

institutions to be used for health purposes. State and local governments and nonprofit organizations use these applications to apply for excess/surplus, underutilized/unutilized and off-site Government real property. Information in the applications is used to determine eligibility to purchase, lease, or use property under the provisions of the surplus property program. The application instructions for the homeless or public health purposes are being revised to clarify some of the questions which will assist reviewers in making more informed determinations. No changes are being proposed for the environmental information form used to evaluate potential environmental effects of a proposal as required by the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

*Respondents:* State, local or tribal governments; not-for-profit institutions;  
*Total Number of Respondents:* 32 per calendar year;  
*Number of Responses per Respondent:* one response per request;  
*Average Burden per Response:* 200 hours;  
*Estimated Annual Burden:* 6,400 hours.

*OMB Desk Officer:* Allison Eydt.

Copies of the information collection package listed above can be obtained by calling the PSC Reports Clearance Officer on (301) 443-1494. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent directly to the OMB desk officer designated above at the following address: Human Resources and Housing Branch, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503.

Comments may also be sent to Irene S. West, PSC Reports Clearance Officer, Room 17A18, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857. Written comments should be received within 30 days of this notice.

Dated: May 1, 2001.

**Curtis L. Coy,**

*Director, Program Support Center.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4572-D-18]

### Order of Succession

**AGENCY:** Office of the Chief Officer, HUD

**ACTION:** Notice of Order of Succession.

**SUMMARY:** In this notice, the Chief of Staff for the Department of Housing and Urban Development designates the

Order of Succession for the office of Chief Financial Officer.

**EFFECTIVE DATES:** May 3, 2001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Maureen Harris, Administrative Officer, Office of the Chief Financial Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Room 2104, 451 7th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20410, (202) 708-0313. (This is not a toll-free number.) This number may be accessed via TTY by calling the Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-8339 (toll-free).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Chief of Staff for the Department of Housing and Urban Development is issuing this Order of Succession of officials authorized to perform the functions and duties of the Office of the Chief Financial Officer when, by reason of absence, disability, or vacancy in office, the Chief Financial Officer is not available to exercise the powers or perform the duties of the office. This Order of Succession is subject to the provisions of the Vacancy Reform Act of 1998, 5 USC 3345-3349d.

Accordingly, the Chief of Staff designates the following Order of Succession:

#### Section A. Order of Succession

Subject to the provisions of the Vacancy Reform Act of 1998, during any period when, by reason of absence, disability, or vacancy in office, the Chief Financial Officer is not available to exercise the powers or perform the duties of the Chief Financial Officer, the following officials within the Office of the Chief Financial Officer are hereby designated to exercise the powers and perform the duties of the Office:

- (1) Senior Advisor to the Chief Financial Officer;
- (2) Assistant Chief Financial Officer for Budget.

These officials shall perform the functions and duties of the Office in the order specified herein, and no official shall serve unless all the other officials, whose position titles precede his/hers in this order, are unable to act by reason of absence, disability, or vacancy in office.

#### Section B. Authority Superseded

This Order of Succession supersedes the Order of Succession for the Office of the Chief Financial Officer, published at 65 FR 51016 (August 22, 2000).

**Authority:** Section 7(d), Department of Housing and Urban Development Act, 42 U.S.C. Sec. 3535(d)

Dated: May 3, 2001.

**Daniel R. Murphy,**

*Chief of Staff, Department of Housing and Urban Development.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Notice of Permit Application and Safe Harbor Agreement Between the Fish and Wildlife Service and Caroline H. Paterson and Thomas W. Paterson

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability and 30-day public comment period.

**SUMMARY:** Caroline H. and Thomas W. Paterson (Applicants) have applied to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) for an incidental take permit pursuant to Section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act (Act). The Applicants have been assigned permit number TE-035920-0. The requested permit, which is for a period of 30 years, would authorize the take of the following species: endangered southwestern willow flycatcher and Mexican gray wolf; threatened bald eagle, Mexican spotted owl, and loach minnow. The proposed take could occur as a result of conservation measures implemented on Spur Ranch, consisting of riparian restoration activities along Centerfire Creek, including planting native vegetation; grade control structures in Centerfire Creek to control erosion and downcutting; and upland management activities designed to improve overall habitat health, including prescribed burning, selective timber harvesting, and controlled grazing. Currently, none of the species mentioned above are known to occur on the property. The Applicants in cooperation with the Service have prepared the Safe Harbor Agreement (SHA) to provide a conservation benefit to the species and allow for the take of these species. Based upon guidance in the Service's June 17, 1999, Final Safe Harbor Policy, if a SHA and associated permit are not expected to individually or cumulatively have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment or other natural resources, the Agreement/permit may be categorically excluded from undergoing National Environmental Policy Act review. The Spur Ranch SHA qualifies as a "Low Effect" SHA, thus, this action is a categorical exclusion. The "Low Effect" determination for the Spur

