

fund short-term research and assessment projects to generate information that allows development of conservation agreements, action plans, and management alternatives that provide for the protection of flora and fauna and their habitats and thereby reduce the need for listing species as threatened or endangered.

DATES: Information packages describing requirements for participation in this program will be available upon request until October 29, 1999. Pre-proposals are due to the address below by November 1, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Parties interested in this program should request an information package from: Species at Risk Program, U.S. Geological Survey, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, MS 300, Reston, VA 20192 ATTN: Dr. Al Sherk.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Al Sherk, Species at Risk Program, U.S. Geological Survey, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, MS 300, Reston, VA 20192; Al_Sherk@usgs.gov; or 703-648-4076.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

Species at Risk (SAR) is a program that develops scientific information on the status of sensitive species or groups of species, particularly with respect to the relationship of species abundance and distribution to habitat conditions and environmental stresses. The basic purpose of SAR is to generate information that allows the development of conservation agreements, action plans, management alternatives, etc., to provide for the protection of species and their habitats and thereby preclude the need for listing species as threatened or endangered.

The initiative provides an opportunity for scientists to participate through survey and research activities. Projects are specifically intended to be of short duration and should seek to optimize partnerships with Federal agencies, states, universities, and the private sector. Successful SAR projects are often conducted by investigators who have identified key, small but critical gaps in our biological knowledge. Projects provide resource managers, regulators, and private landowners with usable information for which prudent resource management decisions can be based. Projects must be new, self-contained work designated to be completed, including the final report, within 18 months.

Projects must focus on species or groups of species for which there is concern but limited information. Projects that focus on groups of species

within the same habitat or ecosystem are encouraged. Projects should identify or develop new information that will reduce the need for a formal listing under the Endangered Species Act of 1982, as amended. Regional and national offices of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service have provided a list of species or groups and their management needs. Projects must focus on these species or groups and demonstrate how they support management needs. Principal investigators are encouraged to communicate directly with USFWS regional contacts before project submission.

This program is conducted in furtherance of the Secretary's obligations under the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 (16 U.S.C. 742a-742j, as amended) and the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (16 U.S.C. 661-667e, as amended).

B. Background

The U.S. Geological Survey gathers and analyzes biological information and serves as an information clearinghouse, providing broad access to the widest possible range of factual data on the status and trends on the Nation's biota and the potential effects of land management choices. This information serves public and private landowners who are interested in sustaining biological resources. It also provides understanding to help avoid conflicts that can both impede development and degrade natural habitats.

The Species at Risk Program will develop scientific information and alternatives to assist Federal, State, and other land managers in their decisions regarding the protection of sensitive species and habitats.

C. Availability of Funds

Through this program, pre-proposals are invited for funding in Fiscal Year 2000 from non-Federal research, scientific or technical organizations. Total funding anticipated for the fiscal year is approximately \$370,000. Monies will be provided to successful applicants on a competitive basis. There is no minimum project cost; the maximum project cost will be \$80,000.

Funds for this program are not currently available. Funding of the program is contingent on a Fiscal Year 2000 appropriation.

D. Eligibility Requirements

Under the terms specified in the information package, pre-proposals will be accepted from State agencies, private and industry groups, academic institutions, and Native American Tribes and Nations. Pre-proposals will

be evaluated in light of their relevance to an identified management need, partnership opportunities, potential for providing useful information to resource managers, potential for conservation agreements, possibilities for cost sharing, and demonstration of successful completion within 18 months of date of initiation. Possible selectees will then be invited to submit a full project proposal for scientific peer review and consideration of funding.

E. Application Process

Parties interested in participating in this program should request an information package that will include detailed application forms, Federal Assistance forms (Standard Form 424, etc.), proposal format requirements, etc., from:

Mail: Species at Risk Program, U.S. Geological Survey, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, MS 300, Reston, VA 20192, ATTN: Dr. Al Sherk, or E-Mail: Al_Sherk@usgs.gov, or Call: (703) 648-4076.

F. Dates

Notice of interest in this program must be received by October 29, 1999.

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Associate Chief Biologist for Science.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

Meeting of the Conservation Advisory Group, Yakima River Basin Water Enhancement Project, Yakima, WA

AGENCY: Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: As required by the Federal Advisory Committee Act, notice is hereby given that the Conservation Advisory Group, Yakima River Basin Water Enhancement Project, Yakima, Washington, established by the Secretary of the Interior, will hold a public meeting. The purpose of the Conservation Advisory Group is to provide technical advice and counsel to the Secretary and the State on the structure, implementation, and oversight of the Yakima River Basin Water Conservation Program.

DATES: Thursday, October 14, 1999, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Bureau of Reclamation Office, 1917 March Road, Yakima, Washington.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Alan L. Scherzinger, Acting Manager,

Yakima River Basin Water Enhancement Project, P.O. Box 1749, Yakima, Washington, 98907; (509) 575-5848, extension 265.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the meeting will be to review water marketing opportunities in the Yakima River Basin and develop recommendations. Progress Reports will be provided on the Basin Conservation Plan and the Yakima River Basin Wetlands and Floodplain Habitat Plan.

