

Effective interest rate	On or after	Prior to
4 <sup>5</sup> / <sub>8</sub> .....	July 1, 2008	Jan. 1, 2009.
4 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>8</sub> .....	Jan. 1, 2009	July 1, 2009.
4 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>8</sub> .....	July 1, 2009	Jan. 1, 2010.
4 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> .....	Jan. 1, 2010	July 1, 2010.
4 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>8</sub> .....	July 1, 2010	Jan. 1, 2011.
3 <sup>7</sup> / <sub>8</sub> .....	Jan. 1, 2011	July 1, 2011.
4 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>8</sub> .....	July 1, 2011	Jan. 1, 2012.
2 <sup>7</sup> / <sub>8</sub> .....	Jan. 1, 2012	July 1, 2012.
2 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> .....	July 1, 2012	Jan. 1, 2013.
2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> .....	Jan. 1, 2013	July 1, 2013.
2 <sup>7</sup> / <sub>8</sub> .....	July 1, 2013	Jan. 1, 2014.
3 <sup>5</sup> / <sub>8</sub> .....	Jan. 1, 2014	July 1, 2014.
3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> .....	July 1, 2014	Jan. 1, 2015.
3 .....	Jan. 1, 2015	July 1, 2015.
2 <sup>7</sup> / <sub>8</sub> .....	July 1, 2015	Jan. 1, 2016.
2 <sup>7</sup> / <sub>8</sub> .....	Jan. 1, 2016	July 1, 2016.
2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> .....	July 1, 2016	Jan. 1, 2017.
2 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> .....	Jan. 1, 2017	July 1, 2017.

Section 215 of Division G, Title II of Public Law 108–199, enacted January 23, 2004 (HUD's 2004 Appropriations Act) amended Section 224 of the Act, to change the debenture interest rate for purposes of calculating certain insurance claim payments made in cash. Therefore, for all claims paid in cash on mortgages insured under Section 203 or 234 of the National Housing Act and endorsed for insurance after January 23, 2004, the debenture interest rate will be the monthly average yield, for the month in which the default on the mortgage occurred, on United States Treasury Securities adjusted to a constant maturity of 10 years, as found in Federal Reserve Statistical Release H–15. The Federal Housing Administration has codified this provision in HUD regulations at 24 CFR 203.405(b) and 24 CFR 203.479(b).

Section 221(g)(4) of the Act provides that debentures issued pursuant to that paragraph (with respect to the assignment of an insured mortgage to the Secretary) will bear interest at the “going Federal rate” in effect at the time the debentures are issued. The term “going Federal rate” is defined to mean the interest rate that the Secretary of the Treasury determines, pursuant to a statutory formula based on the average yield on all outstanding marketable Treasury obligations of 8 to 12 year maturities, for the 6-month periods of January through June and July through December of each year. Section 221(g)(4) is implemented in the HUD regulations at 24 CFR 221.255 and 24 CFR 221.790.

The Secretary of the Treasury has determined that the interest rate to be borne by debentures issued pursuant to Section 221(g)(4) during the 6-month period beginning January 1, 2017, is 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>8</sub> percent.

The subject matter of this Notice falls within the categorical exemption from

HUD's environmental clearance procedures set forth in 24 CFR 50.19(c)(6). For that reason, no environmental finding has been prepared for this notice.

(Authority: Sections 211, 221, 224, National Housing Act, 12 U.S.C. 1715b, 1715l, 1715o; Section 7(d), Department of HUD Act, 42 U.S.C. 3535(d).)

Dated: January 17, 2017.

**Edward L. Golding,**

*Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for - Housing.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR–6003–N–01]

### 60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Survey of Market Absorption of New Multifamily Units

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is seeking approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for the information collection described below. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, HUD is requesting comment from all interested parties on the proposed collection of information. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 60 days of public comment.

**DATES:** *Comments Due Date:* March 27, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB Control Number and should be sent to: Anna P. Guido, Reports Management Officer, QDAM, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Room 4176, Washington, DC 20410–5000; telephone 202–402–5534 (this is not a toll-free number) or email at [Anna.P.Guido@hud.gov](mailto:Anna.P.Guido@hud.gov) for a copy of the proposed forms or other available information. Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at (800) 877–8339.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Anna P. Guido, Reports Management Officer, QDAM, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Washington, DC 20410; email [Anna.P.Guido@](mailto:Anna.P.Guido@)

[hud.gov](http://hud.gov) or telephone 202–402–5535. This is not a toll-free number. Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at (800) 877–8339.

Copies of available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Ms. Guido.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice informs the public that HUD is seeking approval from OMB for the information collection described in Section A.

#### A. Overview of Information Collection

*Title of Information Collection:* Survey of Market Absorption of New Multifamily Units.

*OMB Approval Number:* 2528–0013 (Expires March 31, 2017).

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

*Form Number:* N/A.

