DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of the Secretary

Privacy Act of 1974, As Amended; Establishment of a New System of Records

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary.

ACTION: Proposed office of a new system of records.


DATES: Comments must be received by September 8, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Any persons interested in commenting on this new, proposed system of records may do so by submitting comments in writing to the Office of the Secretary Acting Privacy Act Officer, Linda Thomas, U.S. Department of the Interior, MS 116 SIB, 1951 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20240, or by e-mail to Linda_Thomas@nbc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Office of the Secretary Acting Privacy Act Officer, Linda Thomas, U.S. Department of the Interior, MS 116 SIB, 1951 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20240, or by e-mail to Linda_Thomas@nbc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The records covered by this notice were previously covered by another Privacy Act System of Records Notice: Interior, DOI–90, “Federal Financial System.” The Office of the Secretary is proposing to establish a separate notice to cover records relating to grants and cooperative agreements to identify more clearly the categories of records included in this system and the parties to whom these records may be disclosed on a routine basis.

The Office of the Secretary is proposing to establish this notice at this time because the Department of the Interior (DOI) is in the process of replacing the Federal Financial System (FFS) with the Financial and Business Management System (FBMS), and because Interior, DOI–90 is being amended to cover only those records relating to DOI’s acquisition of goods and services. Under its amendment, Interior DOI–90 will be renamed DOI–87, “Acquisition of Goods and Services: FBMS.” Other portions of the records previously covered by Interior, DOI–90 will be covered by Interior, DOI–86, “Accounts Receivable: FBMS,” and Interior, DOI–88, “Travel Management: FBMS.” FBMS will provide the Department of the Interior with standard business practices supported by a single, integrated finance and administrative system for all bureaus; it will help DOI manage a variety of business functions, including the awarding of grants and establishing of cooperative agreements.

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

Names of individuals; Social Security Numbers; tax identification numbers; recipient addresses, email addresses, telephone, and fax numbers; and payment information used in accounting and financial processing of grants and cooperative agreement awards.

AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM: 5 U.S.C. 5701 et seq.

ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

The primary purpose of the records is to award and manage grant and cooperative agreement awards.

Other disclosures outside the Department of the Interior may be made:

1. To the Department of the Treasury for payment of claims.
2. To the Department of Health and Human Services in the form of grant and cooperative agreement announcements and application packages.
3. To the Department of Commerce in the form of reports listing all grant and cooperative agreement awards.
4. To other Federal agencies for the purpose of collecting debts owed to the Federal government.
5(a) To any of the following entities or individuals, when the circumstances set forth in paragraph (b) are met:
   i. The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ);
   ii. A court or an adjudicative or other administrative body;
   iii. A party in litigation before a court or an adjudicative or other administrative body;
   iv. Any DOI employee acting in his or her individual capacity if DOI or DOJ has agreed to represent that employee or her individual capacity if DOI or DOJ has agreed to represent that employee or pay for private representation of the employee;
   b. When:
   i. One of the following is a party to the proceeding or has an interest in the proceeding:
      A. DOI or any component of DOI;
      B. Any other Federal agency appearing before the Office of Hearings and Appeals;
      C. Any DOI employee acting in his or her official capacity;
(D) Any DOI employee acting in his or her individual capacity if DOI or DOJ has agreed to represent that employee or pay for private representation of the employee:

(f) The United States, when DOJ determines that DOI is likely to be affected by the proceeding; and

(ii) DOI deems the disclosure to be:

(A) Relevant and necessary to the proceeding; and

(B) Compatible with the purpose for which the records were compiled.

(e) To a congressional office in response to a written inquiry that an individual covered by the system, or the heir of such individual if the covered individual is deceased, has made to the office.

(7) To any criminal, civil, or regulatory law enforcement authority (whether Federal, state, territorial, local, tribal or foreign) when a record, either alone or in conjunction with other information, indicates a violation or potential violation of law—criminal, civil, or regulatory in nature, and the disclosure is compatible with the purpose for which the records were compiled.

