

determine competition winners, i.e., those technical assistance (TA) providers best able to offer local jurisdictions an ability to shape their CPD resources and other available resources into effective, coordinated, neighborhood and community development strategies to revitalize and to physically, socially and economically strengthen their communities. The application for the competition requires the completion of Standard Forms 424, 424 Supplemental, LLL (if engaged in lobbying), as well as supplementary information such as identification of field offices to be served and amounts of funds requested for each field office, a narrative statement addressing the factors for award, and a budget summary. After awards are made, providers are required to submit a workplan which includes a planned schedule for accomplishing each of the planned activities/tasks to be accomplished with TA funds, the amount of funds budgeted for each

activity/task and the staff and other resources allocated to each activity/task. Narrative quarterly reports are required so that the provider's performance can be evaluated and measured against the workplan. Quarterly reports also require the submission of the SF-269A, a financial report and final SF-269A are also required.

*Agency Form Numbers (if applicable):* SF-424, SF-424 Supplemental, and SF-LLL.

*Members of Affected Public:* For-profit and non-profit organizations or State and local governments equipped to provide technical assistance to recipients of CPD programs.

*Estimation of the total number of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response.*

*Status of the proposed information collection:* The FY 2006 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for technical assistance providers for CPD

programs elicited 286 responses. The Department estimates that each application required an average of 60 hours to prepare an application. Each year approximately 50 applicants are chosen for awards. Winners of the competition are required to develop a workplan, requiring approximately 20 hours, submit quarterly reports needing approximately six hours each (including a final report) and perform recordkeeping to include submission of vouchers for reimbursement, estimated at 12 hours annually. Because these actions are undertaken for each field office in which the applicant wins funds, the numbers reflect more than the base number of winners.

Approximately 179 workplans were developed as a result of the FY 2006 competition and each requires quarterly reports and recordkeeping. The specific numbers are as follows:

*Frequency of Submission:* On occasion, quarterly.

*Reporting Burden:*

	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent frequency	×	Hours per response	=	Total hours
Applications .....	286	1		60		17,160
Workplan Development .....	179	1		20		3,580
Quarterly Reports (including final) .....	179	4		6		4,296
Recordkeeping .....	179	12		2		4,296

*Total Estimated Burden Hours:* 29,332.

*Status of the proposed information collection:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

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

Dated: November 21, 2007.

**Nelson R. Bregón,**

*General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Fish and Wildlife Service**

**Proposed Information Collection; OMB Control Number 1018-0102, Special Use Permit Applications on National Wildlife Refuges Outside Alaska**

**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. This IC is scheduled to expire on January 31, 2008. 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 January 28, 2008.

**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); or (703) 358-2269 (fax).

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Abstract**

The National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 that amends the National Wildlife Refuge Administration Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 668dd-668ee) requires that we authorize economic privileges on any national wildlife refuge by permit only when the activity will be compatible with and contribute to refuge purposes (50 CFR 29.21). We make provision in our general refuge regulations for public entry for specialized purposes, including economic activities such as the operation of guiding and other visitor services on refuges by concessionaires or cooperators under the appropriate legal instrument or special use permits (50 CFR 25.41, 25.61, 26.36, 27.71, 27.91, 27.97, 29.1, 29.2, 30.11, 31.2, 31.13, 31.14, 31.16, and 43 CFR 5). These regulations provide the authorities and procedures for allowing permits on refuges outside of Alaska.

We will provide the permit applications as requested by interested citizens. Information that we collect helps us to:

(1) Determine if requested activities are compatible and appropriate with the

purpose for which the refuge was established.

(2) Ensure that the applicant is eligible for the permit.

We will issue special use permits for a specific period as determined by the type and location of the use or visitor service provided. These permits authorize activities such as:

- (1) Farming operations (hay and grazing, 50 CFR 29.2).
- (2) Beneficial management tools that we use to provide the best habitat possible on some refuges (50 CFR 30.11, 31.14, 31.16).
- (3) Recreational visitor service operations (50 CFR 25.41 and 25.61).
- (4) Commercial filming (50 CFR 27.71) other commercial activities (50 CFR 29.1).
- (5) Research, and other noncommercial activities (50 CFR 26.36).

**II. Data**

*OMB Control Number:* 1018-0102.

*Title:* Special Use Permit Applications on National Wildlife Refuges Outside Alaska, 50 CFR 25.41, 25.61, 26.36, 27.71, 27.91, 27.97, 29.1, 29.2, 30.11, 31.2, 31.13, 31.14, 31.16, and 43 CFR 5.

*Service Form Number(s):* 3-1383.

*Type of Request:* Revision of existing collection.

*Affected Public:* Individuals and households; business and other for-profit organizations; nonprofit institutions; farms; and State, local, or tribal governments.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Required to obtain or retain a benefit.

*Frequency of Collection:* On occasion.

*Estimated Annual Number of Respondents:* 14,500.

*Estimated Total Annual Responses:* 14,500.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 1 hour.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 14,500.

**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 and/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: November 14, 2007

**Hope Grey,**

*Information Collection Clearance Officer, Fish and Wildlife Service.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Fish and Wildlife Service**

**Information Collection Sent to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Approval; OMB Control Number 1018-0095; Endangered and Threatened Wildlife, Experimental Populations**

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** We (Fish and Wildlife Service) have sent an Information Collection Request (ICR) to OMB for review and approval. The ICR, which is summarized below, describes the nature of the collection and the estimated burden and cost. This ICR is scheduled to expire on November 30, 2007. 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. However, under OMB regulations, we may continue to conduct or sponsor this information collection while it is pending at OMB.

**DATES:** You must submit comments on or before December 28, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** Send your comments and suggestions on this ICR to the Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior at OMB-OIRA at (202) 395-6566 (fax) or OIRA\_DOCKET@OMB.eop.gov (e-mail). Please provide a copy of your comments to Hope Grey, Information Collection Clearance Officer, Fish and Wildlife Service, MS 222-ARLSQ, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22203 (mail); (703) 358-2269 (fax); or hope\_grey@fws.gov (e-mail).

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*OMB Control Number:* 1018-0095.

*Title:* Endangered and Threatened Wildlife, Experimental Populations, 50 CFR 17.84 and 17.85.

*Service Form Number(s):* None.

*Type of Request:* Extension of currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Individuals and households, private sector, and State/local/tribal governments.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*Frequency of Collection:* On occasion.

Activity	Number of annual respondents	Number of annual responses	Completion time per response	Annual burden hours
Notification—general take or removal .....	25	25	15 minutes .....	6
Notification—depredation-related take .....	22	22	15 minutes .....	6
Notification—specimen collection .....	25	25	15 minutes .....	6
Totals .....	72	72	.....	18

*Abstract:* Section 10(j) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA), as amended, (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to establish experimental populations of endangered or threatened species.

Because individuals of experimental populations are categorically protected under the ESA, the information we collect is important for monitoring the success of reintroduction efforts and recovery efforts in general. Information

collection requirements for experimental populations of endangered and threatened species are in 50 CFR 17.84. We collect three categories of information: