

vegetation; habitat degradation by wild, feral, or domestic animals (deer, mouflon, goats, pigs, sheep and cattle); agricultural and recreational activities; habitat loss and damage to plants from fires; predation by animals (cattle, deer, mouflon, pigs, goats, sheep, rats, slugs and snails, and insects); and natural disasters such as volcanic activity. In addition, due to the small number of existing individuals and their very narrow distributions, these taxa and most of their populations are subject to an increased likelihood of extinction and/or reduced reproductive vigor from naturally occurring events such as hurricanes.

The objective of the draft recovery plan is to provide a framework for the recovery of these 26 taxa so that their protection by the Endangered Species Act is no longer necessary. The interim objective is to stabilize all existing populations of the Multi-island plants. To be considered stable, each taxon must be managed to control threats (e.g., fenced) and be represented in an *ex situ* (such as a nursery or arboretum) collection. In addition, a minimum total of three populations of each taxon should be documented on islands where they now occur or occurred historically. Each of these populations must be naturally reproducing and increasing in number, with a minimum of 25 mature individuals per population for long-lived perennials (*Flueggea neowawraea*, *Schiedea hookeri*, and *Schiedea nuttallii*) and a minimum of 50 mature individuals per population for short-lived perennials (*Achyranthes mutica*, *Adenophorus periens*, *Bonamia menziesii*, *Cenchrus agrimonoides*, *Cyanea grimesiana* ssp. *grimesiana*, *Cyperus trachysanthos*, *Deillia erecta*, *Euphorbia haeleeleana*, *Hibiscus brackenridgei*, *Isodendron laurifolium*, *Isodendron longifolium*, *Mariscus pennatifolius*, *Neraudia seicea*, *Panicum niihauense*, *Phyllostegia parviflora*, *Plantago princeps*, *Platanthera holochila*, *Sanicula purpurea*, *Sesbania tomentosa*, *Solanum incompletum*, and *Vigna o-wahuensis*). *Centaurium sebaeoides* and *Spermolepis hawaiiensis* are annuals.

For downlisting, a total of five to seven populations of each taxon should be documented on islands where they now occur or occurred historically. In certain cases, however, a particular taxon may be eligible for downlisting even if all five to seven of the populations are on only one island, provided all of the other recovery criteria have been met and the populations in question are widely distributed and secure enough that one might reasonably conclude that the

taxon is not in danger of extinction throughout all or a significant part of its range.

Each of these populations must be naturally reproducing, stable or increasing in number, and secure from threats, with a minimum of 100 mature individuals per population for long-lived perennials, a minimum of 300 mature individuals per population for short-lived perennials and a minimum of 500 mature individuals per population for the annual taxon. Each population should persist at this level for a minimum of 5 consecutive years before downlisting is considered. A total of 8 to 10 populations of each taxon should be documented on islands where they now occur or occurred historically. As with downlisting, there may be certain cases in which a particular taxon may be eligible for delisting even if all 8 to 10 of the populations are on only one island, provided all of the other recovery criteria have been met and the populations in question are widely distributed and secure enough that one might reasonably conclude that the taxon is not in danger of extinction throughout all or a significant part of its range. Each of these populations must be naturally reproducing, stable or increasing in number, and secure from threats, with a minimum of 100 mature individuals per population for long-lived perennials, a minimum of 300 mature individuals per population for short-lived perennials and a minimum of 500 mature individuals per population for the annual taxon. Each population should persist at this level for a minimum of 5 consecutive years.

#### Public Comments Solicited

The Service solicits written comments on the recovery plan described. All comments received by the date specified above will be considered prior to approval of this plan.

#### Authority

The authority for this action is section 4(f) of the Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. 1533(f).

Dated: September 23, 1998.

David J. Wesley,

Regional Director,

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Region 1.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Information Collection Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for Review Under the Paperwork Reduction Act

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces that the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) has submitted the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) Annual Report information collection request for reinstatement with changes to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*). On June 5, 1998 the BIA published a notice in the **Federal Register** for sixty days requesting comments on the proposed information collection. The comment period expired on August 5, 1998 during which no public comments were received. The BIA is requesting OMB approval of the collection of information on a regular basis, within 30-60 days.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Copies of the collection of information and related self-explanatory form may be obtained by contacting Larry Blair, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW, MS-4603-MIB, Washington, DC 20240. Phone (202) 208-2479.

