

Collection Clearance Officer at the address listed below.

DATES: We accept comments until January 21, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Mail your comments on the requirement to Anissa Craghead, Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, ms 222-ARLSQ, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22203; or e-mail Anissa_Craghead@fws.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request a copy of the information collection request, explanatory information, and related forms, contact by phone at Anissa Craghead at (703) 358-2445, or electronically at Anissa_Craghead@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 CFR 1320.8(d)). The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (We) plan to submit a request to OMB to renew its approval of the collection of information for the Sandhill Crane Harvest Survey. We are requesting a 3-year term of approval for this information collection activity.

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 OMB control number for this collection of information is 1018-0023.

Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. 703-711) and Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 (16 U.S.C. 742d) designate the Department of the Interior as the key agency responsible for the wise management of migratory bird populations frequenting the United States and for the setting of hunting regulations that allow appropriate harvests that are within the guidelines that will allow for those populations' well being. These responsibilities dictate the gathering of accurate data on various characteristics of migratory bird harvest. Knowledge attained by determining harvests and harvest rates of migratory game birds is used to regulate populations (by promulgating hunting regulations) and to encourage hunting opportunity, especially where crop depredations are chronic and/or lightly harvested populations occur. Based on information from harvest surveys, hunting regulations can be adjusted as needed to optimize harvests at levels that provide a maximum of

hunting recreation while keeping populations at desired levels.

This information collection approval request seeks approval for us to continue conducting the Sandhill Crane Harvest Survey. This is an annual questionnaire survey of people who obtained a sandhill crane hunting permit. At the end of the hunting season, we randomly select a sample of permit holders and send those people a questionnaire that asks them to report the date, State, county, and number of birds harvested for each of their sandhill crane hunts. Their responses provide estimates of the temporal and geographic distribution of the harvest as well as the average harvest per hunter, which, combined with the total number of sandhill crane permits issued, enables the Service to estimate the total harvest of sandhill cranes.

The Sandhill Crane Harvest Survey enables us to annually estimate the magnitude of the harvest and the portion it constitutes of the total mid-continent sandhill crane population. Based on information from this survey, hunting regulations are adjusted as needed to optimize harvest at levels that provide a maximum of hunting recreation while keeping populations at desired levels.

Title: Sandhill Crane Harvest Survey.

Approval Number: 1018-0023.

Service Form Number(s): 3-530, 3-530A, 3-2056N.

Frequency of Collection: Annually.

Description of Respondents: Individuals and households.

Number of Respondents: About 6,500 hunters will respond to the Sandhill Crane Harvest Survey annually.

Total Annual Burden Hours: The reporting burden is estimated to average 5 minutes per respondent. Total annual burden is 540 hours.

We invite comments concerning this renewal on: (1) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of our migratory bird management 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)).

Dated: November 6, 2002.

Anissa Craghead,

Information Collection Officer, Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

RIN 1018-A156

Fiscal Year 2002 Private Stewardship Grants Program; Proposal Due Date Extension

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice; extension of the due date.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce a due-date extension for submission of project proposals for Federal assistance under the fiscal year 2002 Private Stewardship Grants Program (PSGP). Project proposals must now be submitted to the appropriate Service Regional Office by January 15, 2003.

DATES: Project proposals must be received by the appropriate Regional Office (see Table 1 in **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**) no later than January 15, 2003.

ADDRESSES: For additional information contact the Service's Regional Office that has the responsibility for the State or Territory in which the proposed project would occur. The contact information for each Regional Office is listed in Table 1 under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** below. Information on the PSGP is also available from the Branch of Recovery and State Grants, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Room 420, Arlington, VA 22203 or electronically at http://endangered.fws.gov/grants/private_stewardship.html or e-mail: Privatestewardship@fws.gov.

