information from public review, we cannot guarantee that it will be done.

Hope Grey,

Information Collection Clearance Officer, Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS-R9-IA-2009-N0011; 96200-1672-0050-7D]

Proposed Information Collection; Evaluation of Great Ape Conservation Fund Grant Activities

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We (Fish and Wildlife Service) will ask the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve the information collection (IC) described below. As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and as part of our continuing efforts to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, we invite the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on this IC. We 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.

DATES: You must submit comments on or before March 30, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Send your comments on the IC to Hope Grey, Information Collection Clearance Officer, Fish and Wildlife Service, MS 222–ARLSQ, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22203 (mail); *hope_grey@fws.gov* (e-mail).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request additional information about this ICR, contact Hope Grey by mail, or e-mail (see ADDRESSES) or by telephone at (703) 358–2482.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Fish and Wildlife Service (we, Service) has contracted with Frederick Sowers Consulting to conduct an independent evaluation of Great Ape Conservation Fund (GACF) grants. The evaluation will be limited to those grants we financed during Fiscal Years 2006 through 2008 through a $2.5 million/year resource transfer from the Agency for International Development in support of the Central Africa Regional Program for the Environment.

In the central African region, conservation efforts are focused around approximately 12 large landscapes where conservation organizations take the lead in a multi-stakeholder process of land use and conservation planning. We plan to survey the direct recipients of GACF grants and their associated partners (e.g. international and African conservation and development nongovernmental organizations, stakeholder groups, civic organizations, and other funding agencies). The survey will cover both leading partners and smaller implementing partners within the landscape.

The 74 grantees, who serve in direct contact with the public, are spread across five countries in the central African region. We plan to use an online survey as an efficient and minimally disruptive means of collecting information on grants management mechanics and operations and grantee performance in achieving conservation aims. The online survey will be open for an adequate period of time to allow respondents ample time to complete and update the survey questionnaire. We plan to collect:

(1) Basic demographic data about the institutions, such as the size of the organization, the length and duration of its presence in the landscape, the nature of its activities, and its relationship with other stakeholders.

(2) Information on the quality and nature of the relationships between grant recipients and the Government.

(3) Effectiveness of the program in contributing to conservation objectives.

II. Data

OMB Control Number: None. This is a new collection.

Title: Evaluation of Great Ape Conservation Fund Grant Activities.

Service Form Number(s): None.

Type of Request: New.

Affected Public: GACF grantees and associated partners (e.g., nongovernment organizations, stakeholder groups, civic organizations, and other funding agencies).

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Frequency of Collection: One time.

Total Annual Number of Responses: 160.

Completion Time per Response: 1.5 hours.

Total Annual Burden Hours: 240 hours.

III. Request for Comments

We invite comments concerning this IC on:

(1) whether or not the collection of information is necessary, including whether or not the information will have practical utility;

(2) the accuracy of our estimate of the burden for this 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.

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, e-mail 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: January 12, 2009

Hope Grey,

Information Collection Clearance Officer, Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

U.S. Geological Survey

Scientific Earthquake Studies Advisory Committee

AGENCY: U.S. Geological Survey.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Public Law 106–503, the Scientific Earthquake Studies Advisory Committee (SESAC) will hold its 19th meeting. The meeting location is the Silver Cloud Inn/University District, 3056 25th Avenue, NE., Seattle, Washington 98105. The Committee is comprised of members from academia, industry, and State government. The Committee shall advise the Director of the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) on matters relating to the USGS's participation in the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program.

The Committee will be hearing updates on the USGS Earthquake Hazards Program with a focus on partnered activities in the Pacific Northwest, discuss lessons learned from the Great Southern California Shakeout, and make assignments for annual report preparation.

Meetings of the Scientific Earthquake Studies Advisory Committee are open to the public.

DATES: February 2, 2009, commencing at 8:30 a.m. and adjourning February 3, 2009, at Noon.

Contact: Dr. David Applegate, U.S. Geological Survey, MS 905, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia 20192, (703) 648–6714, *applegate@usgs.gov*.