(8) To an official of another Federal agency to provide information needed in the performance of official duties related to reconciling or reconstructing data files or to enable that agency to respond to an inquiry by the individual to whom the record pertains.

(9) To Federal, state, territorial, local, tribal, or foreign agencies that have requested information relevant or necessary to the hiring, firing or retention of an employee or contractor, or the issuance of a security clearance, license, contract, grant, or other benefit, when the disclosure is compatible with the purpose for which the records were compiled.

(10) To representatives of the National Archives and Records Administration to conduct records management inspections under the authority of 44 U.S.C. 2904 and 2906.

(11) To state and local governments and tribal organizations to provide information needed in response to court order and/or discovery purposes related to litigation, when the disclosure is compatible with the purpose for which the records were compiled.

(12) To an expert, consultant, or contractor (including employees of the contractor) of DOI that performs services requiring access to these records on DOI’s behalf to carry out the purposes of the system.

(13) To appropriate agencies, entities, and persons when:

(a) It is suspected or confirmed that the security or confidentiality of information in the system of records has been compromised; and

(b) The Department has determined that as a result of the suspected or confirmed compromise there is a risk of harm to economic or property interest, identity theft or fraud, or harm to the security or integrity of this system or other systems or programs (whether maintained by the Department or another agency or entity) that rely upon the compromised information; and

(c) The disclosure is made to such agencies, entities, and persons who are reasonably necessary to assist in connection with the Department’s efforts to respond to the suspected or confirmed compromise and prevent, minimize, or remedy such harm.

(14) To the Office of Management and Budget during the coordination and clearance process in connection with legislative affairs as mandated by OMB Circular A–19.

(15) To the Department of the Treasury to recover debts owed to the United States.

(16) To the news media when the disclosure is compatible with the purpose for which the records were compiled.

DISCLOSURE TO CONSUMER REPORTING AGENCIES:

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(b)(12), disclosures may be made to a consumer reporting agency as defined in the Fair Credit Reporting Act (15 U.S.C. 1681a(f)) or the Federal Claims Collection Act of 1966 (31 U.S.C. 3701(a)(3)).

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

STORAGE:

Records are maintained in manual, microfilm, microfiche, electronic, imaged and computer printout form. Electronic records are stored on magnetic media at the central computer processing center. Original input documents are stored in standard office filing equipment and/or as imaged documents on magnetic media at all locations which prepare and provide input documents and information for data processing.

RETRIEVABILITY:

Records are retrieved by document award number and recipient name or Social Security Number/Taxpayer Identification Number (individuals).

SAFEGUARDS:

FBMS is maintained with controls meeting safeguard requirements identified in Departmental Privacy Act Regulations (43 CFR 2.51) for manual and automated records. Access to records is limited to authorized personnel whose official duties require such access; agency officials have access only to records pertaining to their agencies.

(1) Physical Security: Paper or micro format records are maintained in locked file cabinets and/or in secured rooms.

(2) Technical Security: Electronic records are maintained in conformity with Office of Management and Budget and Departmental guidelines reflecting the implementation of the Federal Information Security Management Act. Electronic data is protected through user identification, passwords, database permissions, and software controls. These security measures establish different degrees of access for different types of users. An audit trail is maintained and reviewed periodically to identify unauthorized access. A Privacy Impact Assessment was completed for the FBMS and is updated at least annually to ensure that Privacy Act requirements and personally identifiable information safeguard requirements are met.

(3) Administrative Security: All DOI and contractor employees with access to FBMS are required to complete Privacy Act, Federal Records Act and Security Awareness training prior to being given access to the system, and on an annual basis, thereafter.

RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

While records are generally retained and disposed of in accordance with General Records Schedule No. 3, a new records schedule for FBMS is in process in the Office of the Secretary.

SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:

(1) The following co-system owners have overall responsibility for the Financial and Business Management System:

(a) Director, Office of Acquisition and Property Management, U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of the Secretary, 1849 C Street, NW., MS–2607 MIB, Washington, DC 20240; and

(b) Director, Office of Financial Management, U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of the Secretary, 1849 C Street, NW., MS–2557, Washington, DC 20240.

(2) The following system manager has responsibility for the management and operation of the computing center on which the Financial and Business Management System is being implemented: Chief, Financial and Procurement Systems Division, Budget and Finance, National Business Center,
CONTESTING RECORDS PROCEDURES:
An individual requesting amendment of a record maintained on himself or herself should address his/her request to the appropriate bureau/office System Manager. The request must be in writing, signed by the requester, and meet the content requirements of 43 CFR 2.71.

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:
Grant and cooperative agreement award recipients; grants and cooperative agreement officers, finance and accounting personnel (certifying officials); and application, award, finance, and accounting documents.

EXEMPTIONS CLAIMED FOR THE SYSTEM:
None.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Fish and Wildlife Service


Pathfinder National Wildlife Refuge, Wyoming

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) announce that the draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) and Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Pathfinder National Wildlife Refuge is available. This draft CCP/EA describes how the Service intends to manage the refuge for the next 15 years. We request public comment.

DATES: To ensure consideration, we must receive your written comments on the draft CCP/EA by August 27, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Please provide written comments to Toni Griffin, Planning Team Leader, Division of Refuge Planning, Branch of Comprehensive Conservation Planning, Mountain-Prairie Region, P.O. Box 25486, Denver Federal Center, Denver, Colorado 80225–0486; or facsimile at 303–236–4792; or electronically to toni_griffin@fws.gov. A copy of the CCP/EA may be obtained by writing to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Refuge Planning, 134 Union Boulevard, Suite 300, Lakewood, Colorado 80228; or by download from http://mountain-prairie.fws.gov/planning.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Toni Griffin, 303–236–4378 (phone) or John Esperance, 303–236–4369 (phone).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Located in central Wyoming in a high plains basin near the headwaters of the Platte-Kansas Ecosystem, Pathfinder National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) lies approximately 47 miles southwest of Casper, Wyoming. The Pathfinder NWR is managed by Service staff headquartered at the Arapaho NWR near Walden, Colorado.

Pathfinder NWR was established by Executive Order 7425, August 1, 1936, which designated the Pathfinder Wildlife Refuge “as a refuge and breeding ground for birds and other wildlife”. Pathfinder NWR was established as an overlay refuge on Bureau of Reclamation lands. As such, primary jurisdiction of these lands remains under the authority of the Bureau of Reclamation. The Bureau of Reclamation administers lands within the Pathfinder Project boundary for North Platte Project purposes including flood control, irrigation, and hydroelectric power generation.

A Memorandum of Agreement specifies the management responsibilities of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service while preserving the autonomy of Bureau of Reclamation to manage Pathfinder Dam and Reservoir.

This draft CCP/EA identifies and evaluates three alternatives for managing the refuge for the next 15 years. Alternative A, the No Action alternative, reflects the current management of the refuge. It provides the baseline against which to compare the other alternatives. Refuge habitats would continue to be minimally managed on an opportunistic schedule that may maintain, or most likely would result in further decline in, the diversity of vegetation and wildlife species. Only limited data collection and monitoring of refuge habitats and wildlife species would occur on the refuge. Outreach and partnerships would continue at present levels.

Management activities under alternative B would be increased. Upland habitats would be evaluated and managed for the benefit of migratory bird species. Monitoring and management of invasive species on the refuge would be increased. With additional staffing, the Service would collect baseline biological information for wildlife and habitats. Wildlife-dependent recreation opportunities would be provided and enhanced where compatible with refuge purposes. Efforts would be increased in the operations and maintenance of natural resources on the refuge and to maintain and develop...