

parties concerning the collection of information described in Section A on the following:

(1) 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) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information;

(3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond; including through the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of responses.

(5) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

HUD encourages interested parties to submit comment in response to these questions.

### C. Authority

Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. chapter 35.

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Office of Policy Development and Research,  
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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS-HQ-NWRS-2022-N051;  
FXRS1261090000-223-FF09R24000; OMB  
Control Number 1018-0162]

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Non-Federal Oil and Gas Operations on National Wildlife Refuge System Lands

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

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection;  
request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), are proposing to revise an existing collection of information.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before November 18, 2022.

**ADDRESSES:** Send your comments on the information collection request (ICR) before the close of the comment period listed under **DATES** to <https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function. Please provide a copy of your comments to the Service Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 5275 Leesburg Pike, MS: PRB (JAO/3W), Falls Church, VA 22041-3803 (mail); or by email to [Info\\_Coll@fws.gov](mailto:Info_Coll@fws.gov). Please reference OMB Control Number 1018-0162 in the subject line of your comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request additional information about this ICR, contact Madonna L. Baucum, Service Information Collection Clearance Officer, by email at [Info\\_Coll@fws.gov](mailto:Info_Coll@fws.gov), or by telephone at (703) 358-2503. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States. You may also view the ICR at <https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA, 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) and its implementing regulations at 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1), all information collections require approval under the PRA. We 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.

On January 27, 2022, we published in the **Federal Register** (87 FR 4275) a notice of our intent to request that OMB approve our proposed revision to this information collection. In that notice, we solicited comments for 60 days, ending on March 28, 2022. In an effort to increase public awareness of, and participation in, our public commenting processes associated with information collection requests, the Service also published the **Federal Register** notice on <https://www.regulations.gov> (Docket FWS-HQ-NWRS-2021-0155) to provide the public with an additional method to submit comments (in addition to the typical [Info\\_Coll@fws.gov](mailto:Info_Coll@fws.gov) email and U.S. mail submission methods). We received the following four comments in response to this notice:

*Comment 1:* Email from Jean Public, received 01/30/2022:

The commenter states it is unnecessary to lease oil and gas resources on public lands.

*Agency Response to Comment 1:* The commenter did not address the information collection requirements. No response required.

*Comment 2:* Anonymous electronic comment via <https://www.regulations.gov> (FWS-HQ-NWRS-2021-0155-0002), received on 02/02/2022:

The commenter recommends that no permits be issued.

*Agency Response to Comment 2:* The commenter did not address the information collection requirements. No response required.

*Comment 3:* Anonymous electronic comment via <https://www.regulations.gov> (FWS-HQ-NWRS-2021-0155-0003), received on 03/01/2022:

The commenter recommends stopping all oil and gas production on public lands.

*Agency Response to Comment 3:* The commenter did not address the information collection requirements. No response required.

*Comment 4:* Anonymous electronic comment via <https://www.regulations.gov> (FWS-HQ-NWRS-2021-0155-0004), received on 03/23/2022:

The commenter recommends banning fossil fuel production on public lands.

*Agency Response to Comment 4:* The commenter did not address the information collection requirements. No response required.

On June 1, 2022, we published a second **Federal Register** notice (87 FR 33200), notifying the public of our intent to request that OMB approve this information collection. This notice solicited comments for an additional 60 days, ending on August 1, 2022. We also described additional revisions identified since the publication of the January 27, 2022. The Service also published this **Federal Register** notice on <https://www.regulations.gov> (Docket FWS-HQ-NWRS-2022-0063), to provide the public with an additional method to submit comments (in addition to the typical [Info\\_Coll@fws.gov](mailto:Info_Coll@fws.gov) email and U.S. mail submission methods). We received the following four comments in response to this notice:

*Comment 5:* Anonymous electronic comment via <https://www.regulations.gov> (FWS-HQ-NWRS-2022-0063-0002), received on 05/31/2022:

The commenter states that it is unnecessary to develop oil and gas resources on public lands.

*Agency Response to Comment 5:* The commenter did not address the information collection requirements. No response required.

*Comment 6:* Electronic comment via <https://www.regulations.gov> (FWS-HQ-NWRS-2022-0063-0003) from Jean Public, received on 06/01/2022:

The commenter opposes developing oil and gas resources on public lands.

*Agency Response to Comment 6:* The commenter did not address the information collection requirements. No response required.

*Comment 7:* Anonymous electronic comment via <https://www.regulations.gov> (FWS-HQ-NWRS-2022-0063-0004), received on 06/23/2022.

The commenter supports moving the information collection to an electronic format.

*Agency Response to Comment 7:* With this submission, we are moving toward a format that allows users to submit information collection requirements via an electronic format (automation of FWS Form 3-2469 on the Service's ePermits platform).

