

**II. Data**

*OMB Control Number:* 1018–0109.  
*Title:* Wildlife and Sport Fish Grants and Cooperative Agreements, 50 CFR 80, 81, 84, 85, and 86.  
*Service Form Number:* None.  
*Type of Request:* Revision of a currently approved collection.  
*Description of Respondents:* States; the Commonwealths of Puerto Rico and

the Northern Mariana Islands; the District of Columbia; the territories of Guam, U.S. Virgin Islands, and American Samoa; federally recognized tribal governments; institutions of higher education; and nongovernmental organizations.  
*Respondent's Obligation:* Required to obtain or retain a benefit.  
*Frequency of Collection:* We require applications annually for new grants.

We require amendments on occasion when key elements of a project change. We require quarterly and final performance reports in the National Outreach and Communication Program and annual and final performance reports in the other programs. We may require more frequent reports under the conditions stated at 2 CFR 200.205 and 2 CFR 200.207.

Activity	Number of respondents	Number of responses	Completion time per response	Total annual burden hours
Initial Application (project narrative) .....	200	2,500	44	110,000
Revision of Award Terms (Amendment) .....	150	1,500	6	9,000
Performance Reports .....	200	3,500	12	42,000
Totals .....	550	7,500	.....	161,000

**III. Comments**

We invite comments concerning this information collection on:

- Whether or not the collection of information is necessary, including whether or not the information will have practical utility;
- The accuracy of our estimate of the burden for this collection of information;
- Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this IC. 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 us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Dated: May 5, 2015.

**Tina A. Campbell,**  
 Chief, Division of Policy, Performance, and Management Programs, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Fish and Wildlife Service**

**[Docket No. FWS–HQ–IA–2014–0018; 96300–1671–0000–R4]**

**Conference of the Parties to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora; Seventeenth Regular Meeting; Request for Information and Recommendations on Resolutions, Decisions, and Agenda Items for Consideration**

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

**SUMMARY:** To implement the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES or the Convention), the Parties to the Convention meet periodically to review what species in international trade should be regulated and other aspects of the implementation of CITES. The seventeenth regular meeting of the Conference of the Parties to CITES (CoP17) is tentatively scheduled to be held in September 2016 in South Africa. With this notice we are soliciting and invite you to provide us with information and recommendations on resolutions, decisions, and agenda items that the United States might consider submitting for discussion at CoP17. In addition, with this notice we provide preliminary information on how to request approved observer status for nongovernmental organizations that wish to attend the meeting.

**DATES:** We will consider all information and comments we receive on or before July 10, 2015.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments pertaining to recommendations for

resolutions, decisions, and agenda items for discussion at CoP17 by one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments on Docket No. FWS–HQ–IA–2014–0018 (the docket number for this notice).
- *U.S. mail or hand-delivery:* Public Comments Processing, Attn: FWS–HQ–IA–2014–0018; Division of Policy and Directives Management; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; 5275 Leesburg Pike; MS: BPHC; Falls Church, VA 22041.

We will not consider comments sent by email or fax, or to an address not listed in the **ADDRESSES** section. Comments and materials we receive in response to this notice will be available for public inspection on <http://www.regulations.gov>, or by appointment, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays, at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority, 5275 Leesburg Pike, 2nd Floor, Falls Church, VA 22041; telephone 703–358–2095.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information pertaining to resolutions, decisions, and agenda items, contact Craig Hoover, Chief, Wildlife Trade and Conservation Branch, Division of Management Authority, at 703–358–2095 (phone), 703–358–2298 (fax), or [managementauthority@fws.gov](mailto:managementauthority@fws.gov) (email). If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 800–877–8339. For information pertaining to species proposals, contact Rosemarie Gnam, Chief, Division of Scientific Authority, at 703–358–1708 (phone), 703–358–2276 (fax), or [scientificauthority@fws.gov](mailto:scientificauthority@fws.gov) (email).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

## Background

The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, hereinafter referred to as CITES or the Convention, is an international treaty designed to regulate international trade in certain animal and plant species that are now, or potentially may become, threatened with extinction. These species are listed in the Appendices to CITES, which are available on the CITES Secretariat's Web site at <http://www.cites.org/eng/app/appendices.php>.

Currently, 180 countries, including the United States, are Parties to CITES. The Convention calls for regular biennial meetings of the Conference of the Parties, unless the Conference decides otherwise. At these meetings, the Parties review the implementation of CITES, make provisions enabling the CITES Secretariat in Switzerland to carry out its functions, consider amendments to the list of species in Appendices I and II, consider reports presented by the Secretariat, and make recommendations for the improved effectiveness of CITES. Any country that is a Party to CITES may propose amendments to Appendices I and II, resolutions, decisions, and agenda items for consideration by all the Parties at the meeting.

