization shall continue in effect, pending further redelegation.

Dated: April 22, 1999.

**Ruth L. Kirschstein,**

*Acting Director, National Institutes of Health.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4444-N-04]

### Withdrawal of Request for Comment on Notice of Proposed Information Collection Regarding Lead-Based Paint Hazards Reduction

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, HUD.  
**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice withdraws the notice requesting public comments on information collection requirements for the Requirements for Notification, Evaluation and Reduction of Lead-Based Paint Hazards in Federally Owned Housing and Housing Receiving Federal Assistance. The notice requesting public comments was published in error.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Steve Weitz, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW, Room P-3206, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 755-1785, ext. 106. This is not a toll-free number.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On April 16, 1999 (64 FR 18923), HUD published a notice of proposed information collection, requesting public comments for a period of 60 days on the proposed information collection requirements for

the Requirements for Notification, Evaluation and Reduction of Lead-Based Paint Hazards in Federally Owned Housing and Housing Receiving Federal Assistance ("Requirements"). This notice was published in error and therefore is withdrawn. The 60-day public comment request on the information collection requirements will be published when the final rule for the Requirements are published. Publication concurrently with the final rule will allow the public to better comment on the estimated burden. HUD expects that the requirements of the final rule that are subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act will have a delayed effective date that will provide sufficient time for public comment. HUD also expects that this final rule will be published within the next few weeks.

Dated: April 29, 1999.

**Camille E. Acevedo,**

*Assistant General for Regulations.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Availability of Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability of Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

**SUMMARY:** This notice advises the public that a Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) and a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for Little Pend Oreille National Wildlife Refuge is available for public review. The Refuge is located in Stevens County, Washington. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) is furnishing this notice in compliance with Service CCP policy and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and implementing regulations for the following purposes: (1) To advise the public and other agencies of the availability of the document; (2) to solicit public comment on the Draft CCP and DEIS; and (3) to announce public open house meetings.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before June 30, 1999. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for meeting dates and locations.

**ADDRESSES:** Address comments and requests for more information to: Refuge

Manager, Little Pend Oreille National Wildlife Refuge, 1310 Bear Creek Road, Colville, Washington 99114. E-mail comments may be sent to:

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Comments\_\_LPO@fws.gov.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lisa Langelier, Refuge Manager (509) 684-8384

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The proposed action is to develop a Comprehensive Conservation Plan for the Little Pend Oreille National Wildlife Refuge that best achieves the unit's purpose, vision and goals; contributes to the System mission; addresses the significant issues and relevant mandates, and is consistent with principles of sound fish and wildlife management.

Major issues addressed in the draft CCP/EIS include grazing; management of degraded aquatic and riparian habitats; overstocked forest habitats; military training; and various recreational public uses. The plan includes the following topics: (a) An assessment of existing biological, physical, and cultural resources, and their condition; (b) a summary of significant issues identified through scoping; (c) identification of five alternatives which incorporate varying objectives and strategies for habitat management, management of public access and uses, and management of other programs including military training, grazing, and cultural resources; (d) an analysis of the environmental consequences that would be predicted under adoption of any of the identified alternatives; (e) compatibility determinations for public uses, as required by Service law and policy; (f) an appendix summarizing the projects that would be undertaken under the preferred alternative.

A range of alternatives are considered in the draft CCP/EIS:

(A) *The no Action Alternative*—Make no changes to the prevailing practices and uses at the refuge.

(B) *Restore Wildlife Habitat While Managing Existing Public Uses*—This alternative incorporates an active forest and riparian restoration program. It also accommodates most existing public uses, but adopts some restrictions on some uses to ensure less impact to the environment.

(C) *Restore Wildlife Habitat While Emphasizing Priority Uses*—This alternative adopts a greater emphasis on priority uses identified under the Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 (Pub. L. 105-57) and eliminates non-priority uses. This

alternative also incorporates a strong forest and riparian restoration program.

(D) *Manage the Refuge as an Ecological Reserve and Reduce Human Disturbances*—This alternative minimizes human access and use of the refuge while conducting a habitat restoration program. This alternative includes a greater emphasis on hydrologic restoration than other alternatives.

(E) *Combination of Alternatives B and C—Agency Preferred Alternative*—This alternative places management emphasis on restoration of forest and riparian habitat components. A wide range of recreational activities would be supported including hunting, fishing, wildlife observation, photography, and interpretation. Snowmobiling would be eliminated. Other recreational uses, such as camping and horseback riding would continue, but would be managed to reduce impacts to the environment. Camping would be restricted in environmentally sensitive areas such as riparian zones and during some seasons. The annual livestock grazing program would be discontinued, however some periodic grazing may occur to meet wildlife objectives. The Air Force survival training program would be phased out over 5 years.

With the publication of this notice, the public is encouraged to attend public open houses and/or submit written comments on draft CCP/EIS.

Two public open houses will be held as follows:

May 12, 1999, 5pm-8pm, Community Colleges of Spokane, Colville Center, 985 South Elm, Theater, Colville, Washington. (Presentation at 7:00 pm)  
May 13, 1999, 5pm-8pm, Inland NW Wildlife Council Building, 6116 North Market St., Spokane, Washington. (Presentation at 7:00 pm)

The Service started the process of developing a management plan for Little Pend Oreille National Wildlife Refuge (Little Pend Oreille NWR) in 1995. Open houses and public meetings were held in 1995, 1996, 1997, and 1998. Previous notices have been published in the **Federal Register** (61 FR 65591, Dec. 13, 1996 and 63 FR 39884, July 24, 1998).

Persons and organizations involved in the scoping process have included: the U.S. Forest Service; U.S. Natural Resource Conservation Service; Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife; U.S. Air Force; Washington Department of Natural Resources; interested local tribes, members of conservation organizations; timber industry representatives; grazing permittees; recreational interest groups; inholders and neighboring landowners;