

| | Number of respondents | × | Frequency of response | × | Hours per response | = | Burden hours |
|------------------------|--------------------------|---|--------------------------|---|-----------------------|---|--------------|
| Reporting Burden | 81 | | 4 | | 3.13 | | 1,013 |

Total Estimated Burden Hours: 1,013.
Status: Reinstatement, of previously approved collection.

Authority: Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 35, as amended.

Dated: October 2, 2001.

Donna L. Eden,

*Director, Office of Investment Strategies,
Policy and Management.*

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4650-N-75]

Notice of Submission of Proposed Information Collection to OMB; American Housing Survey (AHS)— 2002 Metropolitan Sample

AGENCY: Office of the Chief Information Officer, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The proposed information collection requirement described below has been 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.

DATES: *Comments Due Date:* November 9, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB approval (2528-0016) number and should be sent to: Joseph F. Lackey, Jr., OMB Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wayne Eddins, Reports Management Officer, Q, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, Southwest, Washington, DC 20410; e-mail Wayne_Eddins@HUD.gov; telephone (202) 708-2374. This is not a toll-free number. Copies of the proposed forms and other available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Mr. Eddins.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department has submitted the proposal for the collection of information, as described below, to OMB for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). The Notice lists the following information: (1) The title of the information collection proposal; (2) the office of the agency to collect the information; (3) the OMB approval number, if applicable; (4) the description of the need for the information and its proposed use; (5) the agency form number, if applicable; (6) what members of the public will be

affected by the proposal; (7) how frequently information submissions will be required; (8) an estimate of the total number of hours needed to prepare the information submission including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response; (9) whether the proposal is new, an extension, reinstatement, or revision of an information collection requirement; and (10) the name and telephone number of an agency official familiar with the proposal and of the OMB Desk Officer for the Department.

This Notice also lists the following information:

Title of Proposal: American Housing Survey (AHS)—2002 Metropolitan Sample.

OMB Approval Number: 2528-0016.

Form Numbers: AHS-66, AHS-68.

Description of the Need for the Information and Its Proposed Use: The 2002 AHS-MS is a longitudinal study that provides a periodic measure on the quality, availability, and cost of housing for the nation. The study also provides information on demographic and other characteristics of the occupants. Federal and local agencies use AHS data to evaluate housing issues.

Respondents: Individuals or households.

Frequency of Submission: Every other 6 years.

| | Number of respondents | x | Frequency of response | x | Hours per response | = | Burden hours |
|------------------------|--------------------------|---|--------------------------|---|-----------------------|---|-----------------|
| Reporting Burden | 60,427 | | .9 | | .6 | | 33,527 |

Total Estimated Burden Hours: 33,527.

Status: Reinstatement, with change.

Authority: Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 35, as amended.

Dated: October 2, 2001.

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Policy and Management.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Information Collection To Be Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will submit a request for approval of a collection of information to OMB under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Copies of specific information collection

requirements, related forms and explanatory material may be obtained by contacting the Information Collection Clearance Officer of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at the address and/or phone numbers listed below.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received on or before December 10, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Comments on specific requirements should be sent to Rebecca A. Mullin, Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Suite 222, Arlington, VA 22203, (703) 358-2287 or electronically at Rebecca_Mullin@fws.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To receive a copy of the information collection approval request, explanatory information and related forms, contact Rebecca Mullin (see **ADDRESSES**). Questions related to the Endangered Species Act requirements for monitoring of recovered species may be directed to Renne Lohoefer, Chief, Division of Consultation, Habitat Conservation Plans, Recovery, and State Grants, 703/358-2171 or Renne_Lohoefer@fws.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations at 5 CFR part 1320, which implement the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13), require that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (see 5 CFR 1320.8(d)). OMB regulations at 5 CFR 1320.3(c) define the collection of information as the obtaining of information by or for an agency by means of identical questions posed to, or identical reporting, record-keeping, or disclosure requirements imposed on 10 or more persons. Furthermore, 5 CFR 1320.3(c)(4) specifies that "10 or more persons" refers to the persons to whom a collection of information is addressed by the agency within any 12-month period. For the purposes of this definition, employees of the Federal government are not included in the definition of "persons." Federal agencies 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 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) plans to submit the following information collection requirements to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. A three-year term of approval, from approximately January 1, 2002, to December 31, 2004, will be requested for this information collection activity.

Section 4(g) of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) requires that all species that are recovered and removed from the lists of endangered and threatened species (delisted) be monitored for a period of not less than 5 years. The purpose of this requirement is to detect any failure of a recovered species to sustain itself without the protections of the ESA. The Service works with relevant State agencies and other species experts to develop

appropriate plans and procedures for systematically monitoring recovered wildlife and plants. In many cases, collections of information from monitoring of recovered species will not require approval by OMB under the Paperwork Reduction Act because monitoring will require collection of information from less than 10 non-Federal persons per 12-month period.

On October 17, 1998, OMB approved information collection relative to monitoring of the American peregrine falcon. OMB control number 1018-0101, Information Collection Requirements for Monitoring Peregrine Falcons Once the Species is Delisted, estimated that the Service would request 20 responses per year, requiring 12 annual burden hours on the part of respondents. The American peregrine falcon was removed from the list of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife on August 25, 1999, but formal collection of monitoring data under section 4(g) of the ESA has not yet commenced. OMB approval under control number 1018-0101 will expire on October 31, 2001.