*Comment 8:* Anonymous electronic comment via <https://www.regulations.gov> (FWS-HQ-NWRS-2022-0063-0005), received on 06/27/2022:

The commenter recommends nationalizing the oil and gas industry.

*Agency Response to Comment 8:* The commenter did not address the information collection requirements. No response required.

As part of our continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burdens, we are again inviting the public and other Federal agencies to comment on new, proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand our information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format.

We are especially interested in public comment addressing the following:

(1) Whether or not the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether or not the information will have practical utility;

(2) The accuracy of our estimate of the burden for this collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) How might the agency minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of response.

Comments that you submit 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 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.

*Abstract:* The authority of the Service to regulate non-Federal oil and gas operations on National Wildlife Refuge System (NWRS) lands is broadly derived from the Property Clause of the U.S. Constitution (art. IV, sec. 3), in carrying out the statutory mandates of the Secretary of the Interior, as delegated to the Service, to manage Federal lands and resources under the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act (NWRSA), as amended by the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act (NWRRIA; 16 U.S.C. 668dd *et seq.*), and to specifically manage species within the NWRS under the provisions of numerous statutes, the most notable of which are the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA; 16 U.S.C. 715 *et seq.*), the Endangered Species Act (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 (FWA; 16 U.S.C. 742f).

The Service's regulations at 50 CFR part 29, subpart D provide for the continued exercise of non-Federal oil and gas rights while avoiding or minimizing unnecessary impacts to national wildlife refuge resources and uses. Other land management agencies have regulations that address oil and gas development, including the Department of the Interior's National Park Service and Bureau of Land Management, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service. These agencies all require the submission of information similar to the information requested by the Service.

The collection of information is necessary for the Service to properly balance the exercise of non-Federal oil

and gas rights within national wildlife refuge boundaries with the Service's responsibility to protect wildlife and habitat, water quality and quantity, wildlife-dependent recreational opportunities, and the health and safety of employees and visitors on NWRS lands.

The information collected under 50 CFR part 29, subpart D identifies the owner and operator (the owner and operator can be the same) and details how the operator may access and develop oil and gas resources. It also identifies the steps the operator intends to take to minimize any adverse impacts of operations on refuge resources and uses. No information is submitted unless the operator wishes to conduct oil and gas operations.

We use the information collected to (1) evaluate proposed operations; (2) ensure that all necessary mitigation measures are employed to protect national wildlife refuge resources and values; and (3) ensure compliance with all applicable laws and regulations, including the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) and its regulations (40 CFR parts 1500–1508), and the NWRSA, as amended by the NWRRIA, and to specifically manage species within the NWRS under the provisions of numerous statutes, the most notable of which are the MBTA, the ESA, the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (16 U.S.C. 661 *et seq.*), and the FWA.

### Proposed Revisions

#### *Automation of Application Form via ePermits*

With this submission, we are proposing to automate FWS Form 3-2469 in the Service's ePermits system, an automated permit application system that allows the agency to move towards a streamlined permitting process to reduce public burden. Public burden reduction is a priority for the Service; the Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife, and Parks; and senior leadership at the Department of the Interior. The intent of ePermits is to fully automate the permitting process to improve the customer experience and to reduce time burden on respondents. This system enhances the user experience by allowing users to enter data from any device that has internet access, including personal computers (PCs), tablets, and smartphones. It also provides the permit applicant with a link to pay associated permit application fees via the *Pay.gov* system.

*Financial Assurances Costs*

With this submission, we will seek OMB approval of the costs associated with the financial assurances requirements as they are required per regulations contained in 50 CFR 29.103(b) and 50 CFR 29.150. These costs were inadvertently overlooked with previous submissions for this collection of information, so at this time we are bringing this requirement into compliance with the PRA as an annual non-hour burden cost. The estimated annual non-hour cost burden associated with the required financial assurances is captured below under “Total Estimated Annual Non-Hour Burden Cost.”

*Proposed Changes to Application Form (FWS Form 3–2469)*

We propose several changes to the existing FWS Form 3–2469 to improve the user collection experience and our internal processing requirements:

- (1) Under the “Type of Permit” on page 1, we are adding these categories:
  - a. “New”—Used by operators applying for a new permit to operate where no existing Form 3–2469 permit exists;

- b. “Renewal”—Used by operators with a currently approved permit to renew the operation without any substantial changes;
- c. “Amendment”—Used by an operator with an existing Form 3–2469 approved permit to amend their operations; and
- d. “Extension”—Used by an operator with an existing Form 3–2469 approved permit to request an extension to one of its conditions (e.g., extend the shut-in status of a well).
- (2) Under the “Production Operations” on page 1, we are adding these subcategories:
  - a. “Maintenance”—Used for maintenance actions (e.g., need to bring in a workover rig);
  - b. “Plugging”—Used with plugging and abandoning of a well; and
  - c. “Reclamation”—Used with all activities remove contaminated soils, equipment, pipe, etc., and restore the site to its original contours and vegetation.
- (3) Under the “Contact Information” in part 1 (on page 2), we propose to add two new questions:
  - a. “Tax Identification Number”; and

