

description of the need for the information and its proposed use; (5) the agency form number, if applicable; (6) what members of the public will be affected by the proposal; (7) how frequently information submissions will be required; (8) an estimate of the total number of hours needed to prepare the information submission including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response; (9) whether the proposal is new, an extension, reinstatement, or revision of an information collection requirement; and (10) the names and telephone numbers of an agency official familiar

with the proposal and of the OMB Desk Officer for the Department.

Authority: Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 35, as amended.

Dated: July 9, 1999.

David S. Cristy,

Director, Information Technology Capital Planning Staff.

Notice of Submission of Proposed Information Collection to OMB

Title of Proposal: Request for Proposals—Contract Administrators for Project-Based Section 8 Housing Assistance Contracts.

Office: Housing.

OMB Approval Number: 2502–0528.

Description of the Need for the Information and Its Proposed Use: The requested information is needed for HUD's selection of contract administrators to provide contract administration services for project-based Section 8 Housing Assistance Payments (HAPS) contracts currently being administered directly by HUD.

Form Number: None.

Respondents: State, Local, or Tribal Government.

Frequency of Submission: Recordkeeping.

Reporting burden:

	Number of respondents	×	Frequency of response	×	Hours per response	=	Burden hours
Information Collection	250		10		600		5,000

Total Estimated Burden Hours: 5,600.

Status: Reinstatement without changes.

Contact: Marc Harris and Nick Hluchyj, HUD, (202) 708–0216; Joseph F. Lackey, Jr., OMB, (202) 395–7316.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of the Assistant Secretary—Water and Science; Central Utah Project Completion Act; Notice of Intent To Negotiate Agreements Among the Central Utah Water Conservancy District, Sanpete Water Conservancy District, Sanpete County, and Department of the Interior for Implementation of Projects in Sanpete County, UT

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary—Water and Science, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to negotiate agreements among the Central Utah Water Conservancy District (CUWCD), Sanpete Water Conservancy District (SWCD), Sanpete County, and the Department of the Interior for implementation of Projects in Sanpete County, Utah.

SUMMARY: Public Law 102–575, section 206(a)(1) provides: “After two years from the date of enactment of this Act, the District shall, at the option of an eligible county as provided in paragraph (2), rebate to such county all of the ad valorem tax contributions paid by such county to the District, with interest but less the value of any benefits received by such county and less the

administrative expenses incurred by the District to that date.” Sanpete County desires to pursue local water development projects and is requesting a rebate of a portion of the ad valorem taxes it has paid to CUWCD, plus interest, to provide the required 35 percent local funding for such projects and a Federal grant of up to 65 percent of the total costs as authorized by section 206(b)(1) of CUPCA.

In a letter dated October 7, 1996, Sanpete County requested federal funding, as set forth in section 206(b)(1), to implement the projects. Section 206(b)(1) states: “Upon the request of any eligible county that elects not to participate in the project as provided in subsection (a), the Secretary shall provide as a grant to such county an amount that, when matched with the rebate received by such county, shall constitute 65 percent of the cost of implementation of measures identified in paragraph (2).”

Sanpete County is located within the Sevier River Basin in Central Utah. The main stem of the Sevier River passes through Sanpete County west of the towns of Centerfield and Gunnison. Four major canals divert water from the Sevier River and serve lands in Sanpete County “ Piute, Gunnison-Fayette, Dover, and Westview. The SWCD was formed to assist Sanpete County in developing, managing, and conserving its water resources. The SWCD has proposed to develop a county-wide water resources master plan to collect and summarize current water resource information so that the SWCD can easily assess and prioritize the County's water resource needs. SWCD has also proposed to develop a secondary water system for the community of

Centerfield, Sanpete County, Utah. Two agreements will be negotiated. One to provide funding for the Master Plan and another for the Centerfield water system.

DATES: Dates for public negotiation sessions will be announced in local newspapers.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Additional information on matters related to this **Federal Register** notice can be obtained at the address and telephone number set forth below: Mr. Reed Murray, Program Coordinator, CUP Completion Act Office, Department of the Interior, 302 East 1860 South, Provo UT 84606–6154; Telephone: (801) 379–1237; Internet: rmurray@uc.usbr.gov.

Dated: July 8, 1999.

