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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request a copy of the information collection request, explanatory information, or related forms, contact Anissa Craghead by phone at (703) 358-2445 or by e-mail at *Anissa_Craghead@fws.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations at 5 CFR 1320, which implement provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), require that interested parties and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (see CFR 1320.8(d)). The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (we, or the Service) plans to submit a request to OMB for approval of a collection of information related to fish health evaluations. We are requesting a 3-year term of approval for these collection activities.

Federal agencies may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

The Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 (16 U.S.C. 742f) requires the Department of the Interior to take steps "required for the development, advancement, management, conservation, and protection of fishery resources." In addition, the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531-1544), the Wildlife Coordination Act (16 U.S.C. 661-666c), and the Anadromous Fish Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 757a-757g) each authorize the Department of the Interior to enter into cooperative agreements with stakeholders to protect and conserve fishery resources.

Aquatic animal health data collected on both hatchery-raised and wild animals is essential to making good management decisions. The data allows Service and other managers and biologists to determine areas in the environment where aquatic animal pathogens pose a high risk to aquatic animal resources. The information is also used to develop alternative management techniques to help prevent the potential negative impacts of aquatic animal pathogens on animals reintroduced into the environment. Similarly, the determination of health status of wild populations and/or hatchery-raised populations is essential to determining appropriate stocking locations. Health inspections of aquatic

animals, prior to movement to or from hatchery facilities, further allow Service managers and biologists to prevent the introduction of pathogenic organisms to areas free of such organisms, thereby helping to ensure the health and well-being of our aquatic animal resources.

We have conducted aquatic animal health inspections for over 25 years and wild fish health surveys for over 5 years. In order to effectively carry out these investigations, it is essential that we gather information on the animals being tested and the samples taken from that group of animals, which are tracked throughout the process. To gather this information, we have used a National Wild Fish Health Survey Submission form and an Aquatic Animal Health Inspection Request form. These forms are completed by our stakeholders and partners when submitting samples for aquatic animal health evaluations. These forms identify the source of the samples submitted and allow laboratory personnel to identify and track the samples and to provide accurate results. The forms that we use to collect this information were not approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). We are initiating the process to request OMB approval of these forms through this publication and to request public comment on this information collection.

This collection helped, and would help, us gather information on the source and identity of samples submitted for aquatic animal health investigations. Optional data requested on the National Wild Fish Health Survey form can also be used to research the epidemiology of various health issues and improve managers' and biologists' ability to make informed decisions with regard to resource management as it relates to aquatic animal health. The information collection is voluntary; it is conducted only after an individual requests that the Service carry out an aquatic animal health investigation.

We used, and would use, two forms to collect this information. They are described below.

Title: National Wild Fish Health Survey—Submission Form.

OMB Control Number: 1018-xxxx.

Form number: 3-2277.

Frequency of Collection: On occasion, as requested by the submitting individual or entity.

Description of Respondents: State resource agencies, conservation groups, and other individuals seeking aquatic animal health investigations on samples obtained from the wild.

Total Annual Responses: Approximately 1,000 (estimate based on previous collection activities).

Total Annual Burden Hours: 250 hours. We estimate the reporting burden at fifteen minutes for each of the total 1,000 submissions, or approximately 250 hours total.

Title: Aquatic Animal Health Inspection Request.

OMB Control Number: 1018-xxxx.

Form number: 3-225.

Frequency of Collection: On occasion, as requested by the submitting individual or entity.

Description of Respondents: State resource agencies and other individuals seeking aquatic animal health investigations on samples obtained from captive animals.

Total Annual Responses: Approximately 25 (estimate based on previous collection activities).

Total Annual Burden Hours: 4 hours. We estimate the reporting burden at ten minutes for each of the total 25 submissions, or approximately 4 hours total.

We invite comments on this proposed information collection on the following: (1) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the function of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection on respondents.

Dated: March 1, 2004.

Anissa Craghead,

Information Collection Officer, Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Meeting Notice for the John Day/Snake Resource Advisory Council

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Vale District.

SUMMARY: The John Day/Snake Resource Advisory Council will meet on Thursday, April 22, 2004, at the Oxford Suites, 2400 SW Court Place, Pendleton, OR 97801, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Pacific time).

The meeting may include such topics as, Wild Horse & Burro Program; Blue Mountain Revision Team; and Healthy

Forest Restoration Act. There will also be subcommittee updates on OHV, Planning and Sage Grouse and other matters as may reasonably come before the board.

The entire meeting is open to the public. For a copy of the information to be distributed to the Council members, please submit a written request to the Vale District Office 10 days prior to the meeting. Public comment is scheduled for 11 a.m. to 11:15 a.m., Pacific time (p.t.).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Additional information concerning the John Day/Snake Resource Advisory Council may be obtained from Peggy Diegan, Management Assistant/ Webmaster, Vale District Office, 100 Oregon Street, Vale, OR 97918, (541) 473-3144, or e-mail Peggy_Diegan@or.blm.gov.

Dated: March 5, 2004.

David R. Henderson,

District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice To Cancel Date of a Public Meeting, Steens Mountain Advisory Council

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Interior.

ACTION: Cancel one day of public meeting for the Steens Mountain Advisory Council.

SUMMARY: The previously scheduled April 12 and 13, 2004, Steens Mountain Advisory Council Meeting (SMAC) to be held at the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Burns District Office, 28910 Highway 20 West, Hines, Oregon 97738, has been changed to occur only on April 13, 2004. The April 12, 2004 public meeting date has been cancelled. The original **Federal Register** notice announcing the meeting was published Tuesday, December 2, 2003, page number 67468.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Additional information concerning the SMAC may be obtained from Rhonda Karges, Management Support Specialist, Burns District Office, 28910 Highway 20 West, Hines, Oregon, 97738, (541) 573-4400 or Rhonda_Karges@or.blm.gov or from the following Web site: <http://www.or.blm.gov/Steens>.

Dated: March 5, 2004.

Karla Bird,

Andrews Resource Area Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980

Notice is hereby given that on February 27, 2004, a proposed consent decree ("decree") in *United States v. Dan and Harriet Alexander, et al.*, Civil Action No. C02-5269RJB, was lodged with the United States District Court for the Western District of Washington.

In this action the United States sought recovery of response costs under section 107 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, 42 U.S.C. 9607, for costs incurred by the United States in connection with the Alexander Farms Superfund Site located in Grandview, Washington. Under the decree, defendants Dan and Harriet Alexander will reimburse the United States \$3.55 million in past costs and receive a covenant not to sue for costs through October 31, 2003. Through the end of October 2003, the United States has expended approximately \$4.0 million at the Site, inclusive of \$543,000 in DOJ costs and \$309,988 interest. The recovery of \$3.55 million represents approximately 96% of past costs, exclusive of interest.

The Department of Justice ("DOJ") will receive for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this publication comments relating to the decree. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, P.O. Box 7611, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20044-7611, and should refer to *United States v. Dan and Harriet Alexander, et al.*, D.J. Ref. 90-11-2-07580.

The decree may be examined at the Office of the United States Attorney, Western District of Washington, 601 Union Street, 50100 Two Union Square, Seattle, Washington 98101-3903, and at U.S. EPA Region X, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Sixth Avenue, Seattle, Washington 98101. During the public comment period, the decree may also be examined on the following DOJ Web site <http://www.usdoj.gov/enrd/open.html>. A copy of the decree may also be obtained by mail from the Consent Decree Library, P.O. Box 7611, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington,

DC 20044-7611 or by faxing or e-mailing a request to Tonia Fleetwood (tonia.fleetwood@usdoj.gov), fax no. (202) 514-0097, phone confirmation number (202) 514-1547. In requesting a copy from the Consent Decree Library, please enclose a check in the amount of \$10.50 (25 cents per page reproduction cost) payable to the U.S. Treasury.

Robert Maher,

Assistant Chief, Environmental, Enforcement Section, Environment and Natural Resources Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act

Notice is hereby given that on February 23, 2004, a proposed Consent Decree in *United States v. Buckeye Egg Farm, L.P. et al.*, Civil Action No. 3:03 CV 7681, was lodged with the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, which will resolve claims asserted against defendants Buckeye Egg Farm L.P. ("Buckeye"), its general partner Croton Farm, LLC ("Croton Farm"), and Anton Pohlmann, the sole member of Croton Farm and the 99% interest limited partner of Buckeye, in an Amended Complaint also filed on February 23, 2004. Buckeye is the nation's fourth largest egg producer.

In this action the United States seeks final penalties and injunctive relief against Defendants for their failure to comply with an EPA request for information and administrative order under sections 114 and 113 of the Clean Air Act, as well for violations of PSD regulations and the Ohio SIP at three Buckeye facilities in Croton, Marseilles, and Mount Victory, Ohio. The claims pertain to emissions from Buckeye's barns of particulate matter and ammonia. Preliminary air emission tests required by EPA indicate that air emissions of particulate matter (PM) from Buckeye's facilities are significant—over 550 tons/year (tpy) from the Croton facility, over 700 tpy from the Marseilles facility, and over 600 tpy from the Mt. Victory facility. Many scientific studies have linked particulate matter to aggravated asthma, coughing, difficult or painful breathing, chronic bronchitis and decreased lung function, among other ailments (see <http://www.epa.gov/air/urbanair/pm/index.html>.) Buckeye also reported ammonia emissions of over 800 tpy from its Croton facility, over 375 tpy