- b. “Do you have operations on other refuges? If so, provide the names of those refuges.”
- (4) Administrative corrections:
  - a. We corrected the control number in the “Paperwork Reduction Act Statement”; and
  - b. We updated the mail stop in the “Estimated Burden Statement.”
- Title of Collection:* Non-Federal Oil and Gas Operations on National Wildlife Refuge System Lands, 50 CFR 29, Subpart D.
- OMB Control Number:* 1018–0162.
- Form Number:* FWS Form 3–2469.
- Type of Review:* Revision of a currently approved collection.
- Respondents/Affected Public:* Businesses that conduct oil and gas exploration on national wildlife refuges.
- Respondent’s Obligation:* Required to obtain or retain a benefit.
- Frequency of Collection:* On occasion.
- Total Estimated Annual Non-hour Burden Cost:* \$2,250,000 (associated with the new information collection for financial assurances).

| Activity/requirement  | Estimated number of annual responses | Completion time per response (hours) | Estimated total annual burden hours |
|---|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Preexisting Operations (§ 29.61) .....  | 40                                   | 50                                   | 2,000                               |
| Temporary Access Permit Application (§ 29.71) <i>Hard Copy</i> .....  | 18                                   | 17                                   | 306                                 |
| Temporary Access Permit Application (§ 29.71) <i>ePermits</i> .....   | 18                                   | 12.75                                | 230                                 |
| Accessing Oil and Gas Rights from Non-Federal Surface Location (§ 29.80) .....                              | 5                                    | 1                                    | 5                                   |
| Pre-application Meeting for Operations Permit (§ 29.91) .....   | 45                                   | 2                                    | 90                                  |
| Operations Permit Application (§§ 29.94–29.97) <i>Hard Copy</i> .....                                       | 23                                   | 140                                  | 3,220                               |
| Operations Permit Application (§§ 29.94–29.97) <i>ePermits</i> .....  | 23                                   | 105                                  | 2,415                               |
| Financial Assurance (§§ 29.103(b), 29.150) .....  | 45                                   | 1                                    | 45                                  |
| Identification of Wells and Related Facilities (§ 29.119(b)) .....  | 45                                   | 2                                    | 90                                  |
| Reporting (§ 29.121):   |                                      |                                      |                                     |
| Third-Party Monitor Report (§ 29.121(b)) .....  | 300                                  | 17                                   | 5,100                               |
| Notification—Injuries/Mortality to Fish and Wildlife and Threatened/Endangered Plants (§ 29.121(c)) .....   | 20                                   | 1                                    | 20                                  |
| Notification—Accidents involving Serious Injuries/Death and Fires/Spills (§ 29.121(d)) .....                | 20                                   | 1                                    | 20                                  |
| Written Report—Accidents Involving Serious Injuries/Deaths and Fires/Spills (§ 29.121(d)) .....             | 20                                   | 16                                   | 320                                 |
| Report—Verify Compliance with Permits (§ 29.121(e)) .....   | 240                                  | 4                                    | 960                                 |
| Permit Modifications (§ 29.160(a)) .....  | 10                                   | 16                                   | 160                                 |
| Notification—Chemical Disclosure of Hydraulic Fracturing Fluids uploaded to FracFocus (§ 29.121(f)) .....   | 5                                    | 1                                    | 5                                   |
| Change of Operator § 29.170:  |                                      |                                      |                                     |
| Transferring Operator Notification (§ 29.170) .....   | 20                                   | 8                                    | 160                                 |
| Extension to Well Plugging (§ 29.181(a)).   |                                      |                                      |                                     |
| Application for Permit <i>Hard Copy</i> .....   | 5                                    | 140                                  | 700                                 |
| Application for Permit <i>ePermits</i> .....  | 5                                    | 105                                  | 525                                 |
| Modification <i>Hard Copy</i> .....   | 3                                    | 16                                   | 48                                  |
| Modification <i>ePermits</i> .....  | 3                                    | 12                                   | 36                                  |
| Acquiring Operator’s Requirements for Wells Not Under a Service Permit (§ 29.171(a)) <i>Hard Copy</i> ..... | 10                                   | 40                                   | 400                                 |
| Acquiring Operator’s Requirements for Wells Not Under a Service Permit (§ 29.171(a)) <i>ePermits</i> .....  | 10                                   | 30                                   | 300                                 |
| Acquiring Operator’s Acceptance of an Existing Permit (§ 29.171(b)) .....                                   | 1                                    | 8                                    | 8                                   |
| Public Information (§ 29.210):  |                                      |                                      |                                     |
| Affidavit in Support of Claim of Confidentiality (§ 29.210(c) and (d)) .....                                | 1                                    | 1                                    | 1                                   |
| Confidential Information (§ 29.210(e) and (f)) .....  | 1                                    | 1                                    | 1                                   |
| Maintenance of Confidential Information (§ 29.210(h)) .....   | 1                                    | 1                                    | 1                                   |

