

and Wildlife Act of 1956. In 1990, we established Pocosin Lakes National Wildlife Refuge, making Pungo Refuge a unit of Pocosin Lakes Refuge. The refuge now consists of 110,106 acres. We named the refuge for the pocosin habitat that dominates the landscape and for the lakes that occur within the pocosin.

We announce our decision and the availability of the final CCP and FONSI for Pocosin Lakes National Wildlife Refuge in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (40 CFR 1506.6(b)) requirements. We completed a thorough analysis of impacts on the human environment, which we included in the draft comprehensive conservation plan and environmental assessment (Draft CCP/EA). The CCP will guide us in managing and administering Pocosin Lakes Refuge for the next 15 years.

The compatibility determinations for hunting; fishing; wildlife observation and photography; environmental education and interpretation; access for public uses; trapping of selected furbearers and feral hogs for nuisance animal management; refuge resource research studies; cooperative farming program; commercial photography; commercial tours and guiding; wood and reed gathering and cutting; and meetings of non-service agencies and organizations are all available in the CCP.

Background

The National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 (16 U.S.C. 668dd–668ee) (Improvement Act), which amended the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966, requires us to develop a CCP for each national wildlife refuge. The purpose for developing a CCP is to provide refuge managers with a 15-year plan for achieving refuge purposes and contributing toward the mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System, consistent with sound principles of fish and wildlife management, conservation, legal mandates, and our policies. In addition to outlining broad management direction on conserving wildlife and their habitats, CCPs identify wildlife-dependent recreational opportunities available to the public, including opportunities for hunting, fishing, wildlife observation, wildlife photography, and environmental education and interpretation. We will review and update the CCP at least every 15 years in accordance with the Improvement Act.

Comments

Approximately 130 copies of the Draft CCP/EA were made available for a 30-

day public review period as announced in the **Federal Register** on July 12, 2007 (72 FR 38097). Twelve agencies and/or individuals submitted comments, either in writing or at public forums. Four persons spoke at the public forums and eight presented written comments, representing state agencies, local government agencies, non-governmental organizations, businesses, and local citizens.

Selected Alternative

We developed four alternatives for management of the refuge and chose Alternative 2 as the preferred alternative. We selected Alternative 2 based on the sound professional judgment of the staff and after considering the comments we received on the draft document. The primary focus under Alternative 2 will be to optimize management of the impoundments very intensively by controlling water levels and vegetation to create optimum habitat for migrating waterfowl. Implementing the CCP will result in moderate program increases to address the refuge's highest priorities. We will manage pine forests and marshes with prescribed fire and will manage the vegetative composition of habitats in selected areas. Waterfowl will be surveyed on a routine basis. We will develop inventory plans for all species and implement them in selected habitats. We will develop and implement a black bear management plan. The visitor center will be maintained by volunteers and cooperating agency personnel supplementing refuge personnel. The volunteer program will be expanded by recruiting volunteers to contribute 4,000 hours of service. We will construct two pads for recreational vehicles in order to attract volunteers. There will be 17.5 staff members dedicated to refuge management and 7.5 staff members dedicated to fire management. The six priority public uses will be allowed, with the refuge staff conducting environmental education and interpretation programs to meet local needs.

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

Dated: June 10, 2008.

Cynthia K. Dohner,

Acting Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Information Collection Activities, Submission to the Office of Management and Budget

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of renewal of a currently approved information collection.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces that the Bureau of Indian Affairs has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget a request for approval and renewal of information collections, OMB Control No. 1076–0017, Financial Assistance and Social Service Program application form 5–6601.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before September 3, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties are invited to submit written comments regarding this proposal to the Desk Officer of the Department of the Interior by facsimile to (202) 395–6566. You may also send comments by e-mail to: OIRA_DOCKET@omb.eop.gov.

