

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: By Federal law (National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966, as amended by the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 (Administration Act) (16 U.S.C. 668dd–668ee)), the Service is to manage all lands within the National Wildlife Refuge System in accordance with an approved comprehensive conservation plan. The plan guides management decisions and identifies refuge goals, long-range objectives, and strategies for achieving refuge purposes. The planning process will consider many elements, including wildlife and habitat management, public recreational activities, and cultural resource protection. Public input into the planning process is essential.

The CCP will provide other agencies and the public with information regarding the future desired conditions for the refuges and how the Service will implement management strategies. The Service will prepare an EA in accordance with procedures for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321–4370d).

Sacramento NWRC consists of five NWRCs and three wildlife management areas. This CCP will include Sacramento, Delevan, Colusa, and Sutter NWRCs. The NWRC provides more than 24,000 acres of wetland and upland habitat critical to flyway and continental waterfowl populations. About forty percent of Pacific Flyway waterfowl populations winter in the Sacramento Valley. The vast majority of wetlands in the Sacramento Valley have been converted to agricultural, industrial, and urban development. Remaining wetlands are intensively managed to optimize wildlife benefits.

Comments received will be used to help identify key issues and to develop Refuge goals, habitat management and visitor services strategies. Additional opportunities for public participation will occur throughout the planning process, which is expected to be completed in 2008. Data collection has been initiated to create computerized mapping, including vegetation, topography, habitat types and existing land uses. The outcome of this planning process will be a CCP to guide refuge management for the next 15 years. We have estimated that a draft CCP and EA will be made available for public review in 2007.

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Acting Manager, California/Nevada Operations Office, Sacramento, CA.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Assessment for Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge, Sherburne County, MN

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announces that the Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) and Environmental Assessment (EA) is available for Sherburne NWR, Minnesota.

The CCP was prepared pursuant to the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966, as amended by the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997, and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. Goals and objectives in the CCP describe how the agency intends to manage the refuge over the next 15 years.

DATES: Comments on the Draft CCP/EA must be received on or before September 2, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the Draft CCP are available on compact disk or hard copy, you may obtain a copy by writing to: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Conservation Planning, Bishop Henry Whipple Federal Building, 1 Federal Drive, Fort Snelling, Minnesota 55111 or you may access and download a copy via the planning Web site at <http://www.fws.gov/midwest/planning/sherburne/index.html>.

All comments should be addressed to Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge, Attention: CCP Comment, 17076 293rd Avenue, Zimmerman, MN 55398, or direct e-mail to r3planning@fws.gov. Comments may also be submitted through the Service's regional Web site at <http://www.fws.gov/midwest/planning/>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Anne Sittauer at (763) 389–3323 extension 11.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 30,575-acre Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge is located in central Minnesota at the juncture of the northern boreal forest, the eastern deciduous forest, and the tallgrass prairie. It was established in

1965 under the general authority of the Migratory Bird Conservation Act of 1929 (16 U.S.C. 715d). The Act states that lands may be acquired “* * * for use as an inviolate sanctuary, or for any other management purpose, for migratory birds.” The Refuge attracts over 230 species of birds each year to its diverse habitats. Of these, over 120 are known to nest in the area. The Refuge wetlands provide habitat for about 30 nesting pairs of Greater Sandhill Cranes and serve as a staging area for thousands of cranes during fall migration. During fall and spring migration, the Refuge wetlands also support thousands of waterfowl.

The EA evaluates five different approaches, or alternatives, to future management of the Sherburne NWR. The plan also identifies wildlife-dependent recreational opportunities available to the public including hunting, fishing, wildlife observation and photography, and environmental education and interpretation. The preferred alternative calls for: (1) Changes in the water impoundment system and upland management to create a diversity of wetland types and historic upland plant communities; (2) increased opportunities for all types of wildlife-dependent recreation; and (3) outreach, private lands, and partnership activities that will emphasize natural processes, including native habitat restoration and conservation, to form ecologically functioning connections to and from the Refuge.

