

*E. Selection Criteria/Ranking Factors and Final Selection.*

1. *General.* Complete applications received from eligible applicants by February 3, 1999 will be rated and scored by HUD.

4. On page 65490, in column 1, the final full paragraph in that column (captioned "Note") is corrected to read as follows:

**Note:** These standards will be used as benchmarks in judging program performance, but will not be the sole basis for determining whether the applicant is ineligible for a grant due to a lack of capacity to carry out the proposed project or program. Any applicant that fails to meet the percentages specified above may wish to provide updated data to HUD, either in conjunction with the application submission or under separate cover, but in no case will data received by HUD after February 3, 1999 be accepted, unless specifically requested by HUD.

5. On page 65497, in columns 2 and 3, Section II.B. (captioned "Submitting Applications") is corrected to read as follows:

*B. Submitting Applications.* A final application must be submitted to HUD no later than February 3, 1999. A final application includes an original and two photocopies. Final applications may be mailed, and if they are received after the deadline, must be postmarked no later than midnight, February 3, 1999. If an application is hand-delivered to the New York or Buffalo Offices, the application must be delivered by 4:00 p.m. on the application deadline date. Applicants in the counties of Sullivan, Ulster, Putnam, and in nonparticipating jurisdictions in the urban counties of Dutchess, Orange, Rockland, Westchester, Nassau, and Suffolk should submit applications to the New York Office. All other nonentitled communities in New York State should submit their applications to the Buffalo Office. Applications must be submitted to the HUD office at the addresses listed above in section II.A.

The above-stated application deadline is firm as to *date* and *hour*. In the interest of fairness to all competing applicants, HUD will treat as *ineligible for consideration* any application that is not received on, or postmarked by February 3, 1999. Applicants should take this practice into account and make early submission of their materials to avoid any risk of loss of eligibility brought about by unanticipated delays or other delivery-related problems.

6. On page 65498, in column 1, Section II.C.2. (captioned "Streamlined Application Requirements for Certain Applicants") is corrected to read as follows:

*2. Streamlined Application Requirements for Certain Applicants*

Single Purpose applications submitted under the FY 1997/98 NOFA but not selected for funding will be reactivated for consideration under this NOFA, if the applicant notifies HUD in writing by February 3, 1999 that the applicant wishes the prior application to be considered in this competition. Applications which are reactivated may be updated, amended or supplemented by the applicant provided that such amendment or supplementation is received no later than the due date for applications under this NOFA. If there is no significant change in the application involving new activities or alteration of proposed activities that will significantly change the scope, location or objectives of the proposed activities or beneficiaries, there will be no further citizen participation requirement to keep the application active for a succeeding round or competition.

Dated: December 2, 1998.

**Camille E. Acevedo,**

*Assistant General Counsel for Regulations.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

[Docket No. FR-4369-N-12]

**Announcement of OMB Approval Number for the HOME Investment Partnerships Program**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, HUD.

**ACTION:** Announcement of OMB Approval Number.

**SUMMARY:** The purpose of this notice is to announce the OMB approval number for the collection of information pertaining to the HOME Investment Partnership Program.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mary Kolesar, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, Southwest, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 708-2470. This is not a toll-free number.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended), this notice advises that OMB has responded to the Department's request for approval of the information collection pertaining to the HOME Investment Partnerships Program. The OMB approval number for

this information collection is 2506-0013, which expires on November 30, 2001.

An agency 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.

Dated: December 1, 1998.

**John M. Simmons,**

*Acting Director for Office of Executive Services.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Fish and Wildlife Service****Notice of Intent to Issue a Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Associated Environmental Assessment for Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge, San Acacia, New Mexico**

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice advises the public that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has prepared a draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) and associated Environmental Assessment for the Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge, San Acacia, New Mexico pursuant to the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997, and National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, and its implementing regulations.

If the draft CCP is approved, various management objectives, strategies, and actions will be adopted inclusive of the following:

- Continue implementation of Mexican wolf captive propagation program on Refuge, and ensure continued operation within all regulations, protocols, and safety guidelines.
- Preserve Refuge habitat diversity and important habitat for threatened and endangered species by preserving and restoring habitats to their natural condition.
- Maintain a viable population of Silvery minnows on the Refuge's stretch of the Rio Grande river.
- Evaluate Refuge grasslands potential as an introduction site for the endangered northern Aplomado falcon.
- Protect threatened and endangered species on Refuge and adjacent properties through outreach, educational activities and effective enforcement of fish and wildlife laws.

