

(4) 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 responses.

Overview of this information collection:

(1) *Type of Information Collection:* Extension of an existing information collection.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* USCIS Case Status Service Online.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Homeland Security sponsoring the collection:* No Agency Form No. (File No. OMB-33). U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Primary: Individuals or households. This system allows individuals or their representatives to request case status of their pending application through USCIS' Web site.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* 24,000,000 respondents at 2 $\frac{3}{4}$  minutes (.046) per response.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* 1,104,000 annual burden hours.

If you have additional comments, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions, or additional information, please visit the USCIS Web site at: <http://uscis.gov/graphics/formsfee/forms/prb/index.htm>.

If additional information is required contact: USCIS, Regulatory Management Division, 111 Massachusetts Avenue, 3rd Floor, Washington, DC 20529, (202) 272-8377.

Dated: January 17, 2006.

**Richard A. Sloan,**

Director, Regulatory Management Division, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5044-N-01]

### Notice of Proposed Information Collection for Public Comment—Lease Requirements, Recordkeeping

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing, 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. The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

**DATES:** *Comments Due Date:* March 27, 2006.

**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: Aneita Waites, Reports Liaison Officer, Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Room 4116, Washington, DC 20410-5000.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Aneita Waites, (202) 708-0713, extension 4114. (This is not a toll-free number).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department will submit 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 of information 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 through 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:* Lease Requirements—24 CFR 966.4, Recordkeeping.

*OMB Control Number:* 2577-0006.

*Description of the need for the information and proposed use:* The collection of information is contained in HUD regulations at 24 CFR 966.4. Public Housing Agencies (PHAs) are required to keep records for implementation of Federal regulations governing dwelling leases in public housing. The information is retained by the PHAs that

manage public housing and is used for operating purposes.

*Agency form numbers, if applicable:* None.

*Members of affected public:* State or Local Government; individuals or households.

*Estimation of the total number of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response:* 3,330 responses, one time for new and modified leases, 48 average hours per response, 158,400 hours total recordkeeping burden.

*Status of the proposed information collection:* Reinstatement, without change.

**Authority:** Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended.

Dated: January 18, 2006.

**Bessy Kong,**

Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Policy, Program and Legislative Initiative.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR 5044-N-02]

### Notice of Proposed Information Collection for Public Comment Screening and Eviction for Drug Abuse and Other Criminal Activity

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing, 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. The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

**DATES:** *Comments Due Date:* March 27, 2006.

**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: Aneita Waites, Reports Liaison Officer, Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Room 4116, Washington, DC 20410-5000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Aneita L. Waites, (202) 708-0713, extension 4114, for copies of the proposed forms and other available

documents (This is not a toll-free number).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department will submit 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 of information 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 through 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:* Screening and Eviction for Drug Abuse and Other Criminal Activity—Final Rule.

*OMB Control Number:* 2577-0232.

*Description of the need for the information and proposed use:* The collection of information implements statute and gives Public Housing Agencies (PHAs) and assisted housing owners the tools for adopting and implementing fair, effective and comprehensive policies for screening out program applicants who engage in illegal drug use or other criminal activity and for evicting or terminating assistance of persons who engage in such activity. PHAs that administer a Section 8 or public housing program under an Annual Contributions Contract (ACC) with HUD may request criminal history records from any law enforcement agency concerning an adult member of a household applying for admission to a public housing or Section 8 program.

*Agency form numbers, if applicable:* None.

*Members of affected public:* State or Local Government; Public Housing Agencies (PHAs).

*Estimation of the total number of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response:* 3,300 PHAs (respondents); estimated average number of respondents 15,200; total annual burden hours 73,550.

*Status of the proposed information collection:* Extension.

**Authority:** Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended.

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**Bessy Kong,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Policy, Program and Legislative Initiatives.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Choctaw National Wildlife Refuge

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability of the Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Assessment for Choctaw National Wildlife Refuge in Choctaw County, Alabama.

**SUMMARY:** The Fish and Wildlife Service announces that a Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Assessment for Choctaw National Wildlife Refuge are available for review and comment. The National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966, as amended by the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997, requires the Service to develop a comprehensive conservation plan for each national wildlife refuge. The purpose in developing a comprehensive conservation plan is to provide refuge managers with a 15-year strategy for achieving refuge purposes and contributing toward the mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System, consistent with sound principles of fish and wildlife management, conservation, legal mandates, and Service policies. In addition to outlining broad management direction on conserving wildlife and their habitats, plans identify wildlife-dependent recreational opportunities available to the public, including opportunities for hunting, fishing, wildlife observation, wildlife photography, and environmental education and interpretation.

Significant issues addressed in the draft plan include: threatened and endangered species, waterfowl management, neotropical migratory birds, bottomland hardwood restoration, fisheries management, visitor services, funding and staffing, cultural resources, and land protection.

**DATES:** A meeting will be held to present the plan to the public. Mailings, newspaper articles, and posters will be

the avenues to inform the public of the date and time for the meeting.

Individuals wishing to comment on the Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Assessment for Choctaw National Wildlife Refuge should do so no later than March 10, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Requests for copies of the Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Assessment should be addressed to Choctaw National Wildlife Refuge, P.O. Box 808, Jackson, Alabama 36545; Telephone 251/246-3583. The plan and environmental assessment may also be accessed and downloaded from the Service's Internet Web site <http://southeast.fws.gov/planning/>. Comments on the draft plan may be submitted to the above address or via electronic mail to [mike\\_dawson@fws.gov](mailto:mike_dawson@fws.gov). Please include your name and return address in your Internet message. Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home addresses from the record, which we will honor to the extent allowed by law.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Service developed four alternatives for managing the refuge and chose Alternative D as the preferred alternative.

### Alternatives

The draft comprehensive conservation plan and environmental assessment evaluates the four alternatives for managing the refuge over the next 15 years. These alternatives are briefly described as follows:

#### *Alternative A: No Action (Current Management Direction)*

Choctaw National Wildlife Refuge's most important terrestrial vegetation community is its bottomland hardwood forests, which provide habitat for migratory birds, including both waterfowl and neotropical migratory forest-dependent birds, and other species. The refuge has a current Forest Management Plan, but it has not been fully implemented; some stand treatments have been applied, but secondary treatments, such as thinnings, have not. Regeneration is occurring on the forest floor, but not stand recruitment; saplings are not maturing due to being eaten by deer and feral hogs, frequent flooding, and shady conditions. There is a dense canopy at present that inhibits regeneration of all but the most shade-tolerant trees. While