DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Comment Request; Record of Employee Interview

AGENCY: Office of Labor Relations, Office of Departmental Operations and Coordination, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The proposed information collection requirement described below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

DATES: Comments Due Date: August 2, 2010.

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ADDRESS: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB Control Number and should be sent to: Waite H. Madison, Director, Office of Labor Relations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Room 2102, Washington, DC 20410 or Waite.H.Madison@hud.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jade Banks, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of Labor Relations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Room 2102, Washington, DC 20410 or Jade.M.Banks@hud.gov, telephone (202) 402–5475 (this is not a toll-free number) for copies of the proposed forms and other available information.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department is submitting the proposed information collection to OMB for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended).

This Notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information to: (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond; including the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

This Notice also lists the following information:

Title of Proposal: Record of Employee Interview.

OMB Control Number, if applicable: 2501–0009.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: All Federal agencies administering programs subject to Davis-Bacon wage provisions are required to enforce Federal wage and reporting activities by Department of Labor (DOL) regulations (29 CFR Part 5, Section 5.6 paragraphs (a)(2) and (a)(3), respectively.

HUD, state and local agencies administering HUD-assisted programs must enforce Federal wage and reporting requirements on covered HUD-assisted construction and maintenance work. Enforcement activities include conducting interviews with laborers and mechanics employed on HUD-assisted projects concerning their employment on covered projects. The HUD–11 and HUD–11–SP (Spanish version) are used to assist in the conduct of the interviews and to record the information provided by the respondents. The forms may be supplemented with additional pages, as needed. Responses and the provision of supplemental information are voluntary on the part of respondents. The HUD–11 and HUD–11–SP are available online through HUD’s Web site.

Completed HUD–11 and/or HUD–11–SP forms must be retained by the HUD and local agencies to document the sufficiency of enforcement efforts.

Agency form numbers, if applicable: Forms HUD–11 and HUD–11–SP (Spanish version).

Estimation of the total numbers of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response:

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Fish and Wildlife Service


Comal County Regional Habitat Conservation Plan, Comal County, TX

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability: draft environmental impact statement, draft habitat conservation plan, and permit application; announcement of a public hearing.

SUMMARY: Comal County, Texas (Applicant), has applied to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) for an incidental take permit (TE–223267–0) under section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act (Act) of 1973, as amended. The requested permit, if granted, would authorize incidental take of the following species: golden-cheeked warbler (Dendroica chrysoparia) and black-capped vireo (Vireo atricapilla). The proposed take would occur in Comal County, Texas, as a result of activities including, but not limited to: Public or private construction and development, utility installation and maintenance, and public infrastructure projects. Comal County has completed a draft Habitat Conservation Plan (dHCP) as part of the application package. We have issued a draft Environmental Impact Statement (dEIS) that evaluates the impacts of, and alternatives to, possible issuance of an incidental take permit (ITP).

DATES: Comment-period end: To ensure consideration, we must receive written comments by close of business (4:30 p.m. CDT) on or before September 1, 2010.

Public meetings: We will accept oral and written comments at a public hearing to be held on July 27, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Comal County Commissioners Court, 199 Main Plaza, New Braunfels, Texas 78130.

ADDRESS: For where to review documents and submit comments, and the public meeting location, see Reviewing Documents and Submitting Comments in SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Adam Zerrenner, Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 10711 Burnet Road, Suite 200, Austin, TX 78758 or 512–490–0057.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA; 42 U.S.C. 4371 et seq.), this notice advises the public that we have gathered the information necessary to determine impacts and formulate alternatives for the EIS related to the potential issuance of an ITP to Comal County; and that the Applicant has developed an HCP which describes the measures the applicant has agreed to undertake to minimize and mitigate the effects of incidental take of federally listed species to the maximum extent practicable, under section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.).

Background

Our initial notice of intent to prepare an EIS and hold public scoping meetings published in the Federal Register on October 16, 2008 (73 FR 61433). A public scoping meeting was held on December 4, 2008, at Commissioners Court in New Braunfels, Texas. The dHCP and the conservation programs described in the plan were developed in a process involving participants and stakeholders from potentially affected or interested groups in Comal County. The groups are organized into a Citizens Advisory Committee and a Biological Advisory Team that have overseen the development of the dHCP. The Comal County Web site contains information on meetings, documents, and the status of the process.

Section 9 of the Act and its implementing regulations prohibit the “taking” of threatened and endangered species. However, under limited circumstances, we may issue permits to take listed wildlife species incidental to, and not the purpose of, otherwise lawful activities.

Proposed Action

The proposed action involves the issuance of an ITP by the Service for covered activities in Comal County, under section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Act. The activities that would be covered by the ITP are public or private construction and development, utility installation and maintenance (including, but not limited to, power and cable stations, substations, and transmission lines; water, sewer, and natural gas pipelines; and plants and other facilities), and public infrastructure projects such as school development, road construction and maintenance, and parkland. The ITP will cover Comal County, Texas. The requested term of the permit is 30 years. To meet the issuance criteria for an ITP, the Applicant has developed and will implement the dHCP, which describes the conservation measures the Applicant has agreed to undertake to minimize the potential for and mitigate the potential effects of incidental take of golden-cheeked warbler and black-capped vireo to the maximum extent practicable.

Alternatives

The alternatives to the proposed action we are considering as part of this process are:

1. No Action—A countywide HCP would not be implemented, and no ITP would be issued. This alternative would require individuals to seek authorization through section 7 consultation or individual section 10 permits to address incidental take resulting from their actions in Comal County or avoid taking actions that would result in incidental take.

2. Modified (Reduced Take and Mitigation) HCP—This alternative would only cover take of the golden-cheeked warbler, and the amount of authorized take and mitigation would be reduced for this species.

3. Preferred Alternative (Proposed Comal County RHCP)—This alternative would involve issuance of a 10(a)(1)(B) permit covering impacts to 5.238 acres of golden-cheeked warbler habitat and 1,000 acres of black-capped vireo habitat.

Reviewing Documents and Submitting Comments

Please refer to TE–223267–0 when requesting documents or submitting comments.

You may obtain copies of the dEIS and dHCP by going to the Comal County Web site at http://www.co.comal.tx.us/comalrhcp/default.htm. Alternatively, you may obtain compact disks with electronic copies of these documents by contacting Mr. Adam Zerrenner, Field Supervisor, U.S. mail at U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 10711 Burnet Road, Suite 200, Austin, TX 78758; or by phone at 512/490–0057; or by fax to 512/490–0974. A limited number of printed copies of the dEIS and dHCP are also available, by request, from Mr. Zerrenner. Copies of the dEIS and dHCP are also available for public inspection and review at the following locations...