

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5607-N-23]

Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Comment Request Direct Endorsement Underwriter/HUD Reviewer—Analysis of Appraisal Report

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The proposed information collection requirement described below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

DATES: *Comments Due Date:* October 1, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB Control Number and should be sent to: Reports Liaison Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Washington, DC 20410, Room 9120 or the number for the Federal Information Relay Service (1-800-877-8339).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karin Hill, Office of Single Family Program Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 708-2121 (this is not a toll free number) for copies of the proposed forms and other available information.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department is submitting the proposed information collection to OMB for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35, as amended).

This Notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information to: (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection 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 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: Direct Endorsement Underwriter/HUD Reviewer—Analysis of Appraisal Report.

OMB Control Number, if applicable: 2502-0477.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: The Department requires Direct Endorsement Underwriters to maintain responsibility for the appraisal and the appraised value. When the DE Underwriter disagrees with the value conclusion and cannot reach the appraiser or the appraiser refuses to change the appraisal, the Department allows the DE Underwriter to make changes and requires the underwriter to do so on the HUD 54114. The information collected is used by FHA to monitor the quality of the lender's analysis of the appraisal report, identify areas of weakness for future training, and removing lenders that consistently exhibits careless underwriting and subsequently affect the risk to the Department.

Agency form numbers, if applicable: HUD-54114.

Estimation of the total numbers of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response: The estimated total number of burden hours needed to prepare the information collection is 27,916; the number of respondents is 127,000 generating approximately 127,000 annual responses; the frequency of response is on occasion; and the estimated time needed to prepare the response is .05 hour per response.

Status of the proposed information collection: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C., chapter 35, as amended.

Dated: July 24, 2012.

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Acting General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Housing-Acting General Deputy Federal Housing Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5609-N-07]

Notice of Proposed Information Collection for Public Comment on the Assessment of Native American, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Housing Needs

AGENCY: Office of Policy Development and Research, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The proposed information collection requirement described below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

DATES: *Comments Due Date:* October 1, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and should be sent to: Reports Liaison Officer, Office of Policy Development and Research, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street SW., Room 8230, Washington, DC 20410.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennifer Stoloff, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Policy Development and Research, 451 7th Street SW., Room 8120, Washington DC 20401; telephone (202) 402-5723, (this is not a toll free number). Copies of the proposed data collection instruments and other available documents may be obtained from Dr. Stoloff.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department will submit the proposed information collection to OMB for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended). This notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected 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 if the information will have practical utility; (2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of 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: Assessment of Native American, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Housing Needs.

Description of the Need for Information and Proposed Use: The Department is conducting this study under contract with The Urban Institute and its subcontractors, NORC, Econometrica and SSI. The project is a housing needs assessment that will produce national level estimates of housing needs in tribal areas in the

United States. HUD provides funding though several programs to Native American and Alaskan Native populations, most notably through the Indian Housing Block Grant. The level of housing need is of particular interest to HUD and the Congress has mandated this study. HUD has not published a study on housing needs, in general, for this population since 1996. The surveys covered by this data collection include a household survey of native Hawaiians, living in Hawaii, served by the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Members of the Affected Public: Native Hawaiian households on the

DHHL waiting list: 500 surveys total, 10% by telephone, the remainder in-person.

Native Hawaiian households residing in the home lands (potentially): 500 surveys total, 10% by telephone, the remainder in-person.

Estimation of the Total Number of Hours Needed To Prepare the Information Collection

Including Number of Respondents, Frequency of Response, and Hours of Response:

Respondents	Number of respondents	Number responses per respondent	Average burden/response (in hours)	Total burden (in hours)
Household Survey (waiting list)	500	1	45 minutes (.75 hour).	375
Household Survey (home lands residents)	500	1	45 minutes (.75 hour).	375
Total				750

Status of the Proposed Information Collection: Pending OMB approval.

Authority: Title 13 U.S.C. Section 9(a), and Title 12, U.S.C., Section 1701z-1 *et seq.*

Dated: July 24, 2012.

Erika C. Poethig,
Acting Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of the Secretary

Interior Fire Program Assessment 2012

AGENCY: Office of Wildland Fire, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Tribal consultations and informational meetings.

SUMMARY: The Office of Wildland Fire is announcing tribal consultations to discuss the following topics: (1) The Interior Fire Program Assessment 2012; and (2) potential options being considered as a result of the Interior Fire Program Assessment 2012.

DATES: See the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice for consultation dates.

ADDRESSES: See the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice for locations where the consultations will be held.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jim Douglas, Senior Advisor, Public Safety,

Resource Protection, and Emergency Services, (202) 208-7754.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Federally recognized tribes are invited to attend one or more of the consultation and informational sessions regarding the Interior Fire Program Assessment 2012.

- In their report on the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriation Bill for fiscal year 2012, the House of Representatives Committee on Appropriations stated, in part, “The Committee is aware of the duplication that exists in the Department of the Interior’s wildland fire programs, with multiple parallel organizations in four bureaus, each having nearly identical administrative organizations at the national, state, and regional levels, and at the local level.” The Committee went on in the report to direct the Department of the Interior to “complete an assessment of the Department’s wildland fire management programs in order to determine the most cost effective, efficient means of providing comprehensive fire management services in support of the Departmental and bureau missions and to better direct scarce resources from duplicative administrative management organizations to focus resources on the protection of lives, property and natural and cultural resources.” The Committee asked for a set of options for restructuring and conducting the wildland fire management programs.
- In response to the Committee’s report, the Department of the Interior contracted the services of

PricewaterhouseCoopers (the Assessment Team) to conduct an assessment considering the specific areas of wildland fire management referenced in the report to include, “the Department and bureau roles and responsibilities for administration and management of preparedness, suppression operation, hazardous fuels reduction, burned area rehabilitation, fire facilities, fire science, community assistance, and budget and finance functions.” The Assessment Team was also asked to, evaluate existing alternative models for service delivery, including the Alaska Fire Service, state, and other countries and identify resources that can be redirected to on-the-ground services through reorganization of its wildland fire management programs.”

- This review is ongoing and has included the Office of Wildland Fire, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, Fish and Wildlife Service, the U.S. Geological Survey, and the Bureau of Reclamation. Although the USDA Forest Service is not included in the review, they have been consulted and interviews have been conducted as they are a major partner in the Federal wildland fire management program.
- On June 19, 2012, Task 1, the identification of potential opportunities, was completed; and Task 2, development of recommendations, began. As part of Task 2, and in support of the Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments