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Dated: September 30, 2004.

**Hope G. Grey,**

*Information Collection Clearance Officer,  
Fish and Wildlife Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Information Collection Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Approval Under the Paperwork Reduction Act; Sandhill Crane Harvest Survey

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

**ACTION:** Notice; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has submitted the collection of information listed below to OMB for approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act. If you wish to obtain copies of the proposed information collection requirement, related forms, or explanatory material, contact the Service Information Collection Clearance Officer at the address listed below.

**DATES:** OMB has up to 60 days to approve or disapprove information collection but may respond after 30 days. Therefore, to ensure maximum consideration, you must submit comments on or before November 12, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments on this information collection to the Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior at OMB-OIRA via facsimile or electronic mail: (202) 395-6566 (fax); or *OIRA\_DOCKET@omb.eop.gov* (electronic mail). Please provide a copy of your comments to the Fish and Wildlife Service's Information Collection Clearance Officer via postal

mail, electronic mail, or facsimile: 4401 N. Fairfax Dr., MS 222 ARLSQ, Arlington, VA 22203; *Hope\_Grey@fws.gov* (electronic mail); or (703) 358-2269 (fax).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request a copy of the information collection request, explanatory information, or related forms, contact Hope Grey at (703) 358-2482, or electronically to *Hope\_Grey@fws.gov*.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations at 5 CFR parts 1320, which implement provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), require that interested members of the public and affected agencies be given an opportunity to comment on information collection and record keeping activities (see 5 CFR 1320.8(d)).

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (we) have submitted a request to OMB to renew its approval of the collection of information for the Sandhill Crane Harvest Survey. We are requesting a 3-year term of approval for this information collection activity.

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 OMB control number for this collection of information is 1018-0023.

The Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. 703-711) and Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 (16 U.S.C. 742d) designate the Department of the Interior as the key agency responsible for the wise management of migratory bird populations frequenting the United States and for the setting of hunting regulations that allow appropriate harvests that are within the guidelines that will allow for those populations' well-being. These responsibilities dictate the gathering of accurate data on various characteristics of migratory bird harvest. Knowledge attained by determining harvests and harvest rates of migratory game birds is used to regulate populations (by promulgating hunting regulations) and to encourage hunting opportunity, especially where crop depredations are chronic and/or lightly harvested populations occur. Based on information from harvest surveys, hunting regulations can be adjusted as needed to optimize harvests at levels that provide a maximum of hunting recreation while keeping populations at desired levels.

This information collection renewal request seeks approval for us to continue conducting the Sandhill Crane Harvest Survey. This is an annual questionnaire survey of people who

obtained a sandhill crane hunting permit. At the end of the hunting season, we randomly select a sample of permit holders and send those people a questionnaire that asks them to report the date, State, county, and number of birds harvested for each of their sandhill crane hunts. Their responses provide estimates of the temporal and geographic distribution of the harvest as well as the average harvest per hunter, which, combined with the total number of sandhill crane permits issued, enables the Service to estimate the total harvest of sandhill cranes.

The Sandhill Crane Harvest Survey enables us to annually estimate the magnitude of the harvest and the portion it constitutes of the total mid-continent sandhill crane population. Based on information from this survey, hunting regulations are adjusted as needed to optimize harvest at levels that provide a maximum of hunting recreation while keeping populations at desired levels.

On March 29, 2004, we published in the **Federal Register** (69 FR 16282) a notice informing the public that we planned to submit the forms described below to OMB for approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act. We requested public comment on the information collection for 60 days, ending May 28, 2004. By that date, we did not receive any comments in response to the notice.

**Title:** Sandhill Crane Harvest Survey.

**Approval Number:** 1018-0023.

**Service Form Number:** 3-2056N.

**Frequency of Collection:** Annually.

**Description of Respondents:**  
Individuals and households.

**Number of Respondents:** About 7,500 hunters will respond to the Sandhill Crane Harvest Survey annually.

**Total Annual Burden Hours:** We estimate the reporting burden to average 5 minutes per respondent. Total annual burden is 625 hours.

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Dated: September 30, 2004.

**Hope G. Grey,**

*Information Collection Clearance Officer,  
Fish and Wildlife Service.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Fish and Wildlife Service**

**Bayou Cocodrie National Wildlife Refuge**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of Final Comprehensive Conservation Plan for Bayou Cocodrie National Wildlife Refuge located in Concordia Parish, Louisiana.

