

factors to this species and to develop additional specific recovery criteria.

The recovery strategy will initially focus on learning more about the species' status and ecology, including documenting known locations and characterizing these habitats. Population goals are not identified, but are acknowledged as key to recovery. Current efforts include development of models and additional research that will generate these spatially explicit population goals.

Recovery Objectives: The recovery plan identifies actions needed to achieve long-term viability for the Ivory-billed woodpecker and focuses on these goals:

1. Management to reduce risks to the existing population,
2. Protection and enhancement of suitable habitat, and;
3. Actions to reduce or eliminate threats sufficient to allow restoration of additional wild populations.

The emphasis for recovery will be on the distribution of additional viable populations in the historic range of the species. Discovery, documentation, and subsequent management of additional populations meet scientifically accepted goals for the promotion of viable populations of listed species.

Recovery Criteria:

1. Determine current habitat use and needs of existing populations.
2. Survey potential habitats for new occurrences.
3. Conserve and enhance habitat on public land. Add additional acreage to public habitat inventory via land acquisition from willing sellers.
4. Conserve and enhance habitat on private lands through the use of agreements, conservation easements, habitat conservation plans, and public outreach to facilitate appropriate management actions.
5. Determine viability of existing populations (numbers, breeding success, population genetics, and ecology).
6. Determine the number and geographic distribution of subpopulations needed for a self-sustaining metapopulation and evaluate suitable habitat for species reintroduction.

At present there is limited information on the current population abundance, distribution, habitat requirements, and biology. More specific, quantifiable criteria for downlisting and delisting this species will be developed as additional knowledge concerning these critical attributes is acquired.

Public Comments Solicited

We solicit written comments on the recovery plan described. We will

consider all comments received by the date specified in **DATES** section prior to a decision on final approval of the revised recovery plan.

Our practice is to make all 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 allowable by law. In some circumstances, we would withhold also from the record a respondent's identity, as allowable by law. If you wish for us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. However, we will not consider anonymous comments. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

Authority

The authority for this action is section 4(f) of the Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. 1533(f).

Dated: April 10, 2007.

Cynthia K. Dohner,

Acting Regional Director, Southeast Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of extension of an information collection (1028-0056).

SUMMARY: To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), USGS is inviting comments on a collection of information that we will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. The information collection request (ICR) concerns the paperwork requirements in the Performance Measures Data, North American Reporting Center for Amphibian Malformations (NARCAM).

DATES: Submit written comments by October 22, 2007.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods listed below. Please use the Information Collection Number 1028-0056 as an identifier in your message.

- E-mail USGS at atravnic@usgs.gov. Identify with Information Collection Number 1028-0056 in the subject line.

- Fax: 703-787-7069. Identify with Information Collection Number 1028-0056.

- Mail or hand-carry comments to the Department of the Interior; U.S.

Geological Survey; Attention: Alfred Travnicsek; 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, MS-807; Reston, Virginia 20192. Please reference "Information Collection 1028-0056" in your comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Alfred Travnicsek, Clearance Officer for Information Collections, at (703) 648-7231.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: North American Reporting Center for Amphibian Malformations (NARCAM) Data Collection Form.

OMB Control Number: 1028-0056.

Abstract: Beginning in 1997, the U.S. Geological Survey has collected voluntary submissions from the research and monitoring community, as well as private citizens, of observational data regarding amphibian malformations. Reports are submitted through the World Wide Web to the USGS National Biological Information Infrastructure (NBII) program, which manages the North American Reporting Center for Amphibian Malformations (NARCAM). Each malformation occurrence submitted through the online NARCAM reporting form is carefully reviewed by trained professional herpetologists for quality and accuracy. Data associated with the validated reports, including species, malformation type, and geospatial information, are made accessible to the public via the NARCAM Web site. Information may be used by scientists and resource managers within Federal, State, and local agencies, as well as the general public, to identify areas where malformed amphibians have been reported, and the rates of occurrence. The NARCAM dataset is the only publicly available, national dataset on amphibian malformations.