This is our second in a series of **Federal Register** notices that, together with an announced public meeting (time and place to be announced), provide you with an opportunity to participate in the development of the U.S. submissions to, and negotiating positions for, the seventeenth regular meeting of the Conference of the Parties to CITES (CoP17), which is tentatively scheduled to be held in September 2016 in South Africa. We published our first CoP17-related **Federal Register** notice on June 27, 2014 (79 FR 36550), in which we requested information and recommendations on species proposals for the United States to consider submitting for discussion at CoP17. In that notice, we also described the U.S. approach to preparations for CoP17. We intend to announce tentative species proposals that the United States is considering submitting for CoP17 and solicit further information and comments on them when we publish our next CoP17-related **Federal Register** notice. You may obtain information on species proposals by contacting the Division of Scientific Authority at the telephone number or email address provided in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** above. Our regulations governing this public process are found at 50 CFR 23.87.

## Request for Information and Recommendations on Resolutions, Decisions, and Agenda Items

Although we have not yet received formal notice of the provisional agenda for CoP17, we invite your input on possible agenda items that the United States could recommend for inclusion, or on possible resolutions and decisions of the Conference of the Parties that the United States could submit for consideration. Copies of the agenda and the results of the last meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP16) in Bangkok, Thailand, in March 2013, as well as copies of all resolutions and decisions of the Conference of the Parties currently in effect, are available on the CITES Secretariat's Web site (<http://www.cites.org/>) or from the Division of Management Authority at the address provided in the **ADDRESSES** section above.

## Observers

Article XI, paragraph 7 of CITES provides: "Any body or agency technically qualified in protection, conservation or management of wild fauna and flora, in the following categories, which has informed the Secretariat of its desire to be represented at meetings of the Conference by observers, shall be admitted unless at least one-third of the Parties present object:

- (a) international agencies or bodies, either governmental or nongovernmental, and national governmental agencies and bodies; and
- (b) national nongovernmental agencies or bodies which have been approved for this purpose by the State in which they are located.

Once admitted, these observers shall have the right to participate but not to vote."

National agencies or organizations within the United States must obtain our approval to participate in CoP17, whereas international agencies or organizations must obtain approval directly from the CITES Secretariat. We will publish information in a future **Federal Register** notice on how to request approved observer status. A factsheet on the process is posted on our Web site at: <http://www.fws.gov/international/pdf/factsheet-become-observer-to-cites-meeting-2013.pdf>.

## Future Actions

As stated above, the next regular meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP17) is tentatively scheduled to be held in South Africa in September 2016. The United States must submit any proposals to amend Appendix I or II, or

any draft resolutions, decisions, or agenda items for discussion at CoP17, to the CITES Secretariat no later than 150 days (tentatively April 2016) prior to the start of the meeting. In order to meet this deadline and to prepare for CoP17, we have developed a tentative U.S. schedule. Approximately 14 months prior to CoP17, we plan to publish our next CoP17-related **Federal Register** notice announcing tentative species proposals that the United States is considering submitting for CoP17 and soliciting further information and comments on them. Following publication of that **Federal Register** notice and approximately 12 months prior to CoP17, we plan to publish a **Federal Register** notice announcing draft resolutions, draft decisions, and agenda items the United States is considering submitting for CoP17 and soliciting further information and comments on them. Approximately 4 months prior to CoP17, we will post on our Web site an announcement of the species proposals, draft resolutions, draft decisions, and agenda items submitted by the United States to the CITES Secretariat for consideration at CoP17.

Through a series of additional notices and Web site postings in advance of CoP17, we will inform you about preliminary negotiating positions on resolutions, decisions, and amendments to the Appendices proposed by other Parties for consideration at CoP17, and about how to obtain observer status from us. We will also publish an announcement of a public meeting tentatively to be held approximately 3 months prior to CoP17. That meeting will enable us to receive public input on our positions regarding CoP17 issues. The procedures for developing U.S. documents and negotiating positions for a meeting of the Conference of the Parties to CITES are outlined in 50 CFR 23.87. As noted in paragraph (c) of that section, we may modify or suspend the procedures outlined there if they would interfere with the timely or appropriate development of documents for submission to the CoP and of U.S. negotiating positions.

## Author

The primary author of this notice is Mark Albert, Division of Management Authority, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

## Authority

The authority for this action is the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

Date: April 30, 2015.

**Stephen Guertin**

Acting Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

[LLES93000—L13200000—ELOOOO—241AOO, OHES-57390]

**Notice of Availability of the Buckingham Coal Company Federal Coal Lease Application Environmental Assessment and Public Hearing, Perry and Morgan Counties, OH**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with Federal coal management regulations, the Buckingham Coal Company, Federal Coal Lease by Application (LBA) Environmental Assessment (EA) is available for public review and comment. A public hearing will be held to receive comments on the EA and associated Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), Fair Market Value (FMV), and Maximum Economic Recovery (MER) of the coal resources for Buckingham Coal Company LBA OHES-57390.

**DATES:** The public hearing will be held at 7 p.m. on June 4, 2015. Written comments must be received within 30 days following the date of the public hearing.

