

DATES: *Comments Due Date:* December 21, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB approval Number (2502–0553) and should be sent to: HUD Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503; fax: 202–395–5806.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lillian Deitzer, Reports Management Officer, QDAM, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410; e-mail Lillian Deitzer at Lillian_L_Deitzer@HUD.gov or telephone (202) 402–8048. This is not a toll-free number. Copies of available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Ms. Deitzer.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice informs the public that the Department of Housing and Urban

Development has submitted to OMB a request for approval of the Information collection described below. This notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affecting agencies concerning the proposed collection of information to: (1) Evaluate 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; (2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond; including through the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

This notice also lists the following information:

Title of Proposal: Neighborhood Networks Management and Tracking Data Collection Instruments.

OMB Approval Number: 2502–0553.

Form Numbers: None.

Description of the Need for the Information and Its Proposed Use: HUD's Office of Multifamily Housing Programs is requesting clearance for a revision of a current data collection designed to capture information from the Neighborhood Networks center paper and START business plans. The revision includes enhancements to the format of the online Strategic Tracking and Reporting Tool (START), and contact verification information from an electronic postcard data collection. The data collection will assist HUD in obtaining up-to-date information regarding Neighborhood Networks centers.

Frequency of Submission: Annually, Semi-annually, Other (as needed).

	Number of respondents	Annual responses	×	Hours per response	=	Burden hours
Reporting Burden	738	1.81		0.80		1,070

Total Estimated Burden Hours: 1,070.

Status: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Authority Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 35, as amended.

Dated: November 16, 2009.

Lillian Deitzer,

*Departmental Reports Management Officer,
Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

U.S. Geological Survey

Proposed Information Collection; Program Announcement for the Establishment of DOI Regional Climate Change Response Centers, National Climate Change and Wildlife Science Center

AGENCY: United States Geological Survey (USGS), Interior.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We (the U.S. Geological Survey) will ask the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve the information collection (IC) described below. As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, and as part of our continuing efforts to

reduce paperwork and respondent burden, we invite the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on this IC. We 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.

DATES: You must submit comments on or before January 19, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Please submit comments on this information collection directly to Phadrea Ponds, USGS Information Collection Clearance Officer, 2150–C Center Avenue, Fort Collins, CO 80525 (mail); (970) 226–9230 (fax); or pponds@usgs.gov (e-mail). Please reference Information Collection 1028–NEW, NCCSC in the subject line.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nadine Hartke by mail at U. S. Geological Survey, MS 300 National Center, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, VA 20192, or by telephone at 703–648–4607.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The primary objective of the National Climate Change and Wildlife Science Center (NCCWSC) will be to assist the Department of the Interior (DOI) in establishing a network of geographically dispersed DOI Regional Climate

Response Centers (Centers), as described in the Department of the Interior Secretarial Order 3289 (<http://www.doi.gov/climatechange/index.html>). These Centers will be co-located at cooperating organizations at non-USGS facilities. The Centers will include NCCWSC staff that report to a national USGS office, but will involve other DOI or collaborating Bureaus. The goal of the NCCWSC and the affiliated Regional Centers is to work in close partnership with the climate change science; ecological or hydrological science; and natural and cultural resource management communities to understand high priority science needs for climate adaptation and to develop science and information products that can help resource managers develop strategies for responding to climate change.

The purpose of this information collection is to identify institutions that are willing to host a Regional Center, and determine if their science and partnership capabilities are sufficient to serve as a host organization. Host organizations must be able to contribute climate science and ecological capabilities that complement and enhance USGS scientific and computational capacity, and those of other science partners. Host science collaborations and experience with regional national and cultural

partnerships and communities will be a valuable and necessary component of serving as a host. The information collected will be used to establish DOI Regional Climate Change Response Centers through Cooperative Agreements with the host institution.

The National Climate Change and Wildlife Science Center will issue a Program Announcement that will request interested host institutions to submit proposals. Proposals will address the institution's current climate change science program, its existing linkages with USGS and other DOI bureaus, a description of linkages with potential Regional Center partners, and institution organization capabilities and contributions to serve as a host.

II. Data

OMB Control Number: None. This is a new collection.

Title: Establishment of DOI Regional Climate Change Response Centers, National Climate Change and Wildlife Science Center Program Announcement.

Respondent Obligation: Voluntary.

Frequency of Collection: Annually.

Estimated Annual Number of

Respondents: 80. Respondents may include institutions of higher education and other non-profit organizations.

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 80.

Estimated Time per Response: 20 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 1,600 hours.

Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping "Hour" Burden: We estimate the public reporting will average 20 hours per response. This includes time to develop a technical proposal, budget sheets, perform internal proposal reviews, secure support letters, and submit the proposal through Grants.gov.

Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping "Non-Hour Cost": There are no "non-hour cost" burdens associated with this collection of information.

III. Request for Comments

To comply with the public consultation process, we publish this **Federal Register** notice announcing that we will submit this ICR to OMB for approval. This notice provides the required 60-day public comment period. We invite comments concerning this ICR on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the agency to perform its duties, including whether the information is useful; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden on the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to

enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment including your personal identifying information, may be made publically available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Dated: November 10, 2009.

Susan D. Haseltine,

Associate Director for Biology, U.S. Geological Survey.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS-R3-ES-2009-N246; 30120-1113-0000-F6]

Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Permit Application

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of permit application; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on the following application to conduct certain activities with endangered species. With some exceptions, the Endangered Species Act (Act) prohibits activities with endangered and threatened species unless a Federal permit allows such activity. The Act requires that we invite public comment before issuing this permit.

DATES: We must receive any written comments on or before December 21, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to the Regional Director, Attn: Peter Fasbender, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services, 1 Federal Drive, Fort Snelling, MN 55111-4056; electronic mail, permitsR3ES@fws.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Peter Fasbender, (612) 713-5343.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

We invite public comment on the following permit application for certain activities with endangered species authorized by section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and our regulations governing the taking of endangered species in the Code of Federal Regulations at 50 CFR 17. Submit your written data, comments, or request for a copy of the complete application to the address shown in **ADDRESSES**. When submitting comments, please refer to the appropriate permit application number.

Permit Applications

Permit Application Number: TE230947.

Applicant: Malacological Consultants, LaCrosse, Wisconsin.

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture and release/relocate) Higgins' eye pearlymussel and winged mapleleaf mussel (*Quadrula fragosa*) in Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Iowa to determine presence or absence of the species and to relocate individuals that may be in danger of injury or stranding. Proposed activities are aimed at enhancement of the survival of the species in the wild.

Public Comments

We seek public review and comments on this permit application. Please refer to the permit number when you submit comments. Comments and materials we receive are available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the address shown in the **ADDRESSES** section. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

In compliance with NEPA (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), we have made an initial determination that the proposed activities in these permits are categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement (516 DM 6 Appendix 1, 1.4C(1)).