

Instrument	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total burden hours
Affidavits	2,000,000	.2243	.166	74,468

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 74,468.

In compliance with the requirements of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Administration for Children and Families is soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described above. Copies of the proposed collection of information can be obtained and comments may be forwarded by writing to the Administration for Children and Families, Office of Information Services, Division of Information Resource Management Services, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20447, Attn: ACF Reports Clearance Officer. All requests should be identified by the title of the information collection.

The Department specifically requests comments on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted within 60 days of this publication.

Dated: July 16, 1997.

Bob Sargis,

Acting Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner

[Docket No. FR-4259-N-01]

Mortgage and Loan Insurance Programs Under the National Housing Act—Debenture Interest Rates

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

ACTION: Notice of change in debenture interest rates.

SUMMARY: This notice announces changes in the interest rates to be paid on debentures issued with respect to a loan or mortgage insured by the Federal Housing Commissioner under the provisions of the National Housing Act (the "Act"). The interest rate for debentures issued under Section 221(g)(4) of the Act during the six-month period beginning July 1, 1997, is 6⁷/₈ percent. The interest rate for debentures issued under any other provision of the Act is the rate in effect on the date that the commitment to insure the loan or mortgage was issued, or the date that the loan or mortgage was endorsed (or initially endorsed if there are two or more endorsements) for insurance, whichever rate is higher. The interest rate for debentures issued under these other provisions with respect to a loan or mortgage committed or endorsed during the six-month period beginning July 1, 1997, is 7¹/₈ percent.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James B. Mitchell, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, S.W., Room 6164, Washington, D.C. 20010. Telephone (202) 708-1220 ext. 2612, or TDD (202) 708-4594 for hearing- or speech-impaired callers. These are not toll-free numbers.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION: Section 224 of the National Housing Act (24 U.S.C. 1715o) provides that debentures issued under the Act with respect to an insured loan or mortgage (except for debentures issued pursuant to Section 221(g)(4) of the Act) will bear interest at the rate in effect on the date the commitment to insure the loan or mortgage was issued, or the date the loan or mortgage was endorsed (or initially endorsed if there

are two or more endorsements) for insurance, whichever rate is higher. This provision is implemented in HUD's regulations at 24 CFR 203.405, 203.479, 207.259(e)(6), and 220.830. Each of these regulatory provisions states that the applicable rates of interest will be published twice each year as a notice in the **Federal Register**.

Section 224 further provides that the interest rate on these debentures will be set from time to time by the Secretary of HUD, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, in an amount not in excess of the annual interest rate determined by the Secretary of the Treasury pursuant to a statutory formula based on the average yield of all outstanding marketable Treasury obligations of maturities of 15 or more years.

The Secretary of the Treasury (1) has determined, in accordance with the provisions of Section 224, that the statutory maximum interest rate for the period beginning July 1, 1997, is 7¹/₈ percent and (2) has approved the establishment of the debenture interest rate by the Secretary of HUD at 7¹/₈ percent for the six-month period beginning July 1, 1997. This interest rate will be the rate borne by debentures issued with respect to any insured loan or mortgage (except for debentures issued pursuant to Section 221(g)(4)) with an insurance commitment or endorsement date (as applicable) within the last six months of 1997.

For convenience of reference, HUD is publishing the following chart of debenture interest rates applicable to mortgages committed or endorsed since January 1, 1980:

Effective interest rate	On or after	Prior to
9 ¹ / ₂	Jan. 1, 1980	July 1, 1980.
9 ⁷ / ₈	July 1, 1980	Jan. 1, 1981.
11 ³ / ₄	Jan. 1, 1981	July 1, 1981.
12 ⁷ / ₈	July 1, 1981	Jan. 1, 1982.
12 ³ / ₄	Jan. 1, 1982	Jan. 1, 1983.
10 ¹ / ₄	Jan. 1, 1983	July 1, 1983.
10 ³ / ₈	July 1, 1983	Jan. 1, 1984.
11 ¹ / ₂	Jan. 1, 1984	July 1, 1984.
13 ³ / ₈	July 1, 1984	Jan. 1, 1985.
11 ⁵ / ₈	Jan. 1, 1985	July 1, 1985.
11 ¹ / ₈	July 1, 1985	Jan. 1, 1986.
10 ¹ / ₄	Jan. 1, 1986	July 1, 1986.
8 ¹ / ₄	July 1, 1986	Jan. 1, 1987.
8	Jan. 1, 1987	July 1, 1987.
9	July 1, 1987	Jan. 1, 1988.
9 ¹ / ₈	Jan. 1, 1988	July 1, 1988.
9 ³ / ₈	July 1, 1988	Jan. 1, 1989.