Suzette Kimball,

Associate Director for Geology.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[ES–956–1420–BJ–TRST] Group No. 194, Minnesota

Eastern States: Filing of Plat of Survey

AGENCY: Bureau Of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Filing of Plat of Survey; Minnesota.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will file the plat of survey of the lands described below in the BLM-Eastern States, Springfield, Virginia, 30 calendar days from the date of publication in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bureau of Land Management, 7450 Boston Boulevard, Springfield, Virginia 22153. Attn: Cadastral Survey.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This survey was requested by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

The lands we surveyed are:

Fifth Principal Meridian, Minnesota

T. 145 North, R. 37 West

The plat of survey represents the dependent resurvey of a portion of the subdivisional lines and the dependent resurvey and survey of the subdivision of section 34 of Township 145 North, Range 37 West, of the Fifth Principal Meridian, in the State of Minnesota, and was accepted January 16, 2009. We will place a copy of the plat we described in the open files. It will be available to the public as a matter of information.

If BLM receives a protest against this survey, as shown on the plat, prior to the date of the official filing, we will stay the filing pending our consideration of the protest.

We will not officially file the plat until the day after we have accepted or dismissed all protests and they have become final, including decisions on appeals.

Dated: January 21, 2009.

Dominica Van Koten,

Chief Cadastral Surveyor.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 332–506]

Advice Concerning Possible Modifications to the U.S. Generalized System of Preferences, 2008 Review of Competitive Need Limit Waivers

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Institution of investigation and scheduling of hearing.

SUMMARY: Following receipt of a request on January 12, 2009 from the United States Trade Representative (USTR) under section 332(g) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1332(g)), the U.S. International Trade Commission (Commission) instituted investigation No. 332–506, *Advice Concerning Possible Modifications to the U.S. Generalized System of Preferences, 2008 Review of Competitive Need Limit Waivers*.

DATES: *February 4, 2009:* Deadline for filing requests to appear at the public hearing.

February 6, 2009: Deadline for filing pre-hearing briefs and statements.

February 27, 2009: Public hearing.

March 6, 2009: Deadline for filing post-hearing briefs and statements and other written submissions.

April 13, 2009: Transmittal of report to the Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ADDRESSES: All Commission offices, including the Commission's hearing rooms, are located in the United States International Trade Commission Building, 500 E Street, SW., Washington, DC. All written submissions should be addressed to the Secretary, United States International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20436. The public record for this investigation may be viewed on the Commission's electronic docket (EDIS) at *http://www.usitc.gov/secretary/edis.htm*.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Information specific to this investigation may be obtained from Eric Land, Project Leader, Office of Industries (202–205–3349 or *eric.land@usitc.gov*) or Gail Burns, Deputy Project Leader, Office of Industries (202–205–2501 or *gail.burns@usitc.gov*). For information on the legal aspects of these investigations, contact William Gearhart of the Commission's Office of the General Counsel (202–205–3091 or *william.gearhart@usitc.gov*). The media should contact Margaret O'Laughlin, Office of External Relations (202–205–1819 or *margaret.olaughlin@usitc.gov*). Hearing-impaired individuals may obtain information on this matter by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal at 202–205–1810. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its Internet server (*http://www.usitc.gov*). Persons with mobility impairments who will need special assistance in gaining access to the Commission should contact the Office of the Secretary at 202–205–2000.

Background: As requested by the USTR, under the authority delegated by the President, pursuant to section 332(g) of the Tariff Act of 1930, and in accordance with sections 503(d)(1)(A) of the Trade Act of 1974 (1974 Act) (19 U.S.C. 2463(d)(1)(A)), the Commission will provide advice on whether any industry in the United States is likely to be adversely affected by a waiver of the competitive need limits specified in section 503(c)(2)(A) of the 1974 Act for the following countries and articles provided for in the noted subheadings of the Harmonized Tariff System (HTS): Argentina for HTS subheading 4107.91.80 and 7202.99.20; Brazil for HTS subheading 2922.41.00; India for HTS subheading 7202.41.00; Indonesia for HTS subheading 3907.60.00; and Turkey for HTS subheading 7413.00.10. As requested, the Commission will also provide advice in accordance with section 503(c)(2)(E) of the 1974 Act with respect to whether like or directly competitive products were being produced in the United States on January 1, 1995. In addition, as requested, the Commission will provide advice as to the probable economic effect on total U.S. imports, and on consumers, of the petitioned waivers. As requested by the USTR, the Commission will use the dollar value limit of $135,000,000 for purposes of section 503(c)(2)(A)(i)(I) of the 1974 Act.

As requested by the USTR, the Commission will provide its advice by April 13, 2009. The USTR indicated that those sections of the Commission's report and related working papers that contain the Commission's advice will be classified as ''confidential.''

Public Hearing: A public hearing in connection with this investigation will be held at the U.S. International Trade Commission Building, 500 E Street, SW., Washington, DC, beginning at 9:30 a.m. on February 27, 2009. Requests to