

particularly sea level rise, would be initiated.

Under this alternative, the plan anticipates shifts in the Visitor Services' Program if visitation and public use increase. Positions are proposed to add another refuge ranger position to coordinate and enhance volunteerism and to foster relationships with the refuges' friends group and other partners for environmental education and outreach programs.

Resource protection and visitor safety would be greatly enhanced through this alternative, with the addition of two new law enforcement officers. This would allow for more patrol and enforcement of closed areas and for more protection of sensitive areas, especially of Wilderness areas or cultural resource sites. A cultural resources' inventory would be conducted.

The operation of the refuges for meeting their goals and purposes would be more optimally realized under this alternative. Implementation of the plan, including details of refuge operations, would also occur through the development of eleven step-down management plans. New staffing is proposed through the addition of seven permanent full-time staff. These positions are in addition to the six full-time positions proposed in Alternative B, for a total of thirteen full-time positions with Alternative C. New maintenance and staff housing facilities are proposed along with new vehicles and boats to accommodate the staffing increases.

Next Step

After the comment period ends, we will analyze the comments and address them in the form of a final CCP and a Finding of No Significant Impact.

Public Availability of Comments

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.

Authority: This notice is published under the authority of the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997, Public Law 105-57.

Dated: April 8, 2008.

Cynthia K. Dohner,

Acting Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submitted for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Review; Comment Request

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

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), we are notifying the public that we have submitted to OMB an information collection request (ICR) to renew approval of the paperwork requirements for the "North American Breeding Bird Survey." This notice also provides the public a second opportunity to comment on the paperwork burden of this collection.

DATES: Submit written comments by June 23, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Please submit comments on this information collection directly to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior via e-mail: (OIRA_DOCKET@omb.eop.gov); or by fax (202) 395-6566; and identify your submission with #1028-0079.

Please also submit a copy of your comments to the Department of the Interior, USGS, via:

- *E-mail:* atravnic@usgs.gov. Use OMB Control Number 1028-0079 in the subject line.
- *Fax:* (703) 648-7069. Use OMB Control Number 1028-0079 in the subject line.
- Mail or hand-carry comments to the Department of the Interior; USGS Clearance Officer, U.S. Geological Survey, 807 National Center, Reston, VA 20192. Please reference OMB Control Number 1028-0079 in your comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Keith Pardieck at (301) 497-5843. Copies of the full Information Collection Request and the form can be obtained at no cost at <http://www.reginfo.gov> or by contacting the USGS clearance officer at the phone number listed below.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: North American Breeding Bird Survey (BBS).

OMB Control Number: 1028-0079.

Bureau Form Number: None.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The BBS is a long-term, large-scale avian monitoring program to track the status and trends of North American bird population. Volunteers conduct avian point counts once per year during the breeding season (primarily June). Volunteers skilled in avian identification listen for 3 minutes at 50 stops along the route recording all birds seen or heard. Data are submitted electronically via the Internet or on hard copy. These data are used to estimate population trends and abundances at various geographic scales and assist with documenting species distribution.

Frequency: Annually.

Estimated Number and Description of Respondents: Approximately 2,500 volunteer respondents per year.

Estimated Number of Responses: 2,500.

Annual burden hours: 27,500.

Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping "Hour" Burden: We estimate the public reporting burden averages 11 hours per response. This includes the time for driving to/from the survey route locations and scouting route, 50 3-minute data collection periods (one at each sampling station along the route), data submission, and data verification.

Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping "Non-Hour Cost" Burden: We estimate the total "nonhour" cost burden to be \$126,250. This total includes costs of mileage for conducting the surveys.

Public Disclosure Statement: The PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*) provides that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and you are not required to respond to, 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) (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*) 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.

To comply with the public consultation process, on March 19, 2008, we published a Federal Register notice (73 FR 14832) announcing that we would submit this ICR to OMB for approval. The notice provided the required 60-day public comment period, which ended May 19, 2008. We received one comment. The commenter suggested that annual data collection was unnecessary and advocated estimating population size from year to year based upon the assumption that populations are declining 10 percent per year. Additional statements were not specifically relevant to the information collection requirements.

Response: Established in 1966, the BBS program has provided scientifically rigorous national estimates of relative abundance and population trends for hundreds of bird species for over four decades. The information collected by the BBS is central to nongame avian conservation and management efforts in North America, informing science-based avian conservation and management actions by Federal and State agencies and private entities. Analyses of BBS data have identified that not all bird species are declining. In fact, over 40 percent of the bird populations monitored by the BBS are increasing or are stable in numbers. Those that are decreasing are not necessarily decreasing throughout their entire ranges or by as much as 10 percent per year. Thus, through collection of actual population data annually, the BBS is able to identify species in areas most in need of intensive research and management efforts, allowing for efficient targeted use of Federal funds for species conservation and management efforts. The BBS also acts as an early warning system, identifying declining species long before they reach critically low levels. Finally, BBS data are collected by USGS volunteers highly skilled in avian identification making the BBS extremely cost-effective.

USGS Information Collection Clearance Officer: Alfred Travnicek, 703-648-7231.

Dated: May 20, 2008.

Susan D. Haseltine,

Associate Director for Biology.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Land Acquisitions; Oneida Indian Nation of New York

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Final Agency Determination to Take Land into Trust under 25 U.S.C. 465 and 25 CFR part 151.

SUMMARY: The Deputy Secretary and the Associate Deputy Secretary made a final agency determination to acquire approximately 13,003.89 acres in trust for the Oneida Indian Nation of New York. This notice is published in the exercise of authority delegated by the Secretary of the Interior to the Deputy Secretary by 209 Departmental Manual 2.1 and delegated by the Deputy Secretary to the Associate Deputy Secretary under authority of Section 2 of Reorganization Plan No. 3 of 1950 (64 Stat. 2162), as amended.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James T. Kardatzke, PhD, Branch Manager, Natural Resources, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Eastern Regional Office, 545 Marriott Drive, Suite 700, Nashville, TN 37214; Telephone (615) 564-6830.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published to comply with the requirement of 25 CFR 151.12(b) that notice be given to the public of the decision by the authorized representative of the Secretary of the Interior to acquire land in trust at least 30 days prior to signatory acceptance of the land into trust. The purpose of the 30-day waiting period is to afford interested parties the opportunity to seek judicial review of final administrative decisions to take land into trust for Indian tribes and individuals before transfer of title to the property occurs. On May 19, 2008, the Deputy Secretary and the Associate Deputy Secretary issued a Record of Decision documenting the Department's final determination to accept approximately 13,003.89 acres into trust for the Oneida Indian Nation of New York under authority of Section 5 of the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, 25 U.S.C. 465. Title to the 13,003.89 acres, described below by the parcel identification numbers assigned by the Oneida Indian Nation of New York and by the tax lot identification numbers assigned by the counties in which the lands are located, shall be acquired in the name of the United States in trust for the Oneida Indian Nation of New York no sooner than 30 days after the date of this notice.

ONEIDA COUNTY, NY

Table with 2 columns: Oneida Nation Parcel No. and Oneida County Tax Lot No. Rows 8-103 listing parcel and tax lot numbers.