Ranch SHA is also available for public comment. This notice is provided pursuant to Section 10(c) of the Act and National Environmental Policy Act regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

**DATES:** Written comments on the application should be received on or before June 11, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Persons wishing to review the application, SHA, and "Low Effect" determination may obtain copies by writing to the Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 1306, Room 4102, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103, or by contacting Denise Smith, New Mexico Ecological Services Field Office, 2105 Osuna Road, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87113 (505/346-2525). Documents relating to the application will be available for public inspection by written request, by appointment only, during normal business hours (8:00 to 4:30) at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, New Mexico Ecological Services Field Office, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Written data or comments concerning the application and SHA should be submitted to the Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, New Mexico Ecological Services Field Office, Albuquerque, New Mexico, at the above address. Please refer to permit number TE-035920-0 (Paterson) when submitting comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Denise Smith at the above U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, New Mexico Ecological Services Field Office, Albuquerque, New Mexico (505) 346-2525.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

Caroline H. and Thomas W. Paterson (Applicants) plan to implement conservation measures on Spur Ranch, a 309 acre parcel of land northeast of Luna, Catron County, New Mexico. The conservation measures will improve riverine, riparian, and upland habitat through improving water quality, reducing sedimentation, and establishment of native riparian vegetation. The SHA as currently written is expected to provide a net conservation benefit to the five species for which it is written. The SHA will provide protection to the Applicants against further regulation under the Endangered Species Act in the event that any of the covered species should occupy the Patersons' land as a result of implementation of the proposed conservation measures.

Section 9 of the Act prohibits the "taking" of threatened or endangered species. However, the Service, under

limited circumstances, may issue permits to take threatened and endangered wildlife species incidental to, and not the purpose of, otherwise lawful activities. Regulations governing permits for endangered species are at 50 CFR 17.22 and 50 CFR 17.22 for threatened species.

**Thomas L. Bauer,**

*Acting Regional Director, Region 2,  
Albuquerque, New Mexico.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Indian Affairs**

**Proposed Agency Information  
Collection Activities; Comment  
Request**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces that the Information Collection Request for the Housing Assistance Application requires renewal. The proposed information collection requirement, with no appreciable changes, described below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review after a public comment period, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The Bureau is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before July 9, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested parties are invited to submit written comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB Control Number and should be sent to June Henkel, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW, MS-4660-MIB, Washington, DC 20240. E-mail should be sent to JuneHenkel@bia.gov. Fax: (202) 208-2648. Telephone: (202) 208-3667. (This is not a toll-free number.)

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instructions should be directed to June Henkel, 202-208-3667.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Abstract**

The information is needed to establish whether an applicant is eligible to receive services under the HIP and to establish the priority order in which

eligible applicants may receive services under the program.

**II. Method of Collection**

The housing regulations at 25 CFR part 256 contain the program eligibility and selection criteria (§§ 256.6, 256.8, 256.9, 256.10, 256.14) which prospective applicants seeking program services must demonstrate that they meet. Information collected from applicants under these regulations provides eligibility and selection data used by the local servicing housing office to establish whether an applicant is eligible to receive services. The local servicing housing office may be a tribal housing office under a Public Law 93-638, Indian Self-Determination contract or a Self-Governance annual funding agreement, or the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Additionally, the data is used by the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs to establish whether a request for waiver of a specific housing regulation is in the best interest of the applicant and the Federal Government.

**III. Data**

(1) *Title of the Collection of Information:* Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Housing Assistance Application.

*OMB Number:* 1076-0084.

*Expiration Date:* September 30, 2001.

*Type of Review:* Renewal of a currently approved information collection.

(2) *Summary of the Collection of Information:* The collection of information provides pertinent data concerning an applicant's eligibility to receive services under the Housing Improvement Program and includes:

A. Applicant Information including: Name, Current Address, Telephone Number, Date of Birth, Tribe, Roll Number, Marital Status, Name of Spouse, Date of Birth (of spouse), Tribe (of spouse), and Roll Number (of Spouse).

B. Family Information including: Name, Date of Birth, Relationship to Applicant, and Tribe/Roll Number.

C. Income Information: Earned and Unearned Income.

D. Housing Information including: Location of the house to be repaired, constructed or purchased; Description of housing assistance for which applying; Knowledge of receipt of prior Housing Improvement Program assistance, amount, to whom and when; Ownership or rental; Availability of electricity and name of electric company; Type of sewer system; Water source; Number of bedrooms; Size of house; and, Bathroom facilities.