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**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND
SECURITY**

**Federal Emergency Management
Agency**

[Docket ID: FEMA-2020-0028; OMB No.
1660-0029]

**Agency Information Collection
Activities: Submission for OMB
Review; Comment Request; Approval
and Coordination of Requirements To
Use the NETC for Extracurricular and
Training Activities**

AGENCY: Federal Emergency
Management Agency, DHS.

ACTION: 30-Day notice and request for
comments.

SUMMARY: The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public to take this opportunity to comment on a reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved information collection for which approval has expired. FEMA will submit the information collection abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget for review and clearance in accordance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The submission will describe the nature of the information collection, the categories of respondents, the estimated burden (*i.e.*, the time, effort and resources used by respondents to respond) and cost, and the actual data collection instruments FEMA will use.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before January 15, 2021.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments at www.regulations.gov under Docket ID FEMA-2020-0028. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

All submissions received must include the agency name and Docket ID. Regardless of the method used for submitting comments or material, all submissions will be posted, without change, to the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>, and will include any personal information you provide. Therefore, submitting this information makes it public. You may wish to read the Privacy and Security Notice that is available via a link on the homepage of www.regulations.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Merrill Sollenberger, Administrative Specialist, FEMA, U.S. Fire Administration, (301) 447-1179, merril.sollenberger@fema.dhs.gov. You may contact the Information Management Division for copies of the proposed collection of information at email address: FEMA-Information-Collections-Management@fema.dhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (Stafford Act), 42 U.S.C. 5121-5207, authorizes the President to establish a program of disaster preparedness that utilizes services of all appropriate agencies and includes training and exercises. Section 611 of the Stafford Act (42 U.S.C. 5196) directs that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) may conduct training for the purpose of emergency preparedness. In response, FEMA established the National Emergency Training Center (NETC), located in Emmitsburg, Maryland. The NETC site has facilities and housing available for those participating in emergency preparedness training. For planning purposes, a request for use of these areas must be made in advance.

This proposed information collection previously published in the **Federal Register** on August 28, 2020, at FR 85 53392 with a 60 day public comment period. No relevant comments were received. This information collection expired on November 30, 2020. FEMA is requesting a reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved information collection for which approval has expired. The purpose of this notice is to notify the public that FEMA will submit the information collection abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget for review and clearance.

Collection of Information

Title: Approval and Coordination of Requirements to Use the NETC for Extracurricular Training Activities.

Type of Information Collection: Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved information collection for which approval has expired.

OMB Number: 1660-0029.

Form Titles and Numbers: FEMA Form 119-17-1 Request for Housing Accommodations, FEMA Form 119-17-2 Request for Use of NETC Facilities.

Abstract: In accordance with FEMA Directive 119-3: Facility Use and Expenses at the National Emergency Training Center, 21 May 2018, FEMA Form 119-17-1, Request For Housing Accommodations, and FEMA Form 119-17-2, Request for Use of NETC Facilities are applied for functions at NETC.

Affected Public: Individuals or households, Not-for-profit institutions, Federal Government, State, local or Tribal Governments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 120.

Estimated Number of Responses: 120.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 12.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Cost: \$354.

Estimated Respondents' Operation and Maintenance Costs: \$0.

Estimated Respondents' Capital and Start-Up Costs: There are no annual start-up or capital costs for Respondents.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to the Federal Government: \$1,148.

Comments

Comments may be submitted as indicated in the **ADDRESSES** caption above. Comments are solicited to (a) evaluate whether the proposed data collection is necessary for the proper performance of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) 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 technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology,

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS-R3-ES-2020-0045;
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**Draft Environmental Assessment and
Proposed Habitat Conservation Plan;
Receipt of an Application for an
Incidental Take Permit, Bluff Point
Wind Energy Center, Jay and
Randolph Counties, Indiana**

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service,
Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of
documents; request for comment and
information.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), have received an application from NextEra Energy Bluff Point LLC (applicant), for an incidental take permit (ITP) under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA), for its Bluff Point Wind Energy Center (project). If approved, the ITP would be for a 30-year period and would authorize the incidental take of an endangered species, the Indiana bat, and a threatened species, the northern long-eared bat. The applicant has prepared a habitat conservation plan (HCP) that describes the actions and measures that the applicant would implement to avoid, minimize, and mitigate incidental take of the Indiana bat and northern long-eared bat. We also announce the availability of a draft Environmental Assessment (DEA), which has been prepared in response to the permit application in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). We request public comment on the application, the DEA, and associated documents.