| Activity/requirement                                 | Estimated number of annual responses | Completion time per response (hours) | Estimated total annual burden hours |
|--|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Generic Chemical Name Disclosure (§ 29.210(i)) ..... | 1                                    | 1                                    | 1                                   |
| Totals .....   | 938                                  | .....                                | 17,167                              |

An agency may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

The authority for this action is the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

**Madonna Baucum,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Indian Affairs**

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**Notice of Deadline for Submitting Completed Applications To Begin Participation in the Tribal Self-Governance Program in Fiscal Year 2024 or Calendar Year 2024**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of application deadline.

**SUMMARY:** In this notice, the Office of Self-Governance (OSG) establishes a March 1, 2023, deadline for Indian tribes/consortia to submit completed applications to begin participation in the tribal self-governance program in fiscal year (FY) 2024 or calendar year (CY) 2024.

**DATES:** Completed application packages must be received by the Director, Office of Self-Governance, by March 1, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** Application packages for inclusion in the applicant pool should be sent to Sharee M. Freeman, Director, Office of Self-Governance, Department of the Interior, Mail Stop 3624-MIB, 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20240.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Vickie Hanvey, Office of Self-Governance, Telephone (918) 931-0745.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the Tribal Self-Governance Act of 1994 (Pub. L. 103-413), as amended by the “Practical Reforms and Other Goals to Reinforce the Effectiveness of Self-Governance and Self-Determination Act

of 2019–2020” or the “PROGRESS for Indian Tribes Act”, section 402(b)(1)(A), the Secretary, acting through the Director of the Office of Self-Governance, may select not more than 50 new Indian Tribes per year from those eligible tribes. The March 1, 2023, application deadline is predicated upon providing the parties enough time to complete funding agreement negotiations in advance of the FY or CY start date of the 2024 funding agreement. The Act mandates that copies of the funding agreements be sent at least 90 days before the proposed effective date to each Tribe that is served by the Bureau of Indian Affairs’ agency that is serving the Tribe that is a party to the funding agreement. Initial negotiations with a Tribe/consortium located in a region and/or agency which has not previously been involved with self-governance negotiations will take approximately two months from start to finish. Agreements for an October 1 to September 30 funding year need to be signed and submitted by July 1, 2023. Agreements for a January 1 to December 31 calendar year need to be signed and submitted by October 1, 2023.

**Purpose of Notice**

The regulations at 25 CFR 1000.10 to 1000.31 have been modified by section 201 of the newly enacted “Practical Reforms and Other Goals to Reinforce the Effectiveness of Self-Governance and Self-Determination” (PROGRESS) Act as follows:

Section 201. Definitions; reporting and audit requirements; application of programs.

To be eligible to participate in self-governance, an Indian Tribe shall:

(1) successfully complete the planning phase described in subsection (d);

(2) request participation in self-governance by resolution or other official action by the Tribal governing body; and

(3) demonstrate for the 3 fiscal years preceding the date on which the Tribe requests participation, fiscal stability and financial management capability as evidenced by the Indian Tribe having no uncorrected significant and internal audit exceptions in the required annual audit of its self-determination or self-

governance agreements with any Federal agency.

An Indian Tribe seeking to begin participation in self-governance shall complete the planning phase. The planning phase shall:

(A) be conducted to the satisfaction of the Indian Tribe; and

(B) include:

(i) legal and budgetary research; and  
(ii) internal Tribal governing planning, training, and organizational preparation.

Applicants should be guided by the referenced requirements in preparing their applications to begin participation in the tribal self-governance program in fiscal year 2024 or calendar year 2024. Copies of these requirements may be obtained from the information contact person identified in this notice.

Tribes/consortia wishing to be considered for participation in the tribal self-governance program in fiscal year 2024 or calendar year 2024 must respond to this notice, except for those tribes/consortia which are one of the 137 tribal entities with signed self-governance agreements.

**Information Collection**

This information collection is authorized by OMB Control Number 1076-0143, Tribal Self-Governance Program, which expires October 31, 2022.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

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**Notice of Realty Action; Non-Competitive (Direct) Sale of Public Land in Fremont County, Wyoming**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of realty action.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) proposes a non-competitive (direct) sale of 24.79 acres