

collect will not be reported to Congress specifically as that information, but may be rolled-up to build the level of reporting that we need not only for Congress, but also for industry, the public, and other partners. Other information we will collect is required by policy or regulation and was collected differently prior to this, but is not new information. Some pieces of information are part of the system management process and are not expected to be used for that type of report.

Comment: The States should be given training, technical support, a system for collecting ongoing comments and suggestions, and definitions to help guide the consistency of entries.

Response: We have been conducting training during 2013. We have developed Best Management Practices guidance, e-learning, examples of projects from various types of grants, instructions for how to enter the data, and other learning and use tools. We will post information on a Wiki that will allow users to search for specific information and easily find guidance. We will give technical assistance and answer questions through a Help Desk that will be supported indefinitely.

Comment: There is concern that too much money will be spent on administration leaving less money for on-the-ground projects.

Response: We expect there will be an increase in administrative burden for the first year or so using the electronic system. The electronic system will be used regardless of whether we add more information or not, as it is part of the application and reporting requirements for States to give the Service certain information in order to voluntarily receive grant funds. Especially with the increase in funds given to States in 2013 for Sport Fish Restoration and Wildlife Restoration, and the expected trend for continued increase in at least Wildlife Restoration funding to States, we expect no significant reduction in funding that can be used for direct conservation projects. Ultimately, however, it is a State decision on how they divide their WSFR funding between projects and administration.

Comment: The Service should be responsible for all historical data entry.

Response: We will bring as much historical information over from FAIMS as possible using the current technology. We will not expect users to enter information from past years.

Comment: Instead of having to draw a point or polygon on a map, we need an option of entering GPS coordinates.

Response: Users will have the option to enter mapping information several

different ways, including using GPS coordinates. We have trained users on how to make the desired changes.

Comment: The Service should divide the training up so that one class talks about how to do part of the data entry and another class something else.

Response: We enlisted our professional WSFR trainers to organize and present initial training. They will continue to build tools and add components as needed for additional training as requested or as needed.

Comment: States should not have to send in interim reports when a final report is due shortly after.

Response: The reporting frequency and process is required by 43 CFR 12 and is not part of the additional burden.

Comment: Some projects affect over 200 species. How can we efficiently enter all of that information into the electronic system?

Response: Entering species information is not required. A recommended best practice is to identify species that are directly benefitted by a specific action. Users will have the option to build customized groups of species that can then be applied to many different actions. We will continue to improve the process of working with species information to minimize the workload.

Comment: Although it is a good idea for States to enter more information for the public to see, it will mean an extra workload and cost more money.

Response: Any additions that States make to the electronic system beyond those we request are a decision of the State.

General Public Comment

Comment: The commenter stated that members of the public should have the opportunity to review and approve projects in their State, and should have a say on how the State uses the funds.

Response: Members of the public will be able to access grant information as a report in Wildlife TRACS. The commenter did not address the information collection, and we did not make any changes to our requirements as a result of this comment.

We have consulted with States, organizations, other agencies, and other Federal staff when preparing the burden information, when determining the information we need for reporting actions, and when developing and implementing the new electronic system. We have formed several teams over the last 2 years during the development of the electronic system and have organized several more teams to assist in managing the system and

responding to States and others into the future.

We again invite comments concerning this information collection on:

- Whether or not the collection of information is necessary, including whether or not the information will have practical utility;
- The accuracy of our estimate of the burden for this collection of information;
- Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- 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, email 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: December 19, 2013.

Tina A. Campbell,

Chief, Division of Policy and Directives Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

U.S. Geological Survey

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Request for Comments

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

ACTION: Notice of an extension of a currently approved information collection (1028-0070).

SUMMARY: We (the U.S. Geological Survey) will ask the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve the information collection (IC) described below. This collection consists of one form, '9-4117-MA, Consolidated Consumers' Report'. As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) 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 collection is scheduled to expire on April 30, 2014.