Ronald Johnston,

CUP Program Director, Department of the Interior.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Availability of Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Assessment for Fort Niobrara National Wildlife Refuge and Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Assessment for Valentine National Wildlife Refuge, Valentine, NE

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of reopening of public comment period.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Refuge Improvement Act of 1997, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has published the Fort Niobrara Wildlife Refuge Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Assessment and the Valentine National Wildlife Refuge Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Assessment. These Plans describes how the FWS intends to manage both the Fort Niobrara and Valentine NWRs for the next 10–15 years.

ADDRESSES: A copy of either of the Plans may be obtained by writing to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Fort Niobrara/ Valentine NWR Complex, HC 14, Box 67, Valentine, NE 69201.

The Plans can also be obtained electronically through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Region 6 Land Acquisition and Refuge Planning HomePage. The Internet address to access the Plans is as follows: <http://www.r6.fws.gov/larp>. Follow the link to "CCP Status in Region 6," click on Nebraska on the Region 6 map, and look under the "Refuge" column for links to both the Fort Niobrara and Valentine Draft CCPs.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bernardo Garza, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 25486 DFG, Denver, CO 80225, 303/236–8145 extension 672; fax 303/236–4792.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For Niobrara and Valentine NWRs are located in north central Nebraska. These Plans and their supporting documents outline a vision for the management of each of these Refuges and specify how one of the largest contiguous blocks of federally owned Nebraska Sandhills grass-stabilized regions can be managed to conserve indigenous wildlife and provide enjoyment to people. Opportunities for compatible wildlife-dependent recreation will continue to be provided.

The comment period for these documents will be reopened until August 19, 1999. All comments need to be addressed to: Bernardo Garza, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, Land Acquisition and Refuge Planning, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 25486 DFC, Denver, Colorado 80225.

Dated: July 9, 1999.

Terry T. Terrell,

Regional Director, Denver, Colorado.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

Request for Public Comments on Proposed Information Collection To Be Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for Review Under the Paperwork Reduction Act

The proposed information collection described below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). Copies of the proposed collection of information may be obtained by contacting the Bureau's clearance officer at the phone number listed below. Comments and suggestions on the proposal should be made within 60 days directly to the Bureau clearance officer, U.S. Geological Survey, 807 National Center, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia 20192, telephone (703) 648–7313.

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.

Title: Public knowledge and perception of Black Tailed Prairie Dogs in the Midwest region of the United States.

OMB Approval No: New collection.

Abstract: The ability to identify knowledge gaps in the public's understanding of the issues concerning Black-tailed Prairie Dog (*Cynomys ludovicianus*) is necessary while conservation efforts involving this species are in the early planning stages. The object of this study is to provide information that is needed to understand the complexities of wildlife/human interactions and current land use and management practices. Any additional information about this species can provide data that can help determine if the species needs to be included on the Federal list of threatened and endangered wildlife and plants. As a result of rapidly declining populations, increased pressure to

develop habitats, and controversies about disease vectors associated with prairie dog communities attention has focused in the past few years on the status of this species. The issue of listing Prairie Dog as threatened or endangered species has become a very important subject for fish and wildlife managers, political leaders, and community groups in a 10 state area of the Midwest (Texas, New Mexico, Colorado, Arizona, Utah, Montana, Wyoming, North Dakota, South Dakota and Nebraska). Although the subject has achieved wide attention, no studies have been conducted that evaluate public knowledge, perception, or economic value of prairie dog communities and management practices in these area. Understanding public knowledge, perception, and values is a vital component of wildlife management. Improved understanding will guide future management practices.

Bureau Form No: None.

Frequency: One time.

Description of Respondents: Individual or households.

Estimated Completion Time: 12 minutes per respondent (approximate).

Number of Respondents: 2880 (3,600 mail surveys).

Burden hours: 576 hours. (the burden estimates are based on 12 minutes to complete each questionnaire and an 80% return rate.)

All comments concerning this notice should be addressed to Berton Lee Lamb, Supervisory Administrative Analyst, 970–226–9314; or Phadrea Ponds, Wildlife Biologist, 970–226–9445, U.S. Geological Survey, Biological Resources Division, Social, Economic and Institutional Analysis Section, 4512 McMurry Avenue, Fort Collins, CO 80525–3400.

For Additional Information Please

Contact: Phadrea Ponds, (970) 226–9445, phadrea_ponds@usgs.gov

Bureau clearance officer: John Cordyack (703) 648–7313.

Dated: July 21, 1999.

Dennis B. Fenn,

Chief Biologist.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CO–932–1430–01; COC–60906]

Public Land Order No. 7399; Withdrawal of Public Lands for Recreation Sites; Colorado

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.