DATES: We will accept comments received or postmarked on or before January 15, 2021.

ADDRESSES: *Document availability:*
Internet: Electronic copies of the documents this notice announces will be available online in Docket No. FWS-R3-ES-2020-0045 at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Public comments

will also be available online at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Comment submission: In your comment, please specify whether your comment addresses the proposed HCP, draft EA, or any combination of the aforementioned documents, or other supporting documents. You may submit written comments by one of the following methods:

- *Online:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Search for and submit comments on Docket No. FWS-R3-ES-2020-0045.

- *By hard copy:* Submit comments by U.S. mail to Public Comments Processing, Attn: Docket No. FWS-R3-ES-2020-0045; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; 5275 Leesburg Pike, MS: PRB/3W; Falls Church, VA 22041-3803.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Scott Pruitt, Field Supervisor, Bloomington, Indiana, Ecological Services Field Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 620 South Walker Street, Bloomington, IN 47403; telephone: 812-334-4261, extension 214; or Andrew Horton, Regional HCP Coordinator, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service—Interior Region 3, 5600 American Blvd., West, Suite 990, Bloomington, MN 55437-1458; telephone: 612-713-5337.

Individuals who are hearing or speech impaired may call the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 for TTY assistance.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Section 9 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and its implementing regulations prohibit the “take” of animal species listed as endangered or threatened. Take is defined under the ESA as to “harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect “listed animal species,” or to attempt to engage in such conduct” (16 U.S.C. 1532). However, under section 10(a) of the ESA, we may issue permits to authorize incidental take of listed species. “Incidental take” is defined by the ESA as take that is incidental to, and not the purpose of, carrying out an otherwise lawful activity (16 U.S.C. 1539). Regulations governing incidental take permits for endangered and threatened species, respectively, are found in the Code of Federal Regulations at 50 CFR 17.22 and 50 CFR 17.32.

Applicant’s Proposed Project

The applicant requests a 30-year ITP to take the federally endangered Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*) and threatened northern long-eared bat (*Myotis*

septentrionalis) at the Bluff Point Wind Resource Area (BPWRA) in Jay and Randolph Counties, consisting of approximately 23,613 acres of private land. The applicant determined that unavoidable take is reasonably certain to occur incidental to operation of 57 previously constructed wind turbines. The proposed conservation strategy in the applicant’s proposed HCP is designed to avoid, minimize, and mitigate the impacts of the covered activity on the covered species. The biological goals and objectives are to minimize potential take of Indiana bats and northern long-eared bats through on-site minimization measures and to provide habitat conservation measures for Indiana bats and northern long-eared bats to offset any unavoidable impacts from operations of the project. The BPWRA includes confirmed Indiana bat summer roost habitat and northern long-eared bat summer maternity habitat. The HCP provides on-site avoidance and minimization measures, which include seasonal turbine operational curtailment and adaptive management measures that allow for modifications to the minimization and mitigation measures based on monitoring results and other triggers, and a 1,000 foot minimization buffer during the summer season to protect potential summer habitat for both covered species. Based on the available data, the predicted level of take is anticipated to be 63 Indiana bats and 32 northern long-eared bats over the 30-year permit term. However, the applicant requests a permit to take 165 Indiana bats and 84 northern long-eared bats over the 30-year permit term due to the uncertainty associated with estimating take and the exact (or specific) reduction in fatalities from the minimization without facility specific data. To fully offset the impacts of the taking of 122 Indiana bats and 42 northern long-eared bats, the applicant proposes to protect in perpetuity 77.2 acres of known maternity colony habitat and staging/swarming habitat through a conservation easement held by a 501(c)3 non-profit at a Land of Indiana site in Greene County, Indiana through a third-party mitigation provider, First Indiana Resources, LLC. The HCP includes adaptive management measures if mitigation is insufficient to fully offset the impact of the actual take determined through mortality monitoring.

National Environmental Policy Act

The issuance of an ITP is a Federal action that triggers the need for compliance with NEPA (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*). We prepared a draft EA that analyzes the environmental impacts on the human environment resulting from