Dated September 22, 1999.

Rick Parker,

Acting Area Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

[AAG/A Order No. 170-99]

Privacy Act of 1974; Notice of Modified Systems of Records

Pursuant to the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a) and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular No. A-130, notice is given that the Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), is modifying the following system of records which was last published in the **Federal Register** on April 20, 1995 (60 FR 19775):

National Crime Information Center (NCIC), JUSTICE/FBI-001.

Also being modified is the following system of records which was last published in the **Federal Register** on February 20, 1996 (61 FR 6386):

Fingerprint Identification Records Systems (FIRS), JUSTICE/FBI-009.

The FBI has made revisions to these systems of records to update information about these systems, make editorial adjustments to existing language, confirm in clearer language the categories of agencies that participate in the exchange of records through these systems, and add three new routine uses for both systems. A brief description of these changes is provided below.

The two systems of records are being modified to update the location of the systems and denote the exact street address of the system manager. Both notices are also being revised to clarify existing language through minor editorial adjustments and to confirm in clearer language the authorized participation in these systems, and the availability of system records, to tribal, foreign, and international agencies, in addition to local, state, and federal agencies. Three routine uses have been added to allow disclosure of information maintained in these

systems: To criminal justice agencies to conduct background checks under the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS); to noncriminal justice government agencies, subject to appropriate controls, performing criminal justice dispatching functions or data processing/information services for a criminal justice dispatching functions or data processing/information services for a criminal justice agency; and to a private entity, subject to appropriate controls and under a specific agreement with an authorized governmental agency to perform an administration of criminal justice function (privatization). (In addition to the above changes, the FBI is currently reviewing additional changes to better describe new capabilities and practices, to be promulgated in a future notice.) Revisions to 28 CFR parts 0, 16, 20 and 50 which underlie these changes are being implemented in the Rules section of today's **Federal Register**.

The Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a (e)(4) and (11)) requires that the public be given 30 days in which to comment on any new or intended uses of information in a system of records. In addition, OMB, which has oversight responsibilities under the Act, requires that OMB and the Congress be given 40 days in which to review major changes to the system.

Therefore, the public, OMB, and the Congress are invited to submit written comments to Mary E. Cahill, Management Analyst, Management and Planning Staff, Justice Management Division, Department of Justice, 1400 National Place, Washington, DC 20530.

In accordance with Privacy Act requirements (5 U.S.C. 552a(r)), the Department of Justice has provided a report on the modified system to OMB and the Congress.

Dated: July 27, 1999.

Stephen R. Colgate,

Assistant Attorney General for Administration.

JUSTICE/FBI 001

SYSTEM NAME:

National Crime Information Center (NCIC).

SYSTEM LOCATION:

Federal Bureau of Investigation, Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Division, 1000 Custer Hollow Road, Clarksburg, WV 26306.

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

A. Wanted Persons:

1. Individuals for whom federal warrants are outstanding.

2. Individuals who have committed or have been identified with an offense which is classified as a felony or serious misdemeanor under the existing penal statutes of the jurisdiction originating the entry and for whom a felony or misdemeanor warrant has been issued with respect to the offense which was the basis of the entry. Probation and parole violators meeting the foregoing criteria.

3. A "Temporary Felony Want" may be entered when a law enforcement agency has need to take prompt action to establish a "want" entry for the apprehension of a person who has committed, or the officer has reasonable grounds to believe has committed, a felony and who may seek refuge by fleeing across jurisdictional boundaries and circumstances preclude the immediate procurement of a felony warrant. A "Temporary Felony Want" shall be specifically identified as such and subject to verification and support by a proper warrant within 48 hours following the entry of a temporary want. The agency originating the "Temporary Felony Want" shall be responsible for subsequent verification or re-entry of a permanent want.

4. Juveniles who have been adjudicated delinquent and who have escaped or absconded from custody, even though no arrest warrants were issued. Juveniles who have been charged with the commission of a delinquent act that would be a crime if committed by an adult, and who have fled from the state where the act was committed.

5. Individuals who have committed or have been identified with an offense committed in a foreign country, which would be a felony if committed in the United States, and for whom a warrant of arrest is outstanding and for which act an extradition treaty exists between the United States and that country.

6. Individuals who have committed or have been identified with an offense committed in Canada and for whom a Canada-Wide Warrant has been issued which meets the requirements of the Canada-U.S. Extradition Treaty, 18 U.S.C. 3184.

B. Individuals who have been charged with serious and/or significant offenses:

1. Individuals who have been fingerprinted and whose criminal history record information has been obtained.

2. Violent Felons: Persons with three or more convictions for a violent felony or serious drug offense as defined by 18 U.S.C. 924(e).

C. Missing Persons:

1. A person of any age who is missing and who is under proven physical/