DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Notice of Proposed Information Collection for Public Comment: Section 8 Fair Market Rent Surveys

AGENCY: Office of Policy Development and Research, 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. An extension and modification of the survey mode of the collection effort that expires on August 31, 2011, is being requested.

DATES: Comments Due Date: August 19, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments must be received within thirty (60) days from the date of this Notice. Comments should refer to the proposal by name/OMB approval number and should be sent to: Reports Liaison Officer, Office of Policy Development and Research, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Room 8234, Washington, DC 20410.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marie Lihn, Economic and Market Analysis Division, Office of Policy Development and Research, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Room 8224, Washington, DC 20410; telephone (202) 402–5866; e-mail marie_l_lihn@hud.gov. This is not a toll-free number. Copies of the proposed forms and other available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Ms. Lihn.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Housing and Urban Development will submit the proposed information collection package 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 of information 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: Section 8 Random Digit Dialing Fair Market Rent Surveys. OMB Control Number: 2528–0142.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: HUD is evaluating alternative survey methodologies to collect gross rent data for specific areas in a relatively fast and accurate way that may be used to estimate and update Section 8 Fair Market Rents (FMRs) in areas where FMRs are believed to be incorrect and data from the American Community Survey is not available at the local level. Section 8(C)(1) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 requires the Secretary to publish Fair Market Rents (FMRs) annually to be effective on October 1 of each year. FMRs are used for the Section 8 Rental Certificate Program (including space rentals by owners of manufactured homes under that program); the Moderate Rehabilitation Single Room Occupancy program; housing assisted under the Loan Management and Property Disposition programs; payment standards for the Rental Voucher program; and any other programs whose regulations specify their use.

Random digit dialing (RDD) telephone surveys have been used for many years to adjust FMRs and will be evaluated for continued use. These surveys are based on a sampling procedure that uses computers to select statistically random samples of telephone numbers to locate certain types of rental housing units for surveying. Cell phone surveys will be incorporated into this methodology and comprise roughly one-third of the sample. In addition HUD will collect survey data using web-based and mail systems. Initially, as the methodology is being refined, HUD will conduct surveys of up to 4 individual FMR areas in a year to test the accuracy of their FMRs. Up to 5 individual FMR area will be surveyed after the new methodology is determined.

Members of affected public: Individuals or households living in areas surveyed.

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

**ACTION:** Notice of initiation of reviews; request for information.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, are initiating 5-year status reviews under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act), of 2 animal and 10 plant species. We are requesting any information that has become available since our original listing of any of these species. Based on review results, we will determine whether we should change the listing status of any of these species.

**DATES:** To ensure consideration, please send your written comments or information regarding any of these species by August 19, 2011.

**ADDRESSES:** For how and where to send comments or information, see “VIII. Contacts.”

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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request information, see “VIII. Contacts.” Individuals who are hearing impaired or speech impaired may call the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877–8337 for TTY (telephone typewriter or teletypewriter) assistance.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** We are initiating 5-year status reviews under the Act of 2 animal and 10 plant species: Autumn buttercup (*Ranunculus acris formis var. aestivalis*), clay phacelia (*Phacelia argillacea*), Colorado butterfly plant (*Gaura neomexicana* sp. *coloradensis*), desert yellowhead (*Yermo xanthocephalus*), Last Chance townsendia (*Townsendia aprica*), Neosho madtom (*Noturus placidus*), Penland alpine fen mustard (*Ranunculus var. penlandii*), Salt Creek tiger beetle (*Cicindela nevadica lincolniana*), San Rafael cactus (*Pediocactus despainii*), Welsh’s milkweed (*Asclepias welsbi*), and Winkler cactus (*Pediocactus winkleri*).

## I. Why do we conduct 5-year reviews?

We conduct 5-year status reviews to ensure that our classification of each species on the Lists of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants as threatened or endangered is accurate. A 5-year review assesses the best scientific and commercial data available at the time of the review. We are requesting any information that has become available since our original listing of the species under review. Based on review results, we will determine whether we should change the listing status of any of these species.

Under the Act, we maintain Lists of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants (which we collectively refer to as the List) in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 50 CFR 17.11 (for animals) and 17.12 (for plants). Section 4(c)(2)(A) of the Act requires us to review each listed species’ status at least once every 5 years. Then, under section 4(c)(2)(B), we determine whether to remove any species from the List (delist), to reclassify it from endangered to threatened, or to reclassify it from threatened to endangered. Any change in Federal classification requires a separate rulemaking process.

In classifying, we use the following definitions, from 50 CFR 424.02:

A. *Species* includes any species or subspecies of fish, wildlife, or plant, and any distinct population segment of any species of vertebrate, that interbreeds when mature;

B. *Endangered species* means any species that is in danger of extinction throughout all or a significant portion of its range; and

C. *Threatened species* means any species that is likely to become an endangered species within the foreseeable future throughout all or a significant portion of its range.

We must support delisting by the best scientific and commercial data available, and only consider delisting if data substantiate that the species is neither endangered nor threatened for one or more of the following reasons (50 CFR 424.11(d)):

A. The species is considered extinct;

B. The species is considered to be recovered; or

C. The original data available when the species was listed, or the interpretation of data, were in error.

Our regulations at 50 CFR 424.21 require that we publish a notice in the Federal Register announcing the species we are reviewing.

## II. What species are under review?

This notice announces our active 5-year status reviews of the species in Table 1.

### Table 1—Current Listing Status of Species Under 5-Year Status Review

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