

Department determines it is permissible, the Department will apply funds in the replacement reserve and miscellaneous escrow accounts to the amount due to the Department under the Mortgage Loan. Any remaining balances in the replacement reserve and any escrow accounts will be transferred to the new mortgagee. If a Mortgage Loan is current at the time of closing, the funds in the replacement reserve account will be returned to the mortgagor in accordance with such terms and conditions as may be established by the Department.

FHA Reservation of Rights

The Department reserves the right to withdraw Mortgage Loans from the Sale and to terminate the Sale at any time, for any reason, and without liability, prior to the Award Date, without prejudice to its right to include any withdrawn Mortgage Loan in a future sale.

The Department also reserves the right to reject any and all bids, in its sole discretion, for any reason, and without liability.

The Department reserves the right to include in the Sale additional Mortgage Loans.

Mortgage Loan Sale Policy

Almost all of the Mortgage Loans are nonperforming or subperforming. All of the Mortgage Loans are unsubsidized, and there is no project-based Section 8 assistance on any of the projects. Therefore, the Department has determined, pursuant to regulations governing FHA mortgage loan sales, published at 24 CFR part 290, Subpart B (Mortgage Sale Regulations), that the Mortgage Loans will be sold without FHA insurance. The Mortgage Sale Regulations provide for the exclusion of delinquent unsubsidized mortgages from sales where it appears that (1) foreclosure appears unavoidable, and (2) the project is occupied by very low-income tenants who are not receiving housing assistance and would be likely to pay rent in excess of 30 percent of their adjusted monthly income if the mortgage were to be sold and foreclosed (24 CFR 290.35(b)). The Department's interpretation of this provision is set forth in the preamble to the February 6, 1996 interim rule (61 FR 4580-81). The Department has made an administrative determination that the Mortgage Loans do not meet the criteria for exclusion. If the Department determines that any Mortgage Loans meet such criteria, they will be removed from this Sale.

The Department selected a competitive auction as the method to sell the Mortgage Loans in accordance with the requirements of the Mortgage

Sale Regulations (e.g., 24 CFR 290.30). This method of sale optimizes the Department's return on the sale of these Mortgage Loans, affords the greatest opportunity for all qualified bidders to bid on the Mortgage Loans, and provides the quickest and most efficient vehicle for the Department to dispose of the Mortgage Loans.

At one time, the Department considered and discussed with industry participants a loan sale procedure that afforded the borrowers the opportunity to acquire their Mortgage Loans on a noncompetitive basis prior to the Department's offering the Mortgage Loans for sale to others (Borrower Settlement Option). For the reasons set forth above, however, the Department decided to dispose of these Mortgage Loans through a competitive auction.

Freedom of Information Requests

The Department has approved a policy for responding to Freedom of Information Act requests for information on the Department's multifamily mortgage loan sales. The purpose of this policy is to clarify for the public and potential purchasers the types of sales information that will be disclosed in connection with the Department's multifamily mortgage sales program. The policy strikes a balance between the Department's policy of disclosing as much information as possible to the public and its interest in minimizing the harm premature release of this information will have upon bidders, and the harm that release of sensitive and confidential financial information would have on the effectiveness of HUD's loan sale programs, and thus, on the American taxpayer.

Given the forgoing, the Department's policy with respect to Freedom of Information Act requests is summarized as follows:

(i) The Department has determined that after the Award Date it will disclose the aggregate number of bidders and the aggregate proceeds the Department expects from the Sale, as well as the bid information materials that the Department provided to the bidders (provided they are not subject to a privacy or confidentiality exemption).

(ii) After all sales are closed the Department will release: (a) a list of all who received bid materials, (b) a list of all bidders, (c) a list of all winning bidders, and (d) the aggregate amount paid for each successful bid on multiple mortgage loans (whether bid as a pool or otherwise).

(iii) No earlier than one year after all of the sales are closed, the Department will disclose individual winning mortgage loan bid prices.

Scope of Notice

This notice applies to the Midwest Sale of Multifamily Unsubsidized Mortgage Loans, and does not establish the Department's policy for the sale of any other mortgage loans.

Dated: November 8, 1996.

Stephanie A. Smith,

General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Housing, Federal Housing Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Information Collection Request for Emergency Approval

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service; Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces that the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has submitted a proposal for the collection of information described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for emergency approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Copies of the information collection requirement, related forms and explanatory material, may be obtained by contacting the Service's Information Collection Clearance Officer at the phone number listed below. The Service is soliciting comments and suggestions on the requirement as described below.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before November 22, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for the Interior Department, Washington, DC 20503; and a copy of the comments should be sent to the Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, (MS 224 ARLSQ), 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20240.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Phyllis H. Cook, Service Information Collection Clearance Officer, 703/358-1943; 703/358-2269 (fax).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments are invited on: (1) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; and, (2) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents.