The National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966, as amended by the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 (16 U.S.C. 668dd–668ee *et seq.*) requires the Service to develop a CCP for each National Wildlife Refuge. The purpose in developing a CCP is to provide refuge managers with a 15-year strategy for achieving refuge purposes and contributing toward the mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System, consistent with sound principles of fish and wildlife management, conservation, legal mandates, and Service policies. In addition to outlining broad management direction for conserving wildlife and their habitats, the CCP identifies wildlife-dependent recreational opportunities available to the public, including opportunities for hunting, fishing, wildlife observation and photography, and environmental education and interpretation. We will review and update these CCPs at least every 15 years in accordance with the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966, as amended by the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997, and the

National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321-4370d).

Dated: February 25, 2005.

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Acting Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ft. Snelling, Minnesota.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Submission of Information Collection to the Office of Management and Budget for Review Under the Paperwork Reduction Act

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of renewal of a currently approved information collection.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces that the Bureau of Indian Affairs has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget a request for approval and renewal of information collections, OMB Control No. 1076-0017, Financial Assistance and Social Service Program application form 5-6601.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before August 17, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be sent to the Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior, Office of Management and Budget, Office of Regulatory Affairs via facsimile to 202-395-6566, or by e-mail to OIRA_Docket@omb.eop.gov.

Send a copy of your comments to Larry Blair, Office of Tribal Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of Interior, 1951 Constitution Avenue, NW., Mail Stop 320-SIB, Washington, DC 20240.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Interested persons can obtain additional information regarding collection requests with no additional charge by contacting Larry Blair, 202-513-7621. Facsimile number (202) 208-2648.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Bureau of Indian Affairs needs the information collected to make determinations of eligibility for the BIA's social service (financial assistance) programs: General Assistance, Child Welfare Assistance, Miscellaneous Assistance, and services only (no cash assistance). Funding of these programs is authorized by 25 U.S.C. 13.

A 60-day notice for public comments was published in the **Federal Register** on March 3, 2005 (70 FR 10407). No comments were received regarding this form.

II. Request for Comments

The Department of the Interior invites comments being sent to OMB on:

(a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the BIA, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(b) The accuracy of the BIA's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(c) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(d) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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

Burden means the total time or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; to develop, acquire, install and utilize technology and systems for the purpose of collection, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information, to search data sources to complete and review the collection of information; and to transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

III. Data

Title of the collection of information: Financial Assistance and Social Service Programs, 25 CFR 20.

OMB Number: 1076-0017.

Expiration Date: July 31, 2005.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection. The information is submitted to obtain or retain benefits and for case management/case planning purposes.

Affected Entities: Individual members of Indian tribes who are living on a reservation or within a tribal service area.

Frequency of responses: One application per year.

Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 200,000.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 200,000 × 15 min. = 50,000 hours.

Dated: June 13, 2005.

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Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Public Meeting, Eastern Washington Resource Advisory Council Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management Eastern Washington Resource Advisory Council will meet as indicated below.

DATES: The Eastern Washington Resource Advisory Council will meet for a field trip on August 5, 2005, starting from the Spokane District Office, Bureau of Land Management, 1103 North Fancher Road, Spokane, WA 99212-1275.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The RAC meeting will convene at the Spokane District Office, with a 30-minute public input time scheduled to commence at 8 a.m., contingent on public in attendance at that time. Following any public input, the RAC will address agenda items, to include Spokane District Program Priorities. The remainder of the meeting will be a field tour to public lands in the Packer Creek wetland restoration area in Whitman County. The RAC members will depart from the Spokane BLM office about 9:30 and return about 5 p.m. Information to be distributed to Council members for their review should be submitted, in writing, to the Spokane district office prior to July 29, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sandra Gourdin or Kathy Helm, Bureau of Land Management, Spokane District Office, 1103 N. Fancher Road, Spokane, Washington 99212, or call (509) 536-1200.