To submit a project proposal send your project proposals to the Service's Regional Office that has the responsibility for the State or Territory in which the proposed project would occur (see Table 1 under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**). You must submit one original and two copies of the complete proposal. We will not accept facsimile project proposals.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Program Contact in the appropriate Regional Office identified in Table 1 under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** or Martin Miller, Chief, Branch of

Recovery and State Grants (703/358–2061).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On October 1, 2002, we published in the **Federal Register** (67 FR 61649) a notice announcing the final implementation guidelines and requesting proposals for the fiscal year 2002 Private Stewardship Grants Program. In that notice, we stated that project proposals must be received by the appropriate Regional Office by no later than December 2, 2002. In order to provide the public with additional time to become familiar with the program

requirements and prepare proposals for this new program, we are now extending the due date for submission of project proposals under this program to January 15, 2003.

How To Apply for a PSGP Grant

You must follow the instructions in the October 1, 2002, **Federal Register** (67 FR 61649) document in order to apply for financial assistance under the PSGP. For a description of the information that must be included in a project proposal, please see “The PSGP Project Proposal” section in the October 1, 2002, **Federal Register** document. Your project proposal should not be

bound in any manner and must be printed on one side only. You must submit one signed original and two signed copies of your project proposal (including supporting information). Your unbound (a binder clip is allowed) project proposal must now be received by the appropriate Regional Office listed in Table 1 by January 15, 2003. We encourage you to contact the Regional contact person listed in Table 1 prior to submitting a project proposal should you have questions regarding what information must be submitted with the project proposal. An incomplete proposal will not be considered for funding.

TABLE 1.—WHERE TO SEND PROJECT PROPOSALS AND LIST OF REGIONAL CONTACTS

Service region	States or territory where the project will occur	Where to send your PSGP project proposal	Regional PSGP contact and phone no.
Region 1	Hawaii, Idaho, Oregon, Washington, American Samoa, Guam, and Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.	Regional Director U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Eastside Federal Complex 911 N.E. 11th Avenue Portland, OR 97232–4181.	Heather Hollis (503/231–6241).
Region 1	California and Nevada	Office Manager U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Federal Building, 2800 Cottage Way, Room W-2606 Sacramento, CA 95825–1846.	Miel Corbett (916/414–6464).
Region 2	Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas.	Regional Director U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 500 Gold Avenue SW., Room 4012 Albuquerque, NM 87102.	Susan MacMullin (505/248–6671).
Region 3	Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, and Wisconsin.	Regional Director U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Bishop Henry Whipple Federal Building One Federal Drive Fort Snelling, MN 55111–4056.	Peter Fasbender (612/713–5343).
Region 4	Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.	Regional Director U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 1875 Century Boulevard, Suite 200 Atlanta, GA 30345.	Noreen Walsh (404/679–7085).
Region 5	Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, and West Virginia.	Regional Director U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 300 Westgate Center Drive Hadley, MA 01035–9589.	Diane Lynch (413/253–8628).
Region 6	Colorado, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming.	Regional Director U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service P.O. Box 25486 Denver Federal Center Denver, CO 80225–0486.	Pat Mehlhop (303/236–7400 ext. 225).
Region 7	Alaska	Regional Director U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 1011 East Tudor Road, Anchorage, AK 99503–6199.	Susan Detwiler (907/786–3868).

Authority

This notice is published under the authority of the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2002, H.R. 2217/ Public Law 107-63.

Dated: October 31, 2002.

Paul Hoffman,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management**

[(OR-120-5101 ER-H019) (2-0200)]

Notice of Availability for the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) on a Proposed Natural Gas Pipeline Right-of-Way

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management (BLM), DOI.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Coos Bay District, directed the preparation of an EIS by Biological Information Specialists, Inc., a third party contractor, on the impacts of a proposed natural gas pipeline from near Roseburg in Douglas County, Oregon, to Coos Bay in Coos County, Oregon. BLM received a right-of-way application from the Coos County Board of Commissioners, under Section 501 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of October 21, 1976, (43 U.S.C. 1737) on May 17, 2000. The proposed pipeline will cross approximately 60 miles of public and private lands in Coos and Douglas Counties, Oregon. This notice initiates the public review process on the FEIS. The public is invited to review and comment on the range and adequacy of the alternatives and associated environmental effects.

