

Natomas Basin Conservancy Activities Open to Public Review

All pertinent proceedings of the Natomas Basin Conservancy will be open to public review. This includes such activities as meetings, selection of lands for acquisition for the reserve system, and development of management and monitoring plans for reserve lands. There are likely to be certain exceptions to these provisions because of confidentiality issues in dealing with private landowners and other exceptions as provided by State or Federal law, but it is the intention of the HCP and the Conservancy to allow public scrutiny of its activities and decisions to the maximum extent practicable.

The Environmental Assessment for the Natomas Basin HCP considers the environmental consequences of four alternatives. Alternative 1, the proposed action, consists of the issuance of an incidental take permit to the City of Sacramento and implementation of the HCP and its Implementing Agreement. This alternative is preferred because it satisfies the purpose and needs of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the City of Sacramento, and the impacts of urbanization are minimized and mitigated by the establishment of habitat reserves. Alternative 2 proposes a variable mitigation ratio in which landowners with documented occurrences of covered species or "high quality" habitat would be required to compensate at a higher ratio than landowners with no documented occurrences of covered species or "poor quality" habitat. Alternative 3 is similar to the proposed action except that the minimum percentage of mitigation lands to be maintained as managed marsh habitat (as opposed to rice farm habitat) would increase from 25 to 50 percent. Under Alternative 4, the no action alternative, the Service would not issue an incidental take permit and development within the Natomas Basin would occur with individual development projects mitigating for their impacts independently in an unstructured manner.

This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 regulations (40 CFR 1506.6). The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will evaluate the application, associated documents, and comments submitted thereon to determine whether the application meets the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act regulations and section 10(a) of the Endangered Species Act. If it is determined that the requirements are

met, a permit will be issued for the incidental take of the listed species. The final permit decision will be made no sooner than 30 days from the date of this notice.

Dated: June 12, 1997.

Don Weathers,

Acting Regional Director, Region 1, Portland, Oregon.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

Notice To Accept Contribution From Private Sources

AGENCY: United States Geological Survey, Interior.

SUMMARY: The United States Geological Survey is accepting a \$5000 contribution from the National Stone Association toward student support and project expenses related to studies of aggregate resources and urban growth issues in the Baltimore-Washington, D.C. area.

INQUIRES: If any other parties are interested in making contributions for the same or similar purposes, please contact Mr. Gilpin R. Robinson, Jr. of the U.S. Geological Survey, Eastern Mineral Resources Team, Mail Stop 954, Reston, Virginia 20192; telephone (703) 648-6113; e-mail grobinso@usgs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is to meet the USGS requirement stipulated in the Survey Manual.

Dated: June 9, 1997.

P. Patrick Leahy,

Chief, Geologic Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Land Acquisitions

ACTION: Re-proposed Information Collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Indian Affairs, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposal for renewal of the collection of information, as required under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of May 22, 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) and OMB regulations at 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before August 18, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and suggestions on the renewal should be made directly to the bureau clearance officer, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Office of Management and Administration, 1849 C Street, NW., MS-4657-MIB, Washington, DC 20240 and to the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project (076-0100), Washington, DC, 20503, telephone (202) 395-7340.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information should be directed to Larry E. Scrivner, Chief, Division of Real Estate Services, Office of Trust Responsibilities, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 1849 C Street, NW., MS-4510-MIB, Washington, DC 20240, telephone (202) 208-7737.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Secretary of the Interior has statutory authority to acquire lands in trust status for individual Indians and federally recognized Indian tribes. The Secretary requests written information in order to make a determination. The information is not in any special form but it must identify the party(ies) involved and describe the land in question. Respondents are Native American tribes or individuals who request the acquisition of real property for trust status. The Secretary also requests additional information necessary to satisfy those pertinent factors listed in 25 CFR 151.10 or 151.11.

II. Method of Collection

No specific form is used, but respondents supply information and data so that the Secretary may make an evaluation and determination in accordance with established Federal factors, rules and policies.

III. Data

OMB approval number: 1076-0100.
Agency Form Number: N/A.

Type of Review: Renewal of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: State or local governments, individual Indians or tribes.

Estimated Number of Responses: Approximately 9,200 per annum nationwide.

Estimated Time Per Response: 4 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden hours: 36,800.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$736,000.

Description of respondents: Native American tribes and individuals