

(4) Miscellaneous Updates on: the Maritime Sector Coordinating Council; USCG/CBP Joint Recovery Protocols for the Resumption of Trade; USCG NVIC 9-02 Ch 3, revisions to Area Maritime Security Committee guidance and planning requirements per the SAFE Port Act; USCG's Container Inspection program and Status of the TWIC program.

(5) Public Comments.

(6) New Committee Action Items.

(7) Closing Remarks.

Procedural

This meeting is open to the public. Please note that the meeting may close early if all business is finished. At the Chair's discretion, members of the public may make oral presentations during the meeting. If you would like to make an oral presentation at a meeting, please notify the Executive Director no later than November 23, 2007. Written material for distribution at a meeting should reach the Coast Guard no later than November 23, 2007. If you would like a copy of your material distributed to each member of the committee or subcommittee in advance of a meeting, please submit 25 copies to the Executive Director no later than November 23, 2007.

Information on Services for Individuals With Disabilities

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meeting, contact the Executive Director as soon as possible.

Dated: November 5, 2007.

M. P. O'Malley,

Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Chief, Office of Port and Facility Activities, Designated Federal Official, NMSAC.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Big Branch Marsh National Wildlife Refuge

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of the Final Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Finding of No Significant Impact.

SUMMARY: The Fish and Wildlife Service announces that a Final Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for Big Branch Marsh National Wildlife Refuge in St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana, is

available for distribution. The CCP 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 hunting, fishing, wildlife observation and photography, environmental education and interpretation, bicycling, trapping of selected furbearers, forest management, and mosquito management are also available within the CCP.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the CCP/FONSI may be obtained by writing to the Big Branch Marsh National Wildlife Refuge, 61389 Highway 434, Lacombe, Louisiana 70445. The plan may also be accessed and downloaded from the Service's Web site address: <http://southeast.fws.gov/planning/>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Charlotte Parker, Natural Resource Planner, Southeast Louisiana Refuge Complex, Telephone: 985/882-2029; Fax: 985/882-9133; Electronic mail: charlotte_parker@fws.gov; or by writing to the Natural Resource Planner at the address in the **ADDRESSES** section.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: With this notice, we finalize the CCP process for Big Branch Marsh National Wildlife Refuge begun as announced in the **Federal Register** on January 12, 2004 (69 FR 1756). We released the Draft CCP/EA to the public, announcing and requesting comments for 30 days in a notice of availability in the **Federal Register** on April 30, 2007 (72 FR 21284).

The Draft CCP/EA identified and evaluated three alternatives for managing the refuge over the next 15 years. Alternative A, the "no action" alternative, would have continued current management of the refuge. Alternative B, the "proposed" alternative, would emphasize maintaining and improving wetland habitats, monitoring targeted flora and fauna representative of the Pontchartrain Basin, and providing quality public use programs and wildlife-dependent recreational activities. The refuge headquarters would not only house administrative offices, but would offer interpretation of refuge wildlife and habitats, demonstrate habitat improvements for individual landowners, and be developed as an urban public use area with trails and visitor and community outreach. Management decisions and actions would support wildlife species and habitat occurring on the refuge based on well-planned strategies and

sound professional judgment. Alternative C would have focused refuge management on expanding public use activities to the fullest extent possible, while conducting only mandated resource protection.

Based on the environmental assessment and the comments received, the Service adopted Alternative B as its "preferred" alternative. This alternative was considered to be the most effective for meeting the purposes of the refuge by: (1) Assessing which species should be targeted for monitoring; (2) conserving and restoring wetlands; (3) determining best management practices for forestry and fire management programs; and (4) monitoring management actions for effectiveness. Public use programs will be updated to support and teach reasons behind refuge management actions, and to provide quality experiences to refuge visitors. The refuge headquarters will be developed to provide more visitor services. Alternative B best achieves national, ecosystem, and refuge-specific goals and objectives and positively addresses significant issues and concerns expressed by the public.

Big Branch Marsh National Wildlife Refuge is in St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana, between the towns of Mandeville and Slidell. The refuge covers a total of 17,366 acres within the 24,000-acre acquisition boundary. The refuge is located within the Pontchartrain Basin and consists of diverse habitat types, such as open waters of Lake Pontchartrain, marshes, ponds, bayous, submerged aquatic vegetation beds, prairie terrace, forested wetlands, and pine ridges within a relatively small area. Annually, more than 49,000 visitors participate in refuge activities.

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Dated: July 20, 2007.

Cynthia K. Dohner,

Acting Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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60-Day Notice of Intention To Request Clearance of Collection of Information; Opportunity for Public Comment

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

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and 5 CFR part 1320, Reporting and Record Keeping Requirements, the Department of the Interior (DOI), Bureau of Land Management (BLM) invites public comments on the proposed collection of information (1004-XXXX).

DATES: Public comments will be accepted on or before January 14, 2008.

