DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR–5691–N–01]

Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Comment Request Office of Sustainable Housing Communities Progress Report Template

AGENCY: Office of Sustainable Housing and Communities (OSHC), 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. HUD is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

The Department of Defense and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2011 (Pub. L. 112–10, approved April 15, 2011) (2011 Appropriations Act), provided a total of $100,000,000 to HUD for a Sustainable Communities Initiative to improve regional planning efforts that integrate housing and transportation decisions, and increase the capacity to improve land use and zoning. Of that total, $70,000,000 is available for the Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Program, and $30,000,000 is available for the Community Challenge Planning Grant Program.

The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2010 (Pub. L. 111–117, December 16, 2009), (2010 Appropriations Act) provided a total of $150 million in fiscal year 2010 to HUD for a Sustainable Communities Initiative to improve regional planning efforts that integrate housing and transportation decisions, and increase the capacity to improve land use and zoning.

DATES: Comments Due Date: June 14, 2013.

ADDRESSES: 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: Reports Liaison Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Washington, DC 20410, Room 9120 or the number for the Federal Information Relay Service (1–800–877–8339).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thaddeus Wincek, Office of Sustainable Housing and Communities, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 402–6617 (this is not a toll free number) for copies of the proposed forms and other available information.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

HUD’s Sustainable Communities Initiative (SCI) Planning Grant Programs, which comprise of the Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Program, the Community Challenge Planning Grant Program, and the Capacity Building for Sustainable Communities Grant Program, require progress reporting by grantees on a semi-annual basis (i.e. Twice per year: January 30th and July 30th). The grant program terms and conditions require the grantee to submit a semi-annual progress report which reflects activities undertaken, obstacles encountered and solutions achieved, and accomplishments. Progress reports that show progress of the program in meeting approved work plan goals, objectives are to be submitted.

II. Proposed Information Collection

HUD 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: OSHC Progress Report Template.

OMB Control Number, if applicable: Pending.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: The Appropriations Act, provided a total of $100,000,000 to HUD for a Sustainable Communities Initiative to improve regional planning efforts that integrate housing and transportation decisions, and increase the capacity to improve land use and zoning. Of that total, $70,000,000 is available for the Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Program, and $30,000,000 is available for the Community Challenge Planning Grant Program.

The Appropriations Act, 2010, provided a total of $150 million in fiscal year 2010 to HUD for a Sustainable Communities Initiative to improve regional planning efforts that integrate housing and transportation decisions, and increase the capacity to improve land use and zoning.

This information collection is necessary to fulfill the reporting requirements of HUD’s Sustainable Communities Initiative (SCI) Planning Grant Programs, which comprise of the Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Program, the Community Challenge Planning Grant Program, and the Capacity Building for Sustainable Communities Grant Program. All grant programs require progress reporting by grantees on a semi-annual basis (i.e. Twice per year: January 30th and July 30th). The grant program terms and conditions require the grantee to submit a semi-annual progress report which reflects activities undertaken, obstacles encountered and solutions achieved, and accomplishments. Progress reports that show progress of the program in meeting approved work plan goals, objectives are to be submitted.

Agency form number, if applicable: Pending.

Estimation of the total numbers of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of
respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response: The total number of annual burden hours is 226.5. The number of respondents is 151, the number of responses is 302, the frequency of response is semi-annually (6 months), and the burden hour per response is 0.75 (45 minutes).

Status of the proposed information collection: This is a new information collection request.


Dated: April 5, 2013.

Shelley Poticha,
Director, Office of Sustainable Housing and Communities.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Fish and Wildlife Service

Proposed Amendment of Habitat Conservation Plan and Associated Documents; Green Diamond Resource Company; Mason, Grays Harbor, Lewis, Pacific, and Thurston Counties, WA

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We, the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), have received an application, under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (Act), as amended, from Green Diamond Resource Company (GDRCo) for a proposed low-effect amendment to their Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) and Implementation Agreement (IA). If approved, the GDRCo incidental take permit (ITP), as well as the HCP and IA, would be amended to increase the amount of lands covered under the ITP and HCP; some of the HCP management prescriptions would change, including those associated with marbled murrelet (Brachyramphus marmoratus) habitat protection; and the IA would be amended to include a new clause and a new marbled murrelet habitat map. The amendment would change the management of GDRCo’s added lands from prescriptions currently required under the standard Washington State Forest Practices Rules (FP Rules) and Forest Practices HCP (FP HCP) to those of the GDRCo HCP. We invite public comment on the proposed amendment of the ITP, HCP, IA, and associated documents.