*Description of the need for the information and proposed use:* The Survey of Market Absorption (SOMA) provides the data necessary to measure the rate at which new rental apartments and new condominium apartments are absorbed; that is, taken off the market, usually by being rented or sold, over the course of the first twelve months following completion of a building. The data are collected at quarterly intervals until the twelve months conclude, or until the units in a building are completely absorbed. The survey also provides estimates of certain characteristics, including asking rent/price, number of units, and number of bedrooms. The survey provides a basis for analyzing the degree to which new apartment construction is meeting the present and future needs of the public.

*Members of affected public:* Rental Agents/Builders.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 12,000 yearly (maximum).

*Estimated Time per Response:* 15 minutes/initial interview and 5 minutes for any subsequent interviews (up to three additional, if necessary).

*Frequency of Response:* Four times (maximum).

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 6,000 (12,000 buildings × 30 minutes).

*Estimated Total Annual Cost:* The only cost to respondents is that of their time. The total estimated cost to HUD in FY 2017 is \$1,120,000.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*Legal Authority:* The survey is conducted under Title 12, United States Code, Section 1701Z.

Information collection	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Responses per annum	Burden hour per response	Annual burden hours	Hourly cost per response	Cost
SOMA .....	12,000	4	48,000	.125 (30 minutes total divided by 4 interviews).	6000	\$0	\$0
Total .....	12,000	4	48,000	.125 .....	6000	0	0

**B. Solicitation of Public Comment**

This notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected parties concerning the collection of information described in Section A on the following:

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

(2) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed 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 those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses. HUD encourages interested parties to submit comment in response to these questions.

**C. Authority**

Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35.

Dated: January 10, 2017.

**Matthew Ammon,**

*General Deputy Secretary for Policy Development and Research.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Fish and Wildlife Service**

[FWS-R2-R-2016-N168; FXRS1265020000-178-FF02R04000]

**Little Sandy National Wildlife Refuge, Wood County, Texas; Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Draft Environmental Assessment**

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

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

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce the

availability of a draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan (dCCP) and the draft Environmental Assessment (dEA) for Little Sandy National Wildlife Refuge (NWR), located approximately 80 miles east of Dallas, Texas, for public review and comment. The dCCP/dEA describes our proposal for managing the refuge for the next 15 years.

**DATES:** To ensure consideration, please send your written comments by February 23, 2017. We will announce any potential upcoming public meetings in local news media.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments or requests for copies or more information by any of the following methods. You may request hard copies or a CD-ROM of the documents. Please contact David Weaver, Refuge Manager, or Joseph Lujan, Natural Resource Planner.

*Email:* Joseph Lujan@fws.gov. Include "Little Sandy NWR draft CCP and draft EA" in the subject line of the message.

*Fax:* Attn: Joseph Lujan, 505-248-6803.

*U.S. Mail:* Joseph Lujan, Natural Resource Planner, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, NWRS, Division of Planning, P.O. Box 1306 Room 4335, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103.

*In-Person Drop-off, Viewing, or Pickup:* In-Person Drop-off: You may drop off comments during regular business hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 500 Gold Avenue SW; 4th Floor, Room 4335; Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102. Little Sandy NWR, CCP Project, P.O. Box 340, Broken Bow, Oklahoma 74728

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** David Weaver, Refuge Manager, Little Sandy NWR, CCP Project, P.O. Box 340, Broken Bow, Oklahoma 74728; phone: 580-584-6211.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Introduction**

With this notice, we continue the Comprehensive Conservation Planning (CCP) process for the Little Sandy NWR. We started this process through a notice in the **Federal Register** (72 FR 46095; August 16, 2007).

The primary purpose of Little Sandy NWR is to protect a remnant of the bottomland hardwood forest ecosystem along the Sabine River in East Texas. The Little Sandy NWR was established

in December 1986 as a permanent non-development easement with the Little Sandy Hunting and Fishing Club (LSHFC). It is managed as a unit of the National Wildlife Refuge System (NWRS) out of the Little River NWR Complex headquarters in Broken Bow Oklahoma.

**Background**

*The CCP Process*

The National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Administration Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 668dd-668ee) (Refuge Administration Act), as amended by the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997, 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 NWRS, consistent with sound principles of fish and wildlife management, conservation, legal mandates, and FWS 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 wildlife observation and photography, and environmental education and interpretation. We will review and update the CCP at least every 15 years in accordance with the Refuge Administration Act.

*Public Outreach*

Formal scoping began when we published a notice of intent to prepare a CCP and EA in the **Federal Register** on August 16, 2007, and formally invited the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) to participate in the development of the document. TPWD has provided constant input and the Service has continued to involve them throughout the planning process. Information sheets were sent to the public, and news releases were sent to a variety of media outlets. A public open house meeting was held on September 9, 2009, at Jarvis Christian College in Hawkins, Texas. Additional written comments were received prior to the open house. A variety of stakeholders contributed feedback at the open house meeting and via written