

lands of the Ute Indian Tribe along the Duchesne River in Utah as partial mitigation for these Bonneville Unit impacts. The LDWP has been planned in conjunction with the Ute Indian Tribe and is intended to fulfill a long-standing commitment to mitigate for impacts to Ute Indian tribal wetland-wildlife resources and to provide additional wetland/wildlife benefits to the Ute Indian Tribe.

Notice of Intent to initiate public scoping and prepare a Draft EIS was published in the **Federal Register** on April 25, 2001 (66 FR 20827). Scoping was accomplished by means of three public meetings convened in Ft. Duchesne, Roosevelt and Salt Lake City, Utah in May 2003. The DEIS was filed with the EPA by the Joint Lead Agencies on November 17, 2003. Notice of Availability of the DEIS was announced in the **Federal Register** on November 24, 2003 (68 FR 65943). Three public meetings were held in Ft. Duchesne, Roosevelt and Salt Lake City, Utah in December 2003, to receive public comment on the DEIS. Comments received during the public comment period from November 17, 2003 to February 17, 2004, were considered during preparation of the FEIS.

Publication of a Record of Decision for the LDWP will occur no sooner than 30 days from the date of this notice.

**Proposed Action**—Approximately 4,807 acres of land composed of 3,215 acres of Ute Indian Tribal trust lands, and 1,592 acres of fee lands to be acquired by the Federal Government, would be acquired and/or developed into cohesive wetlands management units. A portion of the water currently managed by the Bureau of Indian Affairs for the Ute Indian Tribe under the existing Uinta Indian Irrigation Project would be utilized, along with water that may be acquired with fee land acquisitions, to create, restore and enhance wetlands throughout the project area. Lands acquired in fee title

(except lands acquired by eminent domain) would be transferred to the Ute Indian Tribe. All project lands (dedicated tribal and acquired lands) would be managed for project purposes by the Ute Indian Tribe under management agreements with the Joint Lead Agencies to achieve the prescribed wetlands-associated fish and wildlife benefits, and for other wetland/wildlife-related tribal benefits.

**Alternatives**—Two action alternatives were developed and evaluated. The alternatives included in the FEIS are similar to the Proposed Action, differing only in the acreage amounts and locations.

**No Action**—No lands or waters would be acquired or managed for wetland habitat improvements or tribal benefits. This Central Utah Project, Bonneville Unit mitigation commitment to the Ute Indian Tribe would remain unfulfilled. The Commission would undertake additional planning to develop an acceptable alternative means to complete this mitigation commitment.

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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 No. 1018-0123; International Conservation Grant Programs**

**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. This ICR revises OMB Control No. 1018-0123 to include our new Wildlife Without Borders Africa Grant Program. The ICR, which is summarized below, describes the nature of the collection and the estimated burden and cost. 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 May 12, 2008.

**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:* 1018-0123.  
*Title:* International Conservation Grant Programs.

*Service Form Number(s):* 3-2338.

*Type of Request:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Domestic and nondomestic Federal, State, and local governments; nonprofit, nongovernmental organizations; public and private institutions of higher education; and any other organization or individual with demonstrated experience deemed necessary to carry out the proposed project.

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

*Frequency of Collection:* Annually.

Activity	Number of annual respondents	Number of annual responses	Completion time per response	Annual burden hours
Grant Application (cover page and narrative) .....	539*	539	12 hours .....	6,468
Report (mid-term and final) .....	126*	252	30 hours .....	7,560
Totals .....	665	791	.....	14,028

\*Of the 539 applicants, we estimate that 137 will be domestic and 402 will be nondomestic. Of the 126 grantees submitting reports, we estimate that 32 will be domestic and 94 will be nondomestic.

**Abstract:** The Division of International Conservation awards grants funded under the:

- (1) African Elephant Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 4201-4245).
- (2) Asian Elephant Conservation Act of 1997 (16 U.S.C. 4261).

- (3) Great Apes Conservation Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-411).

- (4) Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act of 1994 (16 U.S.C. 5306).

- (5) Marine Turtle Conservation Act (Pub. L. 108-266).

(6) Wildlife Without Borders Programs - Mexico, Latin America and the Caribbean, and Russia.

OMB has approved the information collection associated with the above grants and assigned control number 1018-0123. We have asked OMB to approve our proposed information collection associated with the Africa Grant Program, which will be our newest area of focus under the Wildlife Without Borders programs.