Effective interest rate	On or after	Prior to
9¼	Jan. 1, 1989	July 1, 1989.
9	July 1, 1989	Jan. 1, 1990.
8½	Jan. 1, 1990	July 1, 1990.
9	July 1, 1990	Jan. 1, 1991.
8¾	Jan. 1, 1991	July 1, 1991.
8½	July 1, 1991	Jan. 1, 1992.
8	Jan. 1, 1992	July 1, 1992.
8	July 1, 1992	Jan. 1, 1993.
7¾	Jan. 1, 1993	July 1, 1993.
7	July 1, 1993	Jan. 1, 1994.
6⅝	Jan. 1, 1994	July 1, 1994.
7¾	July 1, 1994	Jan. 1, 1995.
8¾	Jan. 1, 1995	July 1, 1995.
7¼	July 1, 1995	Jan. 1, 1996.
6½	Jan. 1, 1996	July 1, 1996.
7¼	July 1, 1996	Jan. 1, 1997.
6¾	Jan. 1, 1997	July 1, 1997.
7⅛	July 1, 1997	Jan. 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 July 1, 1997, is 6⅞ percent.

HUD expects to publish its next notice of change in debenture interest rates in January 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, 1715l, 1715o; sec. 7(d), Department of HUD Act, 42 U.S.C. 3535(d))

Dated: July 15, 1997.

Nicolas P. Retsinas,

Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Receipt of Application for Endangered Species Permit

The following applicants have applied for a permit to conduct certain activities with endangered species. This notice is provided pursuant to Section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*):

PRT-831753

Applicant: Steven J. Holdeman and Stephen J. Fraley, Fish and Wildlife Associates, Whittier, North Carolina

The applicants request authorization to take (capture, identify, and release, and to salvage dead shells) the Appalachian elktoe, *Alasmidonta raveneliana*, and little-wing pearl mussel, *Pegias fabula*, throughout the species' ranges, in Jackson, Macon, and Swain Counties, North Carolina for the purpose of enhancement of survival of the species.

PRT-831711

Applicant: Dr. Frasier O. Bingham, Bingham Environmental Consulting, Tallahassee, Florida

The applicant requests authorization to take (capture, identify, and release, and to salvage dead shells) the ovate clubshell, *Pleurobema perovatum*, triangular kidneyshell, *Ptychobranthus greeni*, Alabama moccasinshell, *Medionidus acutissimus*, orange-nacre mucket, *Lampsilis perovalis*, fine-lined pocketbook, *Lampsilis atilis*, and flattened musk turtle, *Sternotherus depressus*, throughout the species' ranges, in the Black Warrior River system, Cullman and Blount Counties, Alabama for the purpose of enhancement of survival of the species.

Written data or comments on these applications should be submitted to: Regional Permit Biologist, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1875 Century Boulevard, Suite 200, Atlanta, Georgia 30345. All data and comments must be received by August 20, 1997.

Documents and other information submitted with this application are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act, by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents to the following office within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1875 Century Boulevard, Suite 200, Atlanta, Georgia 30345 (Attn: David Dell, Permit Biologist). Telephone: 404/679-7313; Fax: 404/679-7081.

Dated: July 11, 1997.

Geoffrey L. Haskett,

Acting Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Bureau of Land Management

Notice of Boundary Adjustments in Butte County and Blaine County, Idaho

SUMMARY: This announces a revision of the boundary of Craters of the Moon National Monument and adjacent lands, including public domain lands. These changes were made pursuant to Public Law 104-333 (110 Stat. 4093 *et seq.*) to facilitate land management and protection of the natural resources of the watershed within this revised portion of the Monument's hydrographic boundary.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Superintendent, Craters of the Moon National Monument, P.O. Box 29 (Highway 26), Arco, ID 83213-0029 (208) 527-3257.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Effective November 12, 1996, the boundary of Craters of the Moon National Monument was revised to add approximately 210 acres; however, approximately 315 acres previously within portions of the Monument were deleted. Federal lands and interests deleted from the boundary of the Monument shall now be administered by the Bureau of Land Management under the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.*) and the public land laws.

Federal lands and interests added to the Monument shall be administered by the National Park Service. As of the above effective date, the Federal lands added to the Monument are also segregated and reserved from the operation of the public land laws, including all forms of entry, appropriation or disposal under the mining and mineral leasing laws, and all amendments thereto.

Subject to valid existing rights, the lands affected by this boundary adjustment are located within:

Boise Meridian

Township 2 North, Range 24 East, Sections 15, 16, 21, 22, 23 and 28,

Affecting Butte County and Blaine County, Idaho.

These changes were made to protect the Monument's only potable water resources and to resolve long standing