**DATES:** OMB is required to respond to this request within 60 days after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, but may respond after 30 days, therefore your comments should be submitted to OMB on or before October 29, 1998 in order to assure maximum consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Your comments and suggestions on the requirements should be made directly to the attention: Desk Officer for the Interior Department, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503. Telephone (202) 395-7340. Please provide a copy of your comments to Larry Blair, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street NW, MS-4603-MIB, Washington, DC 20240. Telephone (202) 208-2479.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. Abstract

The information collection required by the use of this form is necessary to comply with Pub. L. 95-608, "The Indian Child Welfare Act" and as codified in 25 CFR Part 23—Indian Child Welfare Act. This information is collected through the use of a consolidated caseload form by tribal

Indian Child Welfare Act program directors who are the providers of ICWA services. The information is used to determine the extent of service needs in local Indian communities, assessment of the Indian Child Welfare program effectiveness, and to provide data for the annual program budget justification. The responses to this collection of information are voluntary and the aggregated report is not considered confidential. The public is not required to respond unless a currently valid OMB control number is displayed.

## II. Request for Comments

We specifically request your comments be submitted to the address provided above with a copy to the Bureau of Indian Affairs within 30 days on the following:

1. Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the BIA, including whether the information will have practical utility;
2. The accuracy of the BIA's estimate of the burden of the information collection, 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 information collection on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical or other forms of information technology.

## III. Data

Title of the Collection of Information: Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Indian Child Welfare Act Annual Report.

OMB Number: 1076-0131.

Affected Entities: Individual members of Indian tribes who are living on or near a tribally, or legally defined service area.

Frequency of Response: Annually.

Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 554.

Estimated Time per Application: one-half hour.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 277 hours.

Dated: August 24, 1998.

**Kevin Gover,**

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Information Collection Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for Review under the Paperwork Reduction Act

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, DOI.  
ACTION: Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces that the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3506 (c)(2)(A)) has submitted the proposed information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget for approval of a form for the Indian Service Population and Labor Force Estimates. On June 5, 1998, the BIA published a Notice in the **Federal Register** requesting comments. The comment period closed on August 5, 1998 and no comments were received.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Copies of the documents contained in the information collection request may be obtained by contacting Miss Elizabeth Colliflower, Office of Tribal Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street NW, MS-4603-MIB, Washington, DC 20240. Telephone: (202) 208-7435.

**DATES:** OMB is required to respond to this request within 60 days after publication of this Notice in the **Federal Register**, but may respond after 30 days; therefore, your comments should be submitted to OMB by October 29, 1998 to assure maximum consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Your comments and suggestions on the requirements should be made directly to: Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10102, 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503. Telephone: (202)-395-7340. Please provide a copy to Elizabeth Colliflower, Office of Tribal Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street NW, MS-4603-MIB, Washington, DC 20240. Telephone: (202) 208-7435.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

The information is mandated by Congress through Pub. L. 102-477, Indian Employment, Training and Related Services Demonstration Act of 1992, Section 17. The Act requires the Secretary to develop, maintain and

publish, not less than biennially, a report on the population, by gender, income level, age, service area, and availability for work. The information is used by the U. S. Congress, other Federal Agencies, State and local governments and private sectors for the purpose of developing programs, planning, and to award financial assistance to American Indians. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, nor is any person required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

## II. Request for Comments

We specifically request your comments be submitted to OMB at the address provided above with a copy to the Bureau of Indian Affairs by October 29, 1998 concerning the following:

1. Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the BIA, including whether the information will have practical utility;
2. The accuracy of the BIA's estimate of the burden of the information collection, 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 information collection on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical or other forms of information technology.

## III. Data

Title of the Collection of Information: Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Indian Service Population and Labor Force Estimates.

OMB Number: 1076-(new).

Affected Entities: Indian tribes and members who are living on or near a tribally, or by law, a legally defined service area.

Frequency of Response: Biennially.

Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 557.

Estimated Time per Application: 1/2 hour.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 279 hours.

Dated: August 24, 1998.

**Kevin Gover,**

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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