

Alternative would permanently disturb 120 acres of desert tortoise habitat that occurs adjacent to an existing raceway and is bounded on the south by a highway. To minimize and mitigate for these effects, the applicant proposes to implement the conservation measures described above and in the applicant's HCP.

National Environmental Policy Act

As described in our EAS, we have made the preliminary determination that approval of the proposed HCP and issuance of the permit would qualify as a categorical exclusion under NEPA (42 U.S.C. 4321–4347 *et seq.*), as provided by NEPA implementing regulations in the Code of Federal Regulations (40 CFR 1500.5(k), 1507.3(b)(2), 1508.4), by Department of Interior regulations (43 CFR 46.205, 46.210, 46.215), and by the Department of the Interior Manual (516 DM 3 and 516 DM 8). Our EAS determined that the proposed HCP qualifies as a “low-effect” habitat conservation plan, as defined by our Habitat Conservation Planning Handbook (November 1996). Determination of low-effect habitat conservation plans is based on the following three criteria: (1) Implementation of the proposed HCP would result in minor or negligible effects on federally listed, proposed, and candidate species and their habitats; (2) implementation of the proposed HCP would result in minor or negligible effects on other environmental values or resources; and (3) impacts of the HCP, considered together with the impacts of other past, present, and reasonably foreseeable similarly situated projects, would not result, over time, in cumulative effects to environmental values or resources that would be considered significant. Based upon the preliminary determinations in the EAS, we do not intend to prepare further NEPA documentation. We will consider public comments when making the final determination on whether to prepare an additional NEPA document on the proposed action.

Public Comments

We request data, comments, new information, or suggestions from the public, other concerned governmental agencies, the scientific community, Tribes, industry, or any other interested party on this notice. If you wish to comment on the permit application, EAS, or proposed HCP, you may submit your comments to the address listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this document. If we determine that the requirements are met, we will issue an incidental take permit under section 10(a)(1)(B) of the

Act to the applicant for take of the desert tortoise, incidental to otherwise lawful activities in accordance with the terms of the permit. We will make the final permit decision no sooner than 30 days after the date of this notice, and will fully consider all comments we receive during the comment period.

Authority

We provide this notice pursuant to section 10(c) of the Act and the NEPA public-involvement regulations (40 CFR 1500.1(b), 1500.2(d), and 1506.6).

Dated: November 20, 2012.

Edward D. Koch,

State Supervisor, Nevada Fish and Wildlife Office, Reno, Nevada.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request

AGENCY: U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of an extension of an information collection (1028–0082).

SUMMARY: To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) is inviting comments on an information collection request (ICR) that we have sent to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. The ICR concerns the paperwork requirements for the “Bird Banding and Recovery Reports.” As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, and as part of our continuing efforts to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, we invite the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on this ICR. This Information Collection is scheduled to expire on November 30, 2012.

DATES: Submit written comments by December 28, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Please submit comments on this information collection directly to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior via email: (OIRA_SUBMISSION@omb.eop.gov); or by fax (202) 395–5806; and identify your submission with #1028–0082. Please also submit a copy of your comments to

Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Geological Survey, 807 National Center, Reston, VA 20192 (mail); or smbaloch@usgs.gov (email). Please reference Information Collection 1028–0082.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request additional information about this ICR, contact Bruce Peterjohn, (301) 497–5646 (phone) or bpeterjohn@usgs.gov (email). You may also view additional information about this activity at: www.reginfo.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title: Bird Banding and Recovery Reports.

OMB Control Number: 1028–0082.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The USGS Bird Banding Laboratory is responsible for monitoring the trapping and marking of wild migratory birds by persons holding Federal permits. The Bird Banding laboratory collects information using three forms: (1) The Application for Federal Bird Marking and Salvage Permit, (2) The Bird Banding Permit Renewal Form, (3) The Bird Banding Recovery Report, and one electronic database, *Bandit*.

We will protect information from respondents considered proprietary under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and its implementing regulations (43 CFR Part 2), and under regulations at 30 CFR 250.197, “Data and information to be made available to the public or for limited inspection.” No questions of a “sensitive” nature are asked.

Affected Public: General Public.

