

catastrophe declared a major disaster by the President in his declaration of March 14, 2003:

Brooke, Hancock, Hardy, Marion, Marshall, Monongalia, Ohio, Pendleton, Taylor, and Tucker Counties for emergency protective measures (Category B) under the Public Assistance program for a period of 48 hours.

Harrison County for emergency protective measures (Category B) under the Public Assistance program for a period of 48 hours (already designated for Individual Assistance).

Wetzel County for emergency protective measures (Category B) under the Public Assistance program for a period of 48 hours (already designated for Public Assistance). (The following Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers (CFDA) are to be used for reporting and drawing funds: 83.537, Community Disaster Loans; 83.538, Cora Brown Fund Program; 83.539, Crisis Counseling; 83.540, Disaster Legal Services Program; 83.541, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA); 83.556, Fire Management Assistance; 83.558, Individual and Household Housing; 83.559, Individual and Household Disaster Housing Operations; 83.560, Individual and Household Program—Other Needs; 83.544, Public Assistance Grants; 83.548, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.)

**Michael D. Brown,**

*Acting Under Secretary, Emergency Preparedness and Response.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

[Docket No. FR-4815-N-18]

**Notice of Submission of Proposed Information Collection to OMB: Pre-Foreclosure Sales Program**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The proposed information collection requirement described below has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

**DATES:** *Comments Due Date:* May 19, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB approval number (2502-0464) and should be sent to: Lauren Wittenberg, OMB Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503; Fax number (202) 395-6974; E-mail [Lauren\\_Wittenberg@omb.eop.gov](mailto:Lauren_Wittenberg@omb.eop.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Wayne Eddins, Reports Management Officer, AYO, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410; e-mail [Wayne\\_Eddins@HUD.gov](mailto: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:* Pre-Foreclosure Sales Program.

*OMB Approval Number:* 2502-0464.

*Form Numbers:* HUD-90035, HUD-90036, HUD-90038, HUD-90045, HUD-90041, HUD-90051, HUD-90052.

*Description of the Need for the Information and its Proposed Use:* The respondents are lenders, counselors, and homeowners who are attempting to sell their properties prior to foreclosure. The information collection is a record of the process, from the borrower's application to participate in the program and the lender's approval, to the Department's review and approval of the specifics of the sale. Homeowner's participating in the program must also receive housing counseling and provide confirmation of that counseling.

*Respondents:* Individuals or households, business or other for-profit, not-for-profit institutions.

*Frequency of Submission:* On occasion.

	Number of respondents	Annual responses	×	Hours per response	=	Burden hours
Reporting burden .....	23,000	0.7		0.4		7,000

*Total Estimated Burden Hours:* 7,000.

*Status:* Reinstatement, with change.

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

Dated: April 11, 2003.

**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-4809-N-16]

**Federal Property Suitable as Facilities To Assist the Homeless**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This Notice identifies unutilized, underutilized, excess, and surplus Federal property reviewed by

HUD for suitability for possible use to assist the homeless.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** April 18, 2003.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mark Johnston, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Room 7262, 451 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20410; telephone (202) 708-1234; TTY number for the hearing- and speech-impaired (202) 708-2565, (these telephone numbers are not toll-free), or call the toll-free Title V information line at 1-800-927-7588.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with the December 12, 1988 court order in *National Coalition for the Homeless v. Veterans Administration*, No. 88-2503-OG (D.D.C.), HUD publishes a Notice, on a weekly basis, identifying unutilized, underutilized, excess and surplus Federal buildings and real property that HUD has reviewed for suitability for use to assist the homeless. Today's Notice is for the purpose of announcing that no additional properties have been determined suitable or unsuitable this week.

Dated: April 10, 2003.

**John D. Garrity,**

*Director, Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Endangered and Threatened Species Permit Application

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

**ACTION:** Notice of receipt of permit application.

**SUMMARY:** The following applicant has applied for a scientific research permit to conduct certain activities with endangered species pursuant to sections 10(a)(1)(A) and 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*).

**DATES:** Written comments on this permit application must be received on or before May 19, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Written data or comments should be submitted to the Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services, 1 Federal Drive, Fort Snelling, Minnesota 55111-4056.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Peter Fasbender, Regional Permits Coordinator, (612) 713-5343.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Permit Number TE069282**

*Applicant:* Theresa Sydney Burke

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture, handle, and harass) the Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*), gray bat (*M. grisescens*), and Virginia big-eared bat (*Corynorhinus townsendii virginianus*) throughout the States of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, and Wisconsin. The scientific research is aimed at enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

Documents and other information submitted with this application are available for review by any party who requests a copy from the following office within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services, 1 Federal Drive, Fort Snelling, Minnesota 55111-4056, *peter\_fasbender@fws.gov*, telephone (612) 713-5343, or FAX (612) 713-5292. Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act, by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents. Please refer to the respective permit number when submitting comments.

Dated: March 31, 2003.

**Robert J. Krska,**

*Acting Assistant Regional Director, Ecological Services, Region 3, Fort Snelling, Minnesota.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report for the San Francisco Estuary Invasive Spartina Project: Spartina Control Program

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) announces availability of the Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIS/R) for the San Francisco Estuary Invasive Spartina Project: Spartina Control Program. The Draft EIS/R will be available for public comment for a period of 45 days after publication of this Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register**. The Service and the California State Coastal Conservancy jointly prepared the Draft EIS/R to address environmental impacts and benefits of alternatives for the Spartina Control Program and provide for early-stage public involvement, as required under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Spartina Control Program would attempt to eradicate four species of non-native, invasive perennial cordgrass (genus *Spartina*) in the San Francisco Bay Estuary (Estuary), including the San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge.

#### **DATES:**

*Public meetings will be held:*

1. April 22, 2003, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., Fremont, California.

2. April 23, 2003, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., Oakland, California.

The public comment period for the Draft EIS/R will end June 2, 2003.

#### **ADDRESSES:**

*Meeting locations are:*

1. Don Edwards National Wildlife Refuge, 1 Marshlands Road, Fremont, CA 94536.

2. Association of Bay Area Governments Offices, Room 171, Oakland, CA 94607.

Mail comments and requests for copies of the Draft EIS/R to Mr. Wayne White, Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office, 2800 Cottage Way, Room W-2605, Sacramento, CA 95825. Copies of the Draft EIS/R can also be downloaded from the Fish and Wildlife Service Web site at <http://sacramento.fws.gov>. Comments and requests can alternatively be sent via electronic mail to [spartina@fws.gov](mailto:spartina@fws.gov), or via facsimile to (916) 414-6713.

The California State Coastal Conservancy is located at 1330 Broadway, 11th Floor, Oakland, CA 94612.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

*NEPA Information:* Mr. Mark Littlefield, Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office, (916) 414-6600.

*CEQA Information:* Ms. Maxene Spellman, California State Coastal Conservancy, (510) 286-0332.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Comments must be received by the end of the comment period to be considered during preparation of the Final EIS/R and finalization of the Spartina Control Program. All comments, including names and addresses, will become part of the public record.

The programmatic EIS/R analyzes potential effects of implementing Spartina treatment methods at a generalized, region-wide program level rather than a detailed, individual project level. The purpose of the Spartina Control Program is to arrest and reverse the spread of invasive, non-native cordgrasses (*S. alterniflora*, *S. anglica*, *S. densiflora*, and *S. patens*) in the Estuary to preserve and restore the ecological integrity of its intertidal habitats and estuarine ecosystem.

The Estuary supports a diverse array of native plants and animals, including several Federal and State listed species. Many non-native species of plants and animals have been introduced to the Estuary, and some now threaten to cause fundamental changes in the structure, function, and ecological value of the Estuary's tidal lands. In recent