Title: Application for National Wildlife Refuge Use Supplemental

Application for National Wildlife Refuge Use in Alaska.

OMB Approval Number: 1018-0014.

Abstract: The Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) was signed into law on December 2, 1980. Its broad purpose is to provide for the disposition and use of a variety of federally owned lands in Alaska. Section 1307 of ANILCA contains two provisions concerning persons and entities who are to be given special rights and preferences with respect to providing "visitor services" in certain lands under the administration of the Secretary of the Interior, in this context, units of the National Wildlife Refuge System.

Permit applications will be provided by the Service as requested by interested Alaska citizens. The required written forms and/or verbal application information will be used by the Service to ensure that the applicant is: A member of a Native Corporation; and/or a local resident; and/or was engaged in adequately providing visitor services on, or before January 1, 1979; and/or is eligible to receive Cook Inlet Region rights.

Frequency of collection: On occasion.

Description of Respondents:

Individuals or households; State, local, or Tribal governments; businesses or other for profit and not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Completion Time: The reporting burden for FWS Form 3-2001 (Application for National Wildlife Refuge Use) and this supplemental application form is estimated to be 40 hours.

Annual Responses: 10.

Annual Burden Hours: 400 hours.

Dated: November 6, 1996.

Carolyn A. Bohan,

Assistant Director, Refuges and Wildlife.

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Geological Survey

Biological Resources Division; Request for Public Comments on Proposed Information Collection

ACTION: In accordance with OMB regulations 5 CFR 1320, pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)), this notice requests public comments on proposed survey of anglers prior to OMB review.

SUMMARY: This notice seeks to satisfy the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) requirement that all agencies developing proposed collections of information provide a 60 day public

notification period for the purpose of soliciting comments on proposed collection of information, as specified under OMB regulations 5 CFR part 1320 relating the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The collection of information referred herein applies to the public survey of a sample of anglers nationwide during the months of February, March, and April 1997. The purpose of this survey is to obtain information about anglers preferences, behaviors, motivations, and satisfactions with fishing opportunities that can be used by fisheries management agencies to develop fisheries management plans to enhance angler retention. Specific public comments are requested as to:

1. Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions on the bureaus, including whether the information will have practical utility;
2. The accuracy of the bureau's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
3. The quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
4. How to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology.

Estimated Completion Time: 20 minutes.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 20,000.

Frequency: One time only.

Estimated Burden Hours: 6,667 hours.

Proposed Dates: February 1-April 30, 1997.

Needs and Uses: To provide State and Federal fisheries management agencies with information that can be used to develop fisheries management plans or angler education programs that will improve angler satisfaction with fishing opportunities.

Affected Public: Randomly selected individuals who are members of North American Fishing Club.

For Further Information Contact: To obtain copies of the survey and to submit comments on this information collection, contact the Bureau clearance officer, U.S. Geological Survey, 208 National Center, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia, 20192, telephone (703) 648-7313.

Dated: November 8, 1996.

Dennis B. Fenn,

Chief Biologist.

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Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Realty Action, Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP) Act Classification, Arizona

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The following public lands in La Paz County, Arizona have been examined and found suitable for classification for lease under the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 *et seq.*). The lands will be used by La Paz County Board of Supervisors for a county park.

Gila and Salt River Meridian, Arizona

T. 11 N., R. 18 W.,

Sec. 28, lots 3 and 4.

The area described contains 51.26 acres.

The lands are not needed for Federal purposes. Lease is consistent with the current BLM land use planning and would be in the public interest. The lease, when issued, will be subject to the following terms, conditions, and reservations.

1. Provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act and to all applicable regulations of the Secretary of the Interior.

2. A right-of-way for ditches and canals constructed by the authority of the United States.

3. All minerals shall be reserved to the United States, together with the right to prospect for, mine, and remove minerals.

4. All valid existing rights documented on the official public land records at the time of lease issuance.

5. Any other reservations that the authorized officer determines appropriate to ensure public access and proper management of Federal lands and interests therein.

Detailed information concerning this action is available for review at the office of the Bureau of Land Management, Lake Havasu Field Office, 2610 Sweetwater Avenue, Lake Havasu City, Arizona.

Upon publication of this notice in the Federal Register, the lands will be segregated from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the general mining laws, except for lease under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act and leasing under the mineral leasing laws. For a period of 45 days from the date of publication of this notice in the Federal Register, interested persons may submit comments regarding the proposed lease