We will be requesting OMB approval for an extension of the NARCAM data collection efforts.

We will protect information from respondents considered private under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and its implementing regulations (43 CFR part 2) and under regulations at 30 CFR 250.197, "Data and information to be made available to

the public or for limited inspection.” Contact information for individual reporters is collected, but only for purposes of quality control/quality assurance questions regarding the report. Responses are voluntary. We intend to release data collected on the National Biological Information Infrastructure Web site <http://www.nbio.gov>, but all personal data about the reporter—name, address, phone number, and/or e-mail address—are removed from the publicly accessible database. The database complies with all Department of the Interior requirements and policies for security and data integrity.

Frequency: The frequency is once, unless the reporter voluntarily submits more than one observation.

Estimated Number and Description of Respondents: Approximately 50–100 public citizens annually.

Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping “Hour” Burden: The currently approved “hour” burden for the NARCAM data collection form is 150 hours. We estimate the public reporting burden averages 30 minutes per response. This includes the time for reviewing instructions, and completing and reviewing the information. Because many individuals submit more than one malformation report during a single online session, some respondents will exceed the average of 30 minutes per reporting session. The approved “hour” burden of 150 hours is calculated based upon the total number of average annual malformation reports, and not the average number of citizens submitting a report.

Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping “Non-Hour Cost” Burden: We have identified no “non-hour cost” burden associated with the NARCAM form.

Public Disclosure Statement: The PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*) provides that an agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. Until OMB approves a collection of information, you are not obligated to respond.

Comments: Before submitting an ICR to OMB, PRA section 3506(c)(2)(A) requires each agency “* * * to provide notice * * * and otherwise consult with members of the public and affected agencies concerning each proposed collection of information * * *”.

Agencies must specifically solicit comments to: (a) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the agency to perform its duties, including whether the information is useful; (b) evaluate the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the

burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) minimize the burden on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Agencies must also estimate the “non-hour cost” burdens to respondents or recordkeepers resulting from the collection of information. Therefore, if you have costs to generate, maintain, and disclose this information, you should comment and provide your total capital and startup cost components or annual operation, maintenance, and purchase of service components. You should describe the methods you use to estimate major cost factors, including system and technology acquisition, expected useful life of capital equipment, discount rate(s), and the period over which you incur costs. Capital and startup costs include, among other items, computers and software you purchase to prepare for collecting information, monitoring, and record storage facilities. You should not include estimates for equipment or services purchased: (i) Before October 1, 1995; (ii) to comply with requirements not associated with the information collection; (iii) for reasons other than to provide information or keep records for the Government; or (iv) as part of customary and usual business or private practices.

We will summarize written responses to this notice and address them in our submission for OMB approval. As a result of your comments, we will make any necessary adjustments to the burden in our submission to OMB.

Public Comment Policy: 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.

USGS Information Collection Clearance Office: Alfred Travnicek (703) 648–7231.

Dated: August 17, 2007.

Susan D. Haseltine,

Associate Director for Biology, U.S. Geological Survey.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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 (SESC) will hold its 16th meeting. The meeting location is the Paso Robles Inn, 1103 Spring Street, Paso Robles, California 93446. 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 receive updates and provide guidance on Earthquake Hazards Program activities and the status of teams supported by the Program, as well as a report from the Advanced National Seismic System steering committee.

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

DATES: September 5, 2007, commencing at 8:30 a.m. and adjourning at 5 p.m.

Contact: Dr. William S. Leith, U.S. Geological Survey, MS 905, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia 20192, (703) 648–6786, wleith@usgs.gov.

Dated: August 14, 2007.

David Applegate,

Acting Associate Director for Geology.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of closure; emergency/safety, Idaho

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of closure—emergency/safety, Idaho.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management, in coordination with the Salmon-Challis National Forest, has closed the Darling Creek road and associated connecting roads and trails while the agencies fight the Shower Bath Fire, approximately 10 miles north of Challis, Idaho.