

DATES: *Comments Due Date:* August 24, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB approval number (2528-0029) and should be sent to: Joseph F. Lackey, Jr., OMB Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20502.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wayne Eddins, Reports Management Officer, Q, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, Southwest, Washington, DC 20410; e-mail Wayne_Eddins@HUD.gov; telephone (202) 708-2374. This is not a toll-free number. Copies of the proposed forms and other available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Mr. Eddins.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department has submitted the proposal for the collection of information, as described below, to OMB for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). The Notice lists the following information: (1) The title of the information collection proposal; (2) the office of the agency to collect the information; (3) the OMB approval number, if applicable; (4) the 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 name and telephone number of an agency official familiar with the proposal and of the OMB Desk Officer for the Department.

This Notice also lists the following information:

Title of Proposal: Survey of New Manufactured (Mobil) Home Placements.

OMB Approval Number: 2528-0029.

Form Numbers: C-HM-9A.

Description of The Need For The Information And Its Proposed Use: This survey is used to collect data on the placement of new manufactured (mobile) homes. The data are collected from manufactured home dealers. The principal user, HUD, used the statistics to monitor trends in this type of low-cost housing, to formulate policy, draft legislation, and evaluate programs.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Frequency of Submission: Monthly.

	Number of respondents	x	Frequency of response	x	Hours per response	=	Burden hours
Reporting Burden	12,960	1	0.5	6,480	

Total Estimated Burden Hours: 6,480.
Status: Revision of a currently approved collection.

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

Dated: July 19, 2000.

Wayne Eddins,
Departmental Reports Management Officer,
Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4513-N-04]

Credit Watch Termination Initiative

AGENCY: Office of Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice advises of the cause and effect of termination of Origination Approval Agreements taken by HUD's Federal Housing Administration against HUD-approved mortgagees through its Credit Watch Termination Initiative. This notice includes a list of mortgagees which have had their Origination Approval Agreements (Agreements) terminated.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Quality Assurance Division, Office of Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh St. SW, Room B133-P3214, Washington, DC 20410; telephone (202) 708-2830 (this is not a toll-free number). Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access that number via TTY by calling the Federal Information Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: HUD has the authority to address deficiencies in the performance of lenders' loans as provided in the HUD mortgagee approval regulations at 24 CFR 202.3. On May 17, 1999 (64 FR 26769), HUD published a notice on its procedures for terminating origination approval agreements with FHA lenders and placement of FHA lenders on Credit Watch status (an evaluation period). In the May 17, 1999 notice, HUD advised that it would publish in the **Federal Register** a list of mortgagees which have had their Origination Approval Agreements terminated.

Termination of Origination Approval Agreement

Approval of a mortgagee by HUD/FHA to participate in FHA mortgage insurance programs includes an Agreement between HUD and the mortgagee. Under the Agreement, the mortgagee is authorized to originate single family mortgage loans and submit

them to FHA for insurance endorsement. The Agreement may be terminated on the basis of poor performance of FHA-insured mortgage loans originated by the mortgagee. The Termination of a mortgagee's Agreement is separate and apart from any action taken by HUD's Mortgagee Review Board under HUD's regulations at 24 CFR part 25.

Cause

HUD's regulations permit HUD to terminate the Agreement with any mortgagee having a default and claim rate for loans endorsed within the preceding 24 months that exceeds 200 percent of the default and claim rate within the geographic area served by a HUD field office, and also exceeds the national default and claim rate. For the third review period, HUD is only terminating the Agreement of mortgagees whose default and claim rate exceeds both the national rate and 300 percent of the field office rate.

Effect

Termination of the Agreement precludes that branch(s) of the mortgagee from originating FHA-insured single family mortgages within the area of the HUD field office(s) listed in this notice. Mortgagees authorized to purchase, hold, or service FHA insured mortgages may continue to do so.

Loans that closed or were approved before the Termination became effective may be submitted for insurance endorsement. Approved loans are: (1) Those already underwritten and approved by a Direct Endorsement (DE) underwriter employed by an unconditionally approved DE lender; and (2) cases covered by a firm commitment issued by HUD. Cases at earlier stages of processing cannot be submitted for insurance by the terminated branch; however, they may be transferred for completion of processing and underwriting to another mortgagee or branch authorized to originate FHA insured mortgages in that area. Mortgagees are obligated to continue to pay existing insurance premiums and meet all other obligations associated with insured mortgages.

A terminated mortgagee may apply for a new Origination Approval Agreement if the mortgagee continues to be an

approved mortgagee meeting the requirements of 24 CFR 202.5, 202.6, 202.7, 202.8 or 202.10 and 202.12, if there has been no Origination Approval Agreement for at least six months, and if the Secretary determines that the underlying causes for termination have been remedied.

To enable the Secretary to ascertain whether the underlying causes for termination have been remedied, a mortgagee applying for a new Origination Approval Agreement must obtain an independent review of the terminated office's operations as well as its mortgage production, specifically including the FHA-insured mortgages cited in its termination notice. This independent analysis shall identify the underlying cause for the mortgagee's high default and claim rate. The review must be conducted and issued by an independent Certified Public Accountant (CPA) qualified to perform

audits under Government Auditing Standards as set forth by the General Accounting Office.

The mortgagee must also submit a written corrective action plan to address each of the issues identified in the CPA's report, along with evidence that the plan has been implemented. The application for a new Agreement should be in the form of a letter, accompanied by the CPA's report and corrective action plan. The request should be sent to the Director, Office of Lender Activities and Program Compliance, 451 Seventh Street SW, Room B133-P3214, Washington, DC 20410, or by courier to 490 L'Enfant Plaza, East, S.W., Suite 3214, Washington, DC 20024.

Action

The following mortgagees have had their Agreements terminated by HUD:

Mortgagee name	Mortgagee branch address	HUD office jurisdictions	Termination effective date	Home ownership centers
Allied Mortgage Capital Corp.	513 East Center Street, Kingsport, TN 37660	Memphis, TN	06/02/2000	Atlanta.
Challenge Mortgage Corp	15 Spinning Wheel Road, STE 426, Hinsdale, IL 60521.	Chicago, IL	06/05/2000	Atlanta.
First Guaranty Mortgage Corp.	8180 Greensboro Dr., STE 1175, McLean, VA 22102.	Richmond, VA	06/02/2000	Philadelphia.
First Republic Mortgage Corp.	6230 Fairview RD #200, Charlotte, NC 28210	Greensboro, NC	03/20/2000	Atlanta.
General Mortgage Corp	23880 Woodward Avenue, Pleasant Ridge, MI 48069.	Detroit, MI	06/02/2000	Philadelphia.
Wells Fargo Home Mortgage Inc.	14402 John Humphrey Drive, Orland Park, IL 60462.	Chicago, IL	06/02/2000	Atlanta.

Dated: July 17, 2000.

William C. Apgar,

Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Availability of Draft Environmental Assessment of Take of Nestling American Peregrine Falcons for Falconry

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: This notice is to announce the availability of a Draft Environmental Assessment of falconry take of nestling American peregrine falcons in the contiguous United States and Alaska. In it, we seek to provide protection for the nationwide population of American

peregrine falcons while allowing a limited take of nestlings for falconry. We do so by evaluating the effects of take of nestlings on American peregrine population growth in the United States. We seek public comment on the draft assessment.

DATES: Comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment are due by September 25, 2000.

ADDRESSES: The Draft Environmental Assessment is available from, and written comments about it should be submitted to, Chief, Office of Migratory Bird Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 634, Arlington, Virginia 22203-1610. You can request a copy of the Environmental Assessment by calling 703-358-1714. The fax number for a request or for comments is 703-358-2272. The Assessment also is available on the Office of Migratory Bird Management web pages at <http://migratorybirds.fws.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. George T. Allen, Office of Migratory

Bird Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, at 703-358-1714 or the address above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The American peregrine falcon (*Falco peregrinus anatum*) occurs throughout much of North America from the subarctic boreal forests of Alaska and Canada south to Mexico. The American peregrine falcon declined precipitously in North America following World War II, a decline attributed largely to organochlorine pesticides applied in the United States and Canada. Because of the decline, the American peregrine was listed as endangered in 1970 (35 FR 16047).

Recovery goals for American peregrine falcons in the United States were substantially exceeded in some areas, and on August 25, 1999, we removed the American peregrine falcon from the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants (64 FR 46542). However, monitoring of the status of the species is required, and it is still protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act.