ADDRESSES: *Send Comments to:* You may send comments to Jennifer Hoyer Russell, Park Studies Unit, College of Natural Resources, University of Idaho, P.O. Box 44139, Moscow, ID 83844-1139; Phone: (208) 885-4806; Fax (208) 885-4261, e-mail: jhoyer@uidaho.edu. Also, you may send comments to Alexandra Ritchie, BLM Bureau Information Collection Clearance Officer, 1620 L Street, NW., Room 401, Washington, DC 20036 or by e-mail at Alexandra_Ritchie@blm.gov. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

To Request a Draft of Proposed Collection of Information Contact: Jennifer Hoyer Russell, Park Studies Unit, College of Natural Resources, University of Idaho, P.O. Box 44139, Moscow, ID 83844-1139; Phone: (208) 885-4806; Fax (208) 885-4261, e-mail: jhoyer@uidaho.edu.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Victoria "Vicki" Josupait, Bureau of Land Management National Operations Center, DFC, Building 50, P.O. Box 25047, OC-531, Denver, CO 80225; or via phone 303-236-6313; or via e-mail: Victoria_Josupait@blm.gov. You are entitled to a copy of the entire information collection request package free of charge.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Bureau of Land Management Visitor Satisfaction Survey.

Bureau Form Number: None.

OMB Number: 1004-XXXX.

Expiration Date: To be requested.

Type of Request: New collection.

Description of Need: The Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) of 1993 (Pub.L. No. 103-62) sets out to "improve Federal program effectiveness and public accountability by promoting a new focus on results, service quality, and customer satisfaction" (Section 2. b. 3). In order to fulfill this responsibility, DOI's bureaus and offices must collect data from their respective user groups to (1) better understand the needs and desires of the public and (2) respond to those needs and desires accordingly.

The GPRA is supported by Executive Order (E.O.) 12862 (September 11, 1993) aimed at "ensuring the Federal Government provides the highest quality service possible to the American people." The E.O. discusses surveys as a means for determining the kinds and qualities of service desired by the Federal Government's customers and for determining satisfaction levels for existing service. Voluntary customer surveys provide valuable information regarding customer satisfaction with BLM's services, recreation experience, and value for fee paid, as well as reporting on annual performance goals.

The GPRA requires that the BLM develop goals to improve program effectiveness and public accountability, and to measure performance related to these goals. The BLM Visitor Satisfaction Survey (Survey) measures performance toward those goals through a short visitor survey. The project is an element of the BLM Strategic Plan.

The Survey is funded by the BLM through an assistance agreement with the Park Studies Unit at the University of Idaho. The BLM had used a longer version of the survey to conduct visitor surveys at approximately 22 BLM recreation sites annually since 1999, with the exception of 2002 (OMB No. 1040-0001, exp. 01/31/05). In 2005, the BLM received clearance for the Survey (OMB No. 1040-0001, exp. 1/31/08). This is a request that will replace the previously-approved information collection under which we have been operating for several years, with the addition of two questions to address new performance measures, and with a new clearance number.

The purpose of the Survey is to measure visitors' opinions and satisfaction regarding facilities, fees, services, interpretation and education, and recreational opportunities at each site and Bureau-wide. This effort is required by GPRA and other DOI strategic planning efforts. Data from the proposed survey is needed to assess performance regarding BLM GPRA goals 3.1.01, 3.1.11, 3.1.15, and 3.1.16. The relevant BLM GPRA goals state:

Goal 3.1.01: *Percent of visitors satisfied with the quality of their recreation experience. (Target 96%).*

Goal 3.1.11: *Satisfaction with the quality of interpretation and environmental education products in Special Recreation Management Areas as measured by a general public survey. (Target 91%).**

Goal 3.1.15: *Percent of visitors satisfied with services provided by commercial recreational operations. (Target—Establish Baseline).**

Goal 3.1.16: *Percent of customers satisfied with the value for fee paid. (Target 90%).*

*New measures for the FY08 survey.

Each of these goals directly supports the DOI Strategic Plan Mission Goal to "Improve recreation opportunities for America", and End Outcome Goal 1 to "Improve the Quality and Diversity of Recreation Experiences and Visitor Enjoyment on DOI lands", as identified in the DOI GPRA Strategic Plan 2007-2012. BLM performance on all goals measured in this study will contribute to DOI Department-wide performance reports. Results of the Survey will also be used by local BLM managers to improve visitor services and to allocate limited resources.

Under provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and 5 CFR part 1320, Reporting and Record Keeping Requirements, the BLM invites comments on the need for gathering the information in the proposed survey (OMB No. 1004-XXXX). Comments are invited on: (1) The practical utility of the information being gathered; (2) the accuracy of the burden hour estimate; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden to respondents, including use of automated information collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Automated data collection: This information will be collected via in-person intercept surveys. No automated data collection will take place.

Description of respondents: Visitors to approximately 22 BLM recreation sites.

Estimated average number of respondents: 3,500 respondents (1,050 non-respondents and 2,450 respondents).

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Estimated average burden hours per response: 1 minute for non-respondents and 8 minutes for respondents.

Frequency of response: 1 time per respondent.

Estimated annual reporting burden: 482.5 hours.

Dated: November 8, 2007.

Alexandra Ritchie,

*Information Collection Clearance Officer,
Bureau of Land Management.*

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