DATES: The FEIS will be distributed and made available to the public approximately November 19, 2002, for a 30-day review period. Copies of the FEIS will be mailed to individuals, agencies, or companies who previously requested copies or who responded to the Bureau of Land Management on the Draft EIS. No decisions on the proposed action shall be made until at least 30 days after publication of a Notice of Availability by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to Bob Gunther, Project

Coordinator, Coos Bay District, BLM, 1300 Airport Lane, North Bend, OR 97459. Documents pertinent to this proposal may be examined at the Coos Bay District Office in North Bend, Oregon and local libraries. The FEIS will also be available electronically at the BLM Coos Bay District Web site (<http://www.or.blm.gov/coosbay>) and the Coos County web site (<http://www.co.coos.or.us>). Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the Coos Bay District Office during regular business hours 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or street address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations and businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be available for public inspection in their entirety.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bob Gunther, Project Coordinator, at address above or telephone (541-751-4295), fax: 541-751-4303, or e-mail comments to the attention of Bob_Gunther@or.blm.gov. For Technical Information contained in the EIS contact Melanie Little, Biologist, Biological Information Specialists, Inc., P.O. Box 27, Camas Valley, Oregon 97416, Telephone: (541) 445-2008.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Coos County Board of Commissioners has applied for a right-of-way proposing to contract construction of a 12-inch natural gas transmission pipeline to be buried within the existing rights-of-ways of the Pacific Corp. (PP&L) and Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) electric transmission lines, and within the existing roadbed of the Coos Bay Wagon Road. The total length of the pipeline is approximately 60 miles, with approximately 3.0 miles located on lands administered by the BLM. The proposed pipeline would connect to the Williams Gas Pipeline at a meter facility southwest of Roseburg, in or near Section 33 Township 27 South, Range 6 West in Douglas County and would terminate at Ocean Boulevard in the city of Coos Bay (Section 27 Township 25 South, Range 13 West).

The natural gas transmission pipeline will deliver gas to distribution facilities built by Northwest Natural Gas in the communities of Coos Bay and North

Bend. Smaller 6-inch or 4-inch laterals will be built off the mainline to serve the cities of Coquille, Myrtle Point, and perhaps Bandon at a later date. The location of the laterals has not been finalized, but they are anticipated to follow the location of existing powerline, State highway, or railroad rights-of-way. Locations of the distribution lines within the city limits are not known at this time, but are anticipated to be located within existing road rights-of-way.

The proposed pipeline will fall under the jurisdiction of U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), as a natural gas transmission pipeline. It will be built and operated to all current specifications in 49 CFR Part 192 (Natural Gas Pipelines) and other relevant sections. The Oregon Public Utility Commission will administer DOT Pipeline Safety regulations for this pipeline.

The proposed pipeline will be designed with the appropriate design safety factors. The mainline is proposed as a welded steel pipeline with a Maximum Allowable Operating Pressure (MAOP) of 1,000 pounds per square inch (psi). The finished pipeline will be pressure tested to at least 150% of MAOP, to detect leakage or failure.

All construction will be done during daylight hours. Mainline construction will take about 6 months. Applicant plans to construct in the relatively dry summer months of April through October.

Pipeline construction will require a working space up to 60 feet wide. DOT requires a minimum of 30" of cover in normal soils, 18" in consolidated rock, 36" under roads. The pipe will be installed to a target depth of 48" to top of pipe. Some grading will be required to install the pipe, but shall be substantially restored to original grade before revegetation. All earth disturbance operations shall be subject to an erosion control plan to comply with U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) guidelines.

In sections along electrical transmission lines, the contractor shall be required to have and follow a plan to continuously ground the pipe, to protect workers from shock from induced currents.

Coos County plans to contract pipeline operations with an experienced pipeline operator. The County and its operator are required under DOT to formulate and use an Operations and Maintenance Plan specifically for this pipeline. The Operations and Maintenance Plan will include an Emergency Plan for specific procedures