Respondent Obligation: The recovery report is voluntary. Reporting of banding information is required using the BANDIT software. The Permit application and renewal form are required to obtain or retain benefits.

Frequency of Collection: On occasion.

Estimated Number and Description of Respondents: 94,700 individuals encountering a banded bird and volunteer bird banders.

Annual Burden Hours: 21,068 hours (50 hours for permit applications, 19 hours for renewal applications, 2,999 hours for banding recovery reports, and 18,000 hours for the *Bandit* software).

Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping “Hour” Burden: We estimate the time to complete each form is: 30 minutes for the Permit Application form, 2 minutes for Bird Banding Permit renewal form, 2 minutes for Recovery Report form, and 4.5 hours for the *Bandit* software.

Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping “Non-Hour Cost” Burden: We have not identified any

“non-hour cost” burdens associated with this collection of information.

Public Disclosure Statement: The PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501, et seq.) provides that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and you are not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Comments: We are soliciting comments as to: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the agency to perform its duties, including whether the information is useful; (b) the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) how to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) how to minimize the burden on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Please note that the comments submitted in response to this notice are a matter of public record. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask OMB in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that it will be done.

Dated: November 20, 2012.

Bruce Peterjohn,

Chief, Bird Banding Lab, USGS.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Renewal of Agency Information Collection for Tribal Self-Governance Program

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of submission to OMB.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs is submitting to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for renewal for the collection of information for Tribal Self-Governance Program. The information collection is currently authorized by OMB Control Number 1076-0143, which expires November 30, 2012.

DATE: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before December 28, 2012.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on the information collection to the Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior at the Office of Management and Budget, by facsimile to (202) 395-5806 or you may send an email to: OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov. Please send a copy of your comments to Ken Reinfeld, Office of Self-Governance, 1951 Constitution Avenue NW., Mail Stop 355-G SIB, Washington, DC 20240; email: Ken.Reinfeld@bia.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ken Reinfeld, Senior Policy Analyst, (202) 208-5734. You may review the information collection request online at <http://www.reginfo.gov>. Follow the instructions to review Department of the Interior collections under review by OMB.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs is seeking comments on the information collection entitled “Tribal Self-Governance Program, 25 CFR 1000,” as we prepare to renew this collection as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The information collected will be used to establish requirements for entry into the pool of qualified applicants for Self-Governance and to meet reporting requirements of the Tribal Self-Governance Act.

II. Request for Comments

The BIA requests your comments on this collection concerning: (a) The necessity of this information collection for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) The accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden (hours and cost) of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) Ways we could enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) Ways we could minimize the burden of the collection of the information on the respondents.

Please note that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and an individual need not respond to, a collection of information unless it has a valid OMB Control Number.

It is our policy to make all comments available to the public for review at the location listed in the **ADDRESSES** section. Before including your address, phone number, email address or other personally identifiable information in your comment, you should be aware

that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 1076-0143.

Title: Tribal Self-Governance program, 25 CFR 1000.

Brief Description of Collection: The Self-Governance program is authorized by the Tribal Self-Governance Act of 1994, Public Law 103-413 (the Act), as amended. Indian tribes interested in entering into Self-Governance must submit certain information as required by the Act. In addition, those tribes and tribal consortia that have entered into Self-Governance funding agreements will be requested to submit certain information as described in 25 CFR 1000. This information will be used to justify a budget request submission on their behalf and to comport with section 405 of the Act that calls for the Secretary to submit an annual report to the Congress. Responses are required to obtain or retain a benefit or are voluntary, depending upon the part of the program being addressed.

Type of Review: Extension without change of currently approved collection.

Respondents: Federally recognized Indian tribes and tribal consortia participating or wishing to enter into Tribal Self-Governance.

Number of Respondents: 85.

Number of Responses: 94.

Estimated Time per Response: Completion times vary from 15 minutes to 400 hours, with an average of approximately 55 hours.

Frequency of Response: On occasion or annually.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 4,662 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost Burden: \$10,500 is the estimated total annual cost burden for tribes and tribal consortia first entering the Self-Governance program; this includes capital and start-up costs to obtain equipment and materials necessary to assume the program and activities for which they are entering the Self-Governance program.

Dated: November 21, 2012.

John T. Ashley,

Acting Assistant Director for Information Resources.

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