Copies of comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB Control Number and should be sent to Kevin Sanders, Acting Chief, Office of Indian Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW., MS–4513–MIB, Washington, DC 20240. Telephone (202) 513–7621.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Copies of the collection of information form or requests for additional information should be directed to Kevin Sanders, Office of Indian Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW., MS–4513, Washington, DC 20240. Telephone (202) 513–7621.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Bureau of Indian Affairs needs the information collected. Funding of these programs is authorized by 25 U.S.C. 13 to make determinations of eligibility for the BIA's social service financial assistance programs: General Assistance, Child Welfare Assistance, Miscellaneous Assistance, and services only (no cash assistance).

A 60-day notice for public comments was published in the **Federal Register** on February 4, 2008 (73 FR 6524). No comments were received regarding this form.

II. Request for Comments

The Department of the Interior invites comments being sent to OMB on:

(a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the BIA, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(b) The accuracy of the BIA's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(c) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(d) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Please note that an agency may not sponsor or request, and an individual need not respond to, a collection of information unless it has a valid OMB Control Number. Please note that an agency may not sponsor or request, and an individual need not respond to, a collection of information unless it has a valid OMB Control Number. Please note that all comments received will be available for public review. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address or other personally identifiable information, be advised that your entire comment—including your personally identifiable information—may be made public at any time. While you may request that we withhold your personally identifiable information, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. We do not consider anonymous comments. All comments from representatives of businesses or organizations will be made public in their entirety.

OMB is required to respond to this request within 60 days after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, but may respond after 30 days; therefore, your comments should be submitted to OMB within 30 days of publication to assure maximum consideration.

Burden means the total time or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; to develop, acquire, install and utilize technology and systems for the purpose of collection, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information, to search

data sources to complete and review the collection of information; and to transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

III. Data

Title of the collection of information: Financial Assistance and Social Service Programs 25 CFR 20, Form BIA 5-6601.

OMB Number: 1076-0017.

Expiration Date: September 30, 2008.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection. The information is submitted to obtain or retain benefits and for case management/case planning purposes.

Affected Entities: Individual members of Indian tribes who are living on a reservation or within a tribal service area.

Frequency of responses: One application per year.

Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 200,000.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 200,000 × 30 min. = 100,000 hours.

Dated: July 28, 2008.

Sanjeev "Sonny" Bhagowalia,
Chief Information Officer—Indian Affairs.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CA-310-0777-XX]

Notice of Public Meeting: Northeast California Resource Advisory Council

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA), and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Northeast California Resource Advisory Council will meet as indicated below.

DATES: The meeting will be held Thursday and Friday, Sept. 18 and 19, 2008, in the Conference Room of the BLM Surprise Field Office, 602 Cressler St., Cedarville, CA. On Sept. 18, the members convene at the Surprise Field Office at 10 a.m. and depart immediately for a field tour focusing on cultural resources. Members of the public are welcome. They must provide their own transportation in a high clearance four-wheel-drive vehicle and their own lunch. On Sept. 19, the

meeting runs from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Surprise Field Office conference room. Time for public comment is reserved at 11 a.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tim Burke, BLM Alturas Field Office manager, (530) 233-4666; or BLM Public Affairs Officer Joseph J. Fontana, (530) 252-5332.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 15-member council advises the Secretary of the Interior, through the BLM, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with public land management in northeast California and the northwest corner of Nevada. At this meeting, agenda topics will include an update on implementation of BLM resource management plans, the proposed Kramer Ranch land exchange, a status report on wind energy development proposals and cultural resource management. Members also will hear status reports from the Alturas, Eagle Land and Surprise field offices. All meetings are open to the public. Members of the public may present written comments to the council. Each formal council meeting will have time allocated for public comments. Depending on the number of persons wishing to speak, and the time available, the time for individual comments may be limited. Members of the public are welcome on field tours, but they must provide their own transportation and lunch. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation and other reasonable accommodations, should contact the BLM as provided above.

Dated: July 29, 2008.

Joseph J. Fontana,
Public Affairs Officer.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-930-1430-ET; NVN-75209; 8-08807]

Public Land Order No. 7713; Partial Revocation of Public Land Order No. 7619 Dated October 6, 2004; Nevada

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Public Land Order.

SUMMARY: This order partially revokes a Public Land Order insofar as it affects approximately 1,099.51 acres, more or less, of public lands withdrawn from surface entry and mining for the Bureau of Land Management to protect public