**ADDRESSES:** The public hearing will be held at the Trimble High School Cafeteria, One Tomcat Drive, Glouster, Ohio 45832. Written comments on the FMV and MER should be addressed to Michael W. Glasson, BLM Eastern States, Division of Lands and Minerals, Mail Stop 9242, 20 M Street SE., Suite 950, Washington, DC 20003. Comments on the EA and FONSI should be sent to Dean Gettinger, Field Office Manager, Northeastern States Field Office, 626 E. Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 200, Milwaukee, WI 53202-4617. Comments may also be emailed to [mglasson@blm.gov](mailto:mglasson@blm.gov). Copies of the EA are available at the following office locations: BLM Eastern States Office, 20 M Street SE., Suite 950, Washington, DC 20003; and, BLM Northeastern States Field Office, 626 E. Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 200, Milwaukee, WI 53202-4617. Both documents may also be accessed on the BLM Eastern States' Web site at: <http://www.blm.gov/es/st/en/prog/minerals/coal.html>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Michael W. Glasson, Solid Minerals Program Lead, telephone: 202-912-7723; or email: [mglasson@blm.gov](mailto:mglasson@blm.gov). Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact Mr. Glasson during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question for Mr. Glasson. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Buckingham Coal Company filed an LBA with the BLM in December of 2011, to lease Federal coal in Perry and Morgan Counties, Ohio. The U.S. Forest Service (FS) completed an EA and FONSI on March 11, 2014 and issued its consent to lease on March 11, 2014. The BLM anticipates issuing a Decision Record after the public meeting announced by this Notice and after having considered any comments received on the EA, FMV, and MER.

The lands included in the Buckingham Coal Company Federal Coal LBA OHES-57390 are located in Perry and Morgan Counties, Ohio, approximately 2-4 miles east of Corning, Ohio. The lands are described as follows:

Parcel #1, Tract X32,  
Section 12, T. 12 N., R. 14 W., Ohio River Survey Meridian, Ohio.

Containing 6.00 acres.

Parcel #2 Tract X76,  
Section 24, T. 12 N., R. 14 W., Ohio River Survey Meridian, Ohio.

Containing 10.00 acres.

Parcel #3 Tract X41,  
Section 14, T. 12 N., R. 14 W., Ohio River Survey Meridian, Ohio.

Containing 80.00 acres.

Parcel #4 Tract X37,  
Section 13, T. 12 N., R. 14 W., Ohio River Survey Meridian, Ohio.

Containing 109.25 acres.

Parcel #5 Tract X38,  
Section 13 and Tract X53, Section 24, T. 12 N., R. 14 W., Ohio River Survey Meridian, Ohio.

Containing 80.00 acres.

Parcel #6 Tract X35,  
Section 18 and Tract X38, Section 19, T. 8 N., R. 13 W., Ohio River Survey Meridian, Ohio.

Containing 60.94 acres (A subsurface ownership difference will be resolved on this parcel prior to lease issuance).

Parcel #7 Tract X81,  
Section 24, T. 12 N., R. 14 W., Ohio River Survey Meridian, Ohio.

Containing 86.25 acres.

Containing 432.44 acres.

The company plans to mine the Federal coal as an extension from its existing underground mine if the lease is obtained. The proposed mine would recover coal from the Middle Kittanning seam at the base of the Pennsylvanian aged Lower Freeport Sandstone. As required under 43 CFR 3425.4, the public is invited to the hearing to give public oral and/or written comments on the EA, the FMV, and MER of the Federal tract. Written comments must be received within 30 days following the date of the public hearing. The meeting is being advertised in the *Athens News*, *Athens Messenger* and the *Logan Daily* area newspapers.

The EA addresses the cultural, socioeconomic, environmental and cumulative impacts that would likely result from leasing these coal lands. Two alternatives are addressed in the EA:

Alternative 1 (Proposed Action) The tract would be leased, as applied for.

Alternative 2 (No Action) The application would be rejected or denied. The Federal coal would therefore be bypassed.

Proprietary data marked as confidential may be submitted to the BLM in response to the solicitation of public comments. Data so marked shall be treated in accordance with the laws and the regulations governing the confidentiality of such information. A copy of the comments submitted by the public on FMV and MER, except those portions identified as proprietary by the author and meeting exemptions stated in the Freedom of Information Act, will be available for public inspection at the Eastern States Office, 20 M Street SE., Suite 950, Washington, DC 20003, 9th Floor, during regular business hours (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.), Monday through Friday. Written comments on the FMV and MER should address, but need not be limited to the following:

1. The quality and quantity of the coal resource;

2. The mining methods or methods which would achieve MER of the coal, including specifications of seams to be mined and the most desirable timing and rate of production;

3. Restrictions to mining that may affect coal recovery;

4. The price that the mined coal would bring when sold;

5. Costs, including mining and reclamation, of producing the coal and the time of production;

6. The percentage rate at which anticipated income streams should be discounted, either with inflation or in the absence of inflation, in which case the anticipated rate of inflation should be given;