**SUMMARY:** The Fish and Wildlife Service announces that a Final Comprehensive Conservation Plan for Bayou Cocodrie National Wildlife Refuge is available for distribution. The plan was prepared pursuant to the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997, and in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, and describes how the refuge will be managed for the next 15 years. The compatibility determinations for recreational hunting, recreational fishing, wildlife observation and photography, environmental education and interpretation, forest habitat management, trapping of selected furbearers, and all-terrain vehicle use are available within the plan.

**ADDRESSES:** A copy of the plan may be obtained by writing to the Bayou Cocodrie National Wildlife Refuge, P.O. Box 1772, Ferriday, Louisiana 71334. The plan may also be accessed and downloaded from the Service's Internet Web site: <http://southeast.fws.gov/planning/>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Bayou Cocodrie National Wildlife Refuge, located in east-central Louisiana, consists of 13,168 acres within a 22,269-acre acquisition boundary. The refuge includes bottomland hardwood forests, marsh or herbaceous wetlands, swamps, streams, and lakes/deep-water habitats typical of the ridge and swale topography associated with bottomland hardwoods. The high quality forests, long growing season, abundant rainfall, and geographical proximity to the Mississippi River provide habitat for a diversity of resident species, including migratory songbirds and black bears. Annually, more than 5,500 visitors participate in refuge activities.

The availability of the Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Assessment, for a 60-day public review and comment period, was announced in the **Federal Register** on June 12, 2001, Volume 68, Number 98. The draft plan and environmental assessment identified and evaluated three alternatives for managing the refuge over the next 15 years. Under Alternative A, the "No Action Alternative," current management of the refuge would continue, and all lands within the acquisition boundary would be purchased. Under Alternative B, the "Preferred Alternative," 42,269 acres of refuge lands would be protected, maintained, and enhanced for migratory nongame birds, threatened and endangered species, resident wildlife, waterfowl, and shorebirds. Under "Alternative C," 59,269 acres of refuge lands would be protected, restored, and enhanced for migratory nongame birds, threatened and endangered species, and resident wildlife. Based on the environmental assessment and the comments received, the Service adopted Alternative B, the "Preferred Alternative," minus the large acquisition component. Internal reviewers questioned the utility of the large land acquisition component of Alternative B relative to Region-wide funding and priorities. The Service concluded that if the lands within the existing refuge acquisition boundary were prioritized for land protection and acquisition, as analyzed in Alternative A, it would best achieve national, ecosystem, and refuge-specific goals and objectives. This would include meeting source population objectives of migratory songbirds and protecting Louisiana black bear habitat within anticipated funding and staffing levels. In addition, the action positively addresses significant issues and concerns expressed by the public.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Refuge Manager, Bayou Cocodrie National Wildlife Refuge, telephone: 318/336-7119; fax: 318/336-5610; e-mail: [bayoucocodrie@fws.gov](mailto:bayoucocodrie@fws.gov); or mail (write to Refuge Manager at address in **ADDRESSES** section).

**Authority:** This notice is published under the authority of the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997, Public Law 105-57.

Dated: August 7, 2004.

**J. Mitch King,**

*Acting Regional Director.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

[ES-960-1910-BJ-4489; ES-052439, Group No. 26, Illinois]

**Eastern States: Filing of Plat of Survey**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of filing of plat of survey; Illinois.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will file the plat of survey of the lands described below in the BLM-Eastern States, Springfield, Virginia, 30 calendar days from the date of publication in the **Federal Register**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Bureau of Land Management, 7450 Boston Boulevard, Springfield, Virginia 22153. Attn: Cadastral Survey.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This survey was requested by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The lands we surveyed are:

**Third Principal Meridian, Illinois**

T. 4 N., R. 9 W.

The plat of survey represents the survey of an amended portion of the Locks and Dam No. 27 acquisition boundary, in Township 4 North, Range 9 West, of the Third Principal Meridian, in the State of Illinois, and was accepted on September 22, 2004.

We will place a copy of the plat we described in the open files. It will be made available to the public as a matter of information.

Dated: September 22, 2004.

**Stephen D. Douglas,**

*Chief Cadastral Surveyor.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

[ES-960-1910-BJ-4489; ES-052438, Group No. 18, Illinois]

**Eastern States: Filing of Plat of Survey**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management.

**ACTION:** Notice of filing of plat of survey; Illinois.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will file the plat of survey of the lands described below in the BLM-Eastern States, Springfield, Virginia, 30 calendar days from the date of publication in the **Federal Register**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Bureau of Land Management, 7450