DATES: To ensure that your comments are considered, we must receive them on or before February 24, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Please submit a copy of your comments to the Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Geological Survey, 807 National Center, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, VA 20192 (mail); 703-648-7195 (fax); or dgovoni@usgs.gov (email). Please reference 'Information Collection 1028-0070, Consolidated Consumers' Report' in all correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael J. Magyar at 703-648-4910 (telephone); mmagyar@usgs.gov (email); or by mail at U.S. Geological Survey, 988 National Center, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, VA 20192.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

Respondents to this form supply the USGS with domestic consumption data for 12 metals and ferroalloys, some of which are considered strategic and critical to assist in determining stockpile goals. These data and derived information will be published as chapters in Minerals Yearbooks, monthly Mineral Industry Surveys, annual Mineral Commodity Summaries, and special publications, for use by Government agencies, industry, education programs, and the general public.

II. Data

OMB Control Number: 1028-0070.

Form Number: 9-4117-MA.

Title: Consolidated Consumers' Report.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Business or Other-for-Profit Institutions: U.S. nonfuel minerals consumers of ferrous and related metals.

Respondent Obligation: None. Participation is voluntary.

Frequency of Collection: Monthly and Annually.

Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 1,904.

Annual Burden Hours: 1,428 hours, based on an estimated average of 45 minutes per response.

Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping "Non-Hour Cost"

Burden: There are no "non-hour cost" burdens associated with this collection of information.

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 and current expiration date.

III. Request for Comments

We are soliciting comments as to: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the agency to perform its duties, including whether the information is useful; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden time to the proposed collection of information; (c) how to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) how to minimize the burden on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Please note that the comments submitted in response to this notice are a matter of public record. Before including your street address, phone number, email 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 view, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Date: December 6, 2013.

W. David Menzie,

Acting Director, National Minerals Information Center, U.S. Geological Survey.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

U.S. Geological Survey

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Proposed Agency Information Collection Activity: Nonindigenous Aquatic Species Sighting Reporting Form

AGENCY: United States Geological Survey (USGS), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of an extension of a currently approved information collection (1028-0098).

SUMMARY: We (the U.S. Geological Survey) have sent an Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. The ICR, which is summarized below, describes the nature of the collection and the estimated burden on the public. As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) 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 ICR. This collection is scheduled to expire on December 31, 2013.

DATES: To ensure that your comments on this ICR are considered, you must submit them on or before January 23, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Please submit your written comments on this ICR directly to the OMB Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior, at *OIRA* SUBMISSION@omb.eop.gov (email); or (202) 395-5806 (fax). Please also submit a duplicate copy of your comments to the Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Geological Survey, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, 807 National Center, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, VA 20192 (mail); 703-648-7195 (fax); or dgovoni@usgs.gov (email). Reference 'OMB Information Collection 1028-0098' in all correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request additional information about this ICR, please contact Pam Fuller at (352) 264-3481 (telephone); pfuller@usgs.gov (email); or by mail at U.S. Geological Survey, 7920 NW 71st Street, Gainesville, Florida 32653. You may also find information about this ICR at www.reginfo.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

America is under siege by many harmful non-native species of plants, animals, and microorganisms. More than 6,500 nonindigenous species are now established in the United States, posing risks to native species, valued ecosystems, and human and wildlife health. These invaders extract a huge cost, an estimated 120 billion dollars per year, to mitigate their harmful impacts. The current annual environmental, economic, and health-related costs of invasive species exceed those of all other natural disasters combined.

Through its Invasive Species Program (http://www.usgs.gov/ecosystems/invasive_species/), the USGS plays an important role in federal efforts to combat invasive species in natural and semi-natural areas through early detection and assessment of newly established invaders; monitoring of invading populations; and improving understanding of the ecology of invaders and factors in the resistance of habitats to invasion. The USGS provides the tools, technology, and information supporting efforts to prevent, contain, control, and manage invasive species nationwide. To meet user needs, the USGS also develops methods for