

proposals are important to recommend to the MBCC is through grants programs that are coordinated through the Council Coordinator's office (NAWWO) within the Service.

Competing for grant funds involves applications from partnerships that describe in substantial detail project locations and other characteristics, to meet the standards established by the Council and the requirements of NAWCA. The Evaluation Grants Pilot Program will differ in the respect that it will be a two-stage process wherein successful applicants will have submitted both a pre-proposal and a proposal. Pre-proposals are intended to allow screening such that only the projects that have the greatest potential for contributing to the evaluation program will be asked to continue into the proposal stage. The Council Coordinator's office currently publishes and distributes Standard and Small Grants instructional booklets that assist the applicants in formulating project proposals for Council consideration. The handbook for this new grants evaluation initiative is an additional information collection document. The instructional booklets and other instruments, e.g., **Federal Register** notices on request for proposals, are the basis for this information collection request for OMB clearance. Information collected under this program is used to respond to such needs as: audits, program planning and management, program evaluation, Government Performance and Results Act reporting, Standard Form 424 (Application For Federal Assistance), grant agreements, budget reports and justifications, public and private requests for information, data provided to other programs for databases on similar programs, Congressional inquiries and reports required by NAWCA, etc. In the case of the additional Evaluation Grants Pilot Program handbook, it responds also to the statutory requirements of the Act.

In summary, information collection under these programs is required to obtain a benefit, i.e., a cash reimbursable grant that is given competitively to some applicants based on eligibility and relative scale of resource values involved in the projects. The information collection is subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act requirements for such activity, which includes soliciting comments from the general public regarding the nature and burden imposed by the collection.

Frequency of Collection: Occasional. We intend the Evaluation Grant Pilot Program to have one project proposal submissions window per year.

Description of Respondents: Households and/or individuals; business and/or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions; farms; Federal Government; and State, local and/or Tribal governments.

Estimated Completion Time: We estimate the reporting burden, or time involved in writing project submissions, to be 8 hours for a pre-proposal and 40 hours for a proposal.

Number of Respondents: We estimate that 30 pre-proposals and 10 proposals will be submitted each year for the grants evaluation pilot program.

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Director, Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

1999 Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp (Federal Duck Stamp) Contest

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Fish and Wildlife Service announces the dates and locations of the 1999 Federal Duck Stamp contest; the public is invited to attend.

DATES: The 1999 contest opens for submission on July 1, 1999. Persons wishing to enter this year's contest may submit entries anytime after Thursday, July 1, but *all* must be postmarked no later than midnight, Wednesday, September 15, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Requests for complete copies of the regulations, reproduction rights agreement and display and participation agreement may be requested by calling 1-888-534-0400 or requests may be addressed to: Federal Duck Stamp Contest, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, N.W., Suite 2058, Washington, D.C. 20240. You may also download the information from the Federal Duck Stamp Home Page at www.fws.gov/r9dso.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Terry Bell, telephone (202) 208-4354, or fax: (202) 208-6296.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Location of contest: Department of the Interior building, Auditorium ("C" Street entrance), 1849 C Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. The public may view the 1999 Federal Duck Stamp Contest entries on Tuesday, November 2, 1999,

from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Department of the Interior Auditorium. This year's judging will be held on November 3-4, 1999, beginning at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 3 and continuing at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 4.

The following two eligible species for the 1999 duck stamp contest are as follows: (1) Black Scoter, (2) Mottled Duck.

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Jamie Rappaport Clark,

Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Meeting of John Day-Snake Resource Advisory Council

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Prineville District Office.

ACTION: Meeting of John Day-Snake Resource Advisory Council: La Grande, Oregon; March 2 & 3, 1999.

SUMMARY: A meeting of the John Day-Snake Resource Advisory Council will be held on March 2 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on March 3 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the US Forest Services Office, 60131 Pierce Road, La Grande, Oregon 97850. The meeting is open to the public. Public comments will be received at 10:00 a.m. on March 3. Topics to be discussed by the Council will include: John Day River Plan Preliminary Draft Management Plan/EIS review; Program of work for 1999; potential future RAC training; Hells Canyon NRA subgroup update; Governors Forest Health effort update; proposed RAC boundary adjustments and ICBEMP update.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James L. Hancock, Bureau of Land Management, Prineville District Office, 3050 NE Third Street, P.O. Box 550, Prineville, Oregon 97754, or call 541-416-6700.

Dated: February 1, 1999.

James L. Hancock,
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