DATES: To ensure consideration, please send your written comments by May 15, 2013.

ADDRESSES: You may download a copy of the permit application, HCP, and associated documents on the Internet at http://www.fws.gov/wafwo/. The proposed amendment to the HCP and IA and the Draft Environmental Action Statement are available for review and comment. The original HCP, IA, and Final Environmental Impact Statement are available for review.

Please specify permit number TE032463–0 on all correspondence. You may submit comments or requests for hard copies or a CD–ROM of the documents by one of the following methods:

• Email: Louellyn.Jones@fws.gov. Include “Permit Number TE032463–0” in the subject line of the message.
• Facsimile: Ken Berg, Manager, 360–753–9405; Attn.: Lou Ellyn Jones, Permit number TE032463–0.
• U.S. Mail: Please address written comments to Ken Berg, Manager; Attention: Lou Ellyn Jones; Washington Fish and Wildlife Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; 510 Desmond Drive SE., Lacey, WA 98503.
• In-Person: Written comments can be dropped off during regular business hours (8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.) at the above address. Call Lou Ellyn Jones, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, at (360) 753–5822 to make an appointment to view or pick up draft documents.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lou Ellyn Jones, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, at address under ADDRESSES, above; by email at Louellyn.Jones@fws.gov; or by telephone at (360) 753–5822.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Section 9 of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) and our implementing Federal regulations in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 50 CFR 17 prohibit the “take” of fish or wildlife species listed as endangered or threatened. Take of listed fish or wildlife is defined under the Act as “to harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect, or to attempt to engage in any such conduct” (16 U.S.C. 1532). However, under section 10 of the Act, for limited circumstances, we issue permits to authorize incidental take of threatened or endangered species—i.e., take that is incidental to, and not the purpose of, the carrying out of otherwise lawful activities. A permit to take bald eagles can also be issued under the Act when associated with a conservation plan such as an HCP, as long as the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 668–668c) standards are met.

Regulations governing incidental take permits for threatened and endangered species are at 50 CFR 17.32 and 17.22, respectively. Regulations governing take of bald eagles are at 50 CFR 22. In addition to meeting other criteria, an incidental take permit must not jeopardize the continued existence of federally listed threatened or endangered species, and authorized take of bald eagles must be consistent with the goal of maintaining stable or increasing breeding populations of this species.

Introduction

The GDRCo has requested an amendment to the HCP, IA, and ITP originally issued on October 13, 2000, with a term of 50 years. The species covered under the existing and amended ITP would remain the same; however, for some species, listing status has changed since the permit was issued. Covered species under the amended HCP include the bull trout (Salvelinus confluentus), which was listed as threatened on June 10, 1998 (63 FR 31693); the marbled murrelet (Brachyramphus marmoratus), which was listed as threatened on October 1, 1992 (57 FR 45328); and the bald eagle (Haliaeetus leucocephalus), which was listed as threatened in Washington on February 14, 1978 (43 FR 6230), and delisted throughout the United States on July 9, 2007 (72 FR 37346). Also covered are 5 anadromous fish species under the jurisdiction of the National Marine Fisheries Service, 2 of which are listed, and 43 additional non-listed species associated with western forests, streams, and wetlands.

The northern spotted owl (Strix occidentalis caurina), which was listed as threatened on June 26, 1990 (55 FR 26114), is not covered in the existing or proposed amendment to the HCP. Management of northern spotted owls and their habitat on GDRCo lands would continue to be guided by applicable FP Rules, as well as by the take prohibitions under the Act.

Applicant’s Proposal

The proposed amendment would add to the permit approximately 53,000 acres and 854 stream miles of covered lands, for a total of approximately 319,000 acres and 2,575 stream miles on GDRCo lands, to be managed in accordance with their HCP. Any additional lands that may be acquired from GDRCo within the Chehalis and Willapa Basins during the term of the permit may also be added to the HCP,