- Promote and support the introduction of native threatened and endangered species on the Refuge.
- Insure integrity of all naturally occurring biotic communities on the Sevilleta NWR.
- Maintain migratory bird populations at healthy levels in the Upper/Middle Rio Grande Ecosystem.
- Reverse declining trends in quality and quantity of riparian/wetland habitats; restore, maintain, and enhance the species composition, aerial extent, and spatial distribution of riparian/wetland habitats.
- Protect, restore, and maintain upland terrestrial communities at the landscape level within the Upper/Middle Rio Grande Ecosystem.
- Use sound land use practices and management tools to protect upland terrestrial habitats in the Upper/Middle Rio Grande Ecosystem.
- Through the Rio Grande Initiative, preserve, enhance and restore hydrological regimes which perpetuate a healthy river ecosystem. The Initiative will result in the creation of partnerships which address water management, habitat enhancement and restoration, and impacts of non-native flora and fauna on native biodiversity and endangered species.
- Compile a data base of the baseline natural conditions, processes, and species associated within refuge ecosystems by October 2004.
- Attain baseline natural conditions, processes, and populations of species in 50% of each habitat type by 2010. When attainment is not possible, assess desired condition and implement adaptive management strategies.
- Restore and maintain natural hydrological regimes.
- Contribute to the integrity of the Upper Middle Rio Grande Watershed using sound management tools and practices.
- Develop partnerships, relationships, and communication to improve implementation of Refuge wildlife and habitat management goals.
- Minimize human impacts to Refuge ecosystems.
- Encourage research that improves management and monitoring of species, communities and processes on the Refuge and the Upper Middle Rio Grande.
- Permit research from a wide range of interested parties and institutions while protecting the faunal and floral components of the ecosystem from the detrimental aspects of human intrusion and manipulative research protocols.
- Minimize impacts of research activities.
- Provide the research community a unique opportunity to conduct wildlife

related research which provides the Refuge with management direction.

- Obtain (purchase or mitigation) sufficient water rights to manage refuge wetlands associated with the Rio Grande.
- Acquire in stream flow rights for the perennial portion of the Rio Salado.
- Protect upland seeps, springs and wetlands of the Refuge.
- Provide the general public with high quality compatible wildlife dependent experiences on and off the Refuge.
- Provide the general public with high quality environmental education and wildlife dependent experiences on and off the Refuge.
- Develop sound management practices to protect cultural resources, within the scope of Part 614 of the Service Manual and all applicable Federal laws and regulations.
- Minimize obtrusive impacts to Refuge lands or adjacent lands.
- Document the need for additional staffing.
- Obtain adequate staffing to implement management plans benefitting the Middle Rio Grande Ecosystem both on and off Refuge lands.
- Effect improvements to facilities that will result in enhancement of Refuge capabilities and resources including the construction of an approximately 6,000 square foot visitor center/administrative complex, 2 1,500 foot staff residences, and a multi-unit living accommodation facility for refuge volunteers.
- Develop and apply the Ecosystem Management approach.
- Solicit input from involved agencies, institutions, and groups to help coordinate and evaluate Refuge activities.

**DATES:** The Service will be open to written comments through January 4, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies may be obtained by writing to: Mr. Tom Baca, Natural Resource Planner, Division of Refuge, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 1306, Albuquerque, NM 87103-1306. Comments should be submitted to: Lou Bridges, Project Coordinator, Research Management Consultants, Inc., 1746 Cole Blvd., Bldg. 21, Suite 300, Golden, CO 80401.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** It is Service policy to have all lands within the National Wildlife Refuge System managed in accordance with an approved CCP. The CCP guides management decisions and identifies refuge goals, long-range objectives, and strategies for achieving refuge purposes. The planning process has considered

many elements, including habitat and wildlife management, habitat protection and acquisition, public and recreational uses, and cultural resources. Public input into this planning process has assisted in the development of the draft documents. The CCP will provide other agencies and the public with a clear understanding of the desired conditions for the Refuges and how the Service will implement management strategies.

The Service intends to consider comments and advice generated in response to the draft documents prior to the preparation of a final CCP. The Service is furnishing this notice in compliance with Service CCP policy: (1) to advise other agencies and the public of the availability of the draft documents, and (2) to obtain suggestions and advice for consideration in preparation of final documents.

The Service anticipates that final CCP documents and any associated NEPA documents will be available by February 28 1998, or sooner.

Dated: November 23, 1998.

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*Deputy Regional Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Alaska Native Claims Selection

In accordance with Departmental regulation 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that a decision to issue conveyance under the provisions of Sec. 14(h)(1) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of December 18, 1971, 43 U.S.C. 1601, 1613(h)(1), will be issued to Sealaska Corporation for 5.99 acres. The lands involved are in the vicinity of Yakutat, Alaska.

Lot 5, U.S. Survey No. 10271, Alaska.

A notice of the decision will be published once a week, for four (4) consecutive weeks, in the JUNEAU EMPIRE. Copies of the decision may be obtained by contacting the Alaska State Office of the Bureau of Land Management, 222 West Seventh Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7599 ((907) 271-5960).

Any party claiming a property interest which is adversely affected by the decision, an agency of the Federal government or regional corporation, shall have until (January 6, 1999) to file an appeal. However, parties receiving service by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an