The Service plans to consolidate its information collection requirements pursuant to the monitoring of all recovered species, including the American peregrine falcon, that will require identical questions posed to 10 or more non-Federal persons per 12-month period, and thereby streamlining fulfillment of monitoring requirements for recovered species. Information collection meeting these criteria will usually be limited to species with large geographic ranges that include substantial amounts of non-Federal land. Although the ESA requires that monitoring of recovered species be conducted for not less than 5 years, the life history of some species will make it appropriate to monitor the species for a longer period of time in order to meaningfully evaluate whether the recovered species continues to maintain its recovered status. In such cases, collection of monitoring data may occur on a multi-year interval (for example, data may be collected every second year, totaling eight information collections over a 15-year period). Information collection will commonly include data on species abundance, reproduction rates, and, in some cases, impacts of potential threats to the species. Data compilation and preparation of responses will generally be performed by professional biologists employed by Federal and State agencies and other organizations that have been

involved in past species conservation efforts. Information requests may vary by respondent, and both requests and responses will primarily be in written format. Forms are not appropriate for this type of information collection, as effective requests and responses must accommodate variability in species across their geographic range and allow respondents latitude for full and accurate communication of the data.

On July 31, 2001, the Service announced availability for review and comment of a Proposed Monitoring Plan for the American Peregrine Falcon (*Falco peregrinus anatum*) (66 FR 39523). Proposed monitoring for this recovered species consists of information on population trends and nesting success. Starting in the spring of 2002, surveys will be conducted every 3 years for a total of five surveys over 13 years. Surveys will be spread over five geographic regions within the falcon's range.

The bald eagle in the lower 48 states was proposed for delisting on July 6, 1999 (64 FR 36453). At that time, the Service proposed to collect information for at least 5 years, including the number of occupied breeding areas and the number of young produced per nesting pair across the species' range. Monitoring plans for the bald eagle are currently under revision, but the Service anticipates that the types of information that will be collected will be the number of occupied breeding areas and the number of young produced per nesting pair across the species' range.

The Service expects that, in addition to the peregrine falcon and bald eagle, two to three other species may be removed from the list of threatened and endangered species due to recovery and will require collection of post-delisting monitoring information from 10 or more persons within a 12-month period before the end of 2004.

Annual burden estimates for collection of monitoring data for all recovered species pursuant to section 4(g) of the ESA, between January 1, 2002, and December 31, 2004, and requiring OMB approvals under the Paperwork Reduction Act are summarized below. Annual variation reflects monitoring of the American peregrine falcon in 2002 only (the next monitoring period for this species will occur in 2005) and anticipated increases in the number of other recovered species:

| Year | Estimated number of respondents per year | Estimated average time required per report (in hours) | Average total annual burden (in hours) |
|------------|--|---|--|
| 2002 | 95 | 2 | 190 |
| 2003 | 110 | 2 | 220 |
| 2004 | 135 | 2 | 270 |

Comments are invited on (1) whether the collection of information described in this notice is necessary for the proper performance of monitoring of recovered species as prescribed in section 4(g) of the ESA, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of our estimate of burden, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the 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; (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents. The information collections in this program will be part of a system of records covered by the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552(a)).

Dated: September 24, 2001.

Rebecca A. Mullin,

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Information Collection Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Information Collection Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Approval Under the Paperwork Reduction Act

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has submitted the collection of information listed below to OMB for approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act. A copy of the information collection requirement is included in this notice. If you wish to obtain copies of the proposed information collection requirement, related forms, and explanatory material, contact the Service Information Collection Clearance Officer at the address listed below.

DATES: OMB has up to 60 days to approve or disapprove information

collection but may respond after 30 days. Therefore, to ensure maximum consideration, you must submit comments on or before the above referenced date.

ADDRESSES: Send your comments on the requirement to the Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Department of the Interior Desk Officer, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, and to Rebecca Mullin, Information Collection Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, MS 222-ARLSQ, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20240.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request a copy of the information collection request, explanatory information and related forms, contact Rebecca A. Mullin at (703) 358-2287, or electronically to rmullin@fws.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations at 5 CFR 1320, which implement provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13), require that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (see 5 CFR 1320.8(d)). The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (We) has submitted a request to OMB for its approval of the collection of information for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Employee Exist Survey. We are requesting a 3-year term of approval for this information collection activity. A previous 60-day notice on this information collection requirement was published in the October 24, 2000 (65 FR 63617) **Federal Register** inviting public comment. No comments on the previous notice were received. This notice provides an additional 30 days in which to comment on the following information.

Federal agencies 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 U.S. Fish and Wildlife form number for this collection of information is FWS 3-2186.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in the Department of the Interior is the agency primarily responsible for fish, wildlife, and plant conservation. The Service helps protect a healthy

environment for people, fish and wildlife, and helps Americans conserve and enjoy the outdoors and our living treasures. To accomplish its mission, the Service employs around 7,500 of the country's best biologists, wildlife managers, engineers, realty specialists, educators, law enforcement agents, and others who work to save endangered and threatened species; conserve migratory birds and inland fisheries; restore habitats; provide expert conservation advice to other Federal agencies, industry, private citizens, and foreign governments; and manage millions of acres of wildlife lands. The Service Directorate has made it a high priority to recruit and retain these valued employees. As part of an active career development program, the Service has decided to institute an Employee Exit Survey to collect feedback from former Service employees so that we may discover relevant issues that impact retention. If this survey were not used, there would be no way the Service could analyze the reasons for employee separation.

Title: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Employee Exit Survey.

Service Form Number: 3-2186.

Frequency of Collection: Annually.

Description of Respondents: Former U.S. Fish and Wildlife Employees.

Total Annual Burden Hours: The reporting burden is estimated to average 15 minutes per respondent. The Total Annual Burden hours is 100 hours.

Total Annual Responses: About 400 individuals are expected to participate in the survey. We invite comments concerning this submission on: (1) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of our career development functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the 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 respondents. The information collections in this program are part of a system of record covered by the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552(a)).