Africa's magnificent wildlife resources are under increasing pressure from human activities. The proposed Africa grant initiative aims to provide training opportunities for African conservationists, educators, and policymakers to strengthen wildlife management in and around protected areas. For the purpose of this fund, protected areas are defined as sites that are publicly or privately owned with recognized legal status accorded by national, provincial, or local government, containing primarily unmodified natural systems managed for long-term protection. Examples include: national parks, forest reserves, buffer zones, community reserves, and privately held land conservancies. Of particular interest are projects that provide training to:

(1) Raise capacity in and around protected areas to mitigate the impact of extractive industries, climate change, human /wildlife conflict, illegal trade in bushmeat, and/or wildlife disease.

(2) Strengthen the administrative capacity (human resource management, financial management, vehicle and facility maintenance, grant writing and project implementation, community outreach and education, conflict resolution, and coalition building) of protected areas.

(3) Strengthen university, college, and other conservation training programs that address protected area management.

(4) Strengthen decisionmakers' knowledge of concepts relevant to protected area legislation, policy, and finance and the importance of harmonizing these with other national sectoral policies.

By providing wildlife professionals with opportunities for training, we can help empower a generation of local people to address key conservation issues such as the threat to wildlife from extractive industries, illegal hunting, human/wildlife conflict, and wildlife disease.

Applicants submit proposals for funding in response to Notices of Funding Availability that we will publish on Grants.gov. We plan to collect the following information:

(1) Cover page with basic project details (FWS Form 3-2338).

(2) Project summary and narrative.

(3) Letter of appropriate government endorsement.

(4) Brief curricula vitae for key project personnel.

(5) Complete Standard Forms 424 and 424b (nondomestic applicants do not submit the standard forms).

Proposals may also include, as appropriate, a copy of the organization's Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (NIRCA) and any additional documentation supporting the proposed project.

The project summary and narrative are the basis for this information collection request for approval. A panel of technical experts reviews each proposal to assess how well the project addresses the priorities identified by each program's authorizing legislation. As all of the on-the-ground projects funded by this program will be conducted outside the United States, the letter of appropriate government endorsement ensures that the proposed activities will not meet with local resistance or work in opposition to locally identified priorities and needs. Brief curricula vitae for key project personnel allow the review panel to assess the qualifications of project staff to effectively carry out the project goals and objectives. As all Federal entities must honor the indirect cost rates an organization has negotiated with its cognizant agency, we require all organizations with a NICRA to submit the agreement paperwork with their proposals to verify how their rate is applied in their proposed budget. Applicants may provide any additional documentation that they believe best supports their proposal.

*Comments:* On October 30, 2007, we published in the Federal Register (72 FR 61363) a notice of our intent to request that OMB approve our proposed collection of information for the African Grant Program. In that notice, we solicited comments for 60 days, ending on December 31, 2007. We did not receive any comments in response to that notice.

We again invite comments concerning this information collection 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. 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 OMB in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that it will be done.

Dated: February 12, 2008

**Hope Grey,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

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#### **Draft Safe Harbor Agreement and Application for an Enhancement of Survival Permit for the Beautiful Shiner, Chiricahua Leopard Frog, Huachuca Water Umbel, Yaqui Catfish, Yaqui Chub, and Yaqui Topminnow in Cochise County, Arizona**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability; receipt of application.

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**SUMMARY:** Alys F. Bennett, 99 Bar Ranch Limited Liability Limited Partnership, and Mr. Josiah and Mrs. Valer Austin, owners of the Bar Boot Ranch (Applicants), have applied to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) for an enhancement of survival permit (TE-160629-0) pursuant to Section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act (Act), as amended. The requested permit, which is for a period of 50 years, would authorize incidental take of the threatened beautiful shiner (*Cyprinella formosa*), threatened Chiricahua leopard frog (*Rana chiricahuensis*), endangered Huachuca water umbel (*Lilaeopsis schaffneriana* var. *recurva*), threatened Yaqui catfish (*Ictalurus pricei*), endangered Yaqui chub (*Gila purpurea*), and endangered Yaqui topminnow (*Poeciliopsis occidentalis sonoricensis*) as a result of conservation actions, on-going livestock operations, recreation, land treatments, and other existing land-