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The agency is authorized to perform rent reasonable determinations and to assist the family in negotiating the rent to owner on units that it owns, manages, and/or controls.

Waiver and associated activity 2.d on Rent Reasonableness—Third Party Requirement should include a citation to section 8(o)(11) of the 1937 Act and 24 CFR 982.506. These citations are added to the “Statutes and Regulations Waived” section.

(4) Language is deleted to clarify waiver and associated activity 5.c on Third Party Requirement. The “Activity” section of 5.c reads:

The agency is authorized to perform HQS inspections on PBV units that it owns, manages, and/or controls.

This “Activity” section of 5.c is revised to incorporate units beyond only PBVs. It is revised to read as follows:

The agency is authorized to perform HQS inspections on units that it owns, manages, and/or controls.

(5) The implementation of waiver and associated activity 5.c on Third Party Requirement inadvertently conflicts with safe harbors under waiver and associated activity 9.c on Elimination of Project Based Voucher (PBV) Selection Process for PHA-owned Projects without Improvement, Development, or Replacement and under waiver and associated activity 9.d on Alternative PBV Selection Process. Language is added to both applicable safe harbors to resolve this conflict.

In waiver and associated activity 9.c on Elimination of PBV Selection Process for PHA-owned Projects without Improvement, Development, or Replacement, Safe Harbor 9.c.iii reads:

HQS inspections must be performed by an independent entity according to 24 CFR 983.59(b) or 24 CFR 983.103(f).\*

Safe Harbor 9.c.iii is revised to read as follows to resolve this conflict:

HQS inspections must be performed by an independent entity according to 24 CFR 983.59(b) or 24 CFR 983.103(f), unless MTW waiver 5.c or an Agency-Specific Waiver is implemented.\*

In waiver and associated activity 9.d on Alternative PBV Selection Process, Safe Harbor 9.d.i reads:

If the selected project is PHA-owned, HQS inspections must be performed by an independent entity according to 24 CFR 983.59(b) or 24 CFR 983.103(f).\*

Safe Harbor 9.d.i is revised to read as follows to resolve this conflict:

If the selected project is PHA-owned, HQS inspections must be performed by an independent entity according to 24 CFR 983.59(b) or 24 CFR 983.103(f),

unless MTW waiver 5.c or an Agency-Specific Waiver is implemented.\*

(6) The term “portability” as used in waiver and associated activity 9.h on Limit Portability for PBV Units does not accurately title this waiver and associated activity, as it addresses mobility from PBV and not necessarily portability to another jurisdiction. In the Appendix I Table of Contents and throughout the discussion of the waiver and associated activity, the title is amended from “Limit Portability for PBV Units” to “Limit Choice Mobility” for PBV Units.

(7) The development of project-based voucher units was incorrectly included as an example of how to use waiver and associated activity 17.c on Housing Development Program. The “Activity” section of 17.c reads:

Programs that use MTW Funding to acquire, renovate and/or build affordable units for low-income families that are not public housing units. Eligible activities may include: gap financing for non-PHA development of affordable housing, development of project-based voucher units or tax credit partnerships.

The “Activity” section of 17.c is revised to address this and will read as follows:

Programs that use MTW Funding to acquire, renovate and/or build affordable units for low-income families that are not public housing units. Eligible activities may include: gap financing for non-PHA development of affordable housing or tax credit partnerships.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

### **Fish and Wildlife Service**

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OMB Control Number 1018-0185]**

#### **Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget; Online Eastern Population Sandhill Crane Survey Data Entry Portal**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we,

the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), are proposing to renew an information collection without change.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before April 21, 2025.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of publication of this notice at <https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function. Please provide a copy of your comments to the Service Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, MS: PRB (JAO/3W), 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041-3803 (mail); or by email to [Info\\_Coll@fws.gov](mailto:Info_Coll@fws.gov). Please reference “1018-0185” in the subject line of your comments.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Madonna L. Baucum, Service Information Collection Clearance Officer, by email at [Info\\_Coll@fws.gov](mailto:Info_Coll@fws.gov), or by telephone at (703) 358-2503. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA; 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) and its implementing regulations at 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1), we provide the general public and other Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on new, proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public’s reporting burden. It also helps the public understand our information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format.

On July 5, 2024, we published in the **Federal Register** (89 FR 55649) a notice of our intent to request that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approve this information collection. In that notice, we solicited comments for 60 days, ending on September 3, 2024. In an effort to increase public awareness of, and participation in, our public commenting processes associated with information collection requests, the Service also published the **Federal**

**Register** notice on *Regulations.gov* (Docket No. FWS–HQ–MB–2024–0092). We received three comments in response to that notice; however, none addressed the information collection requirements. No response to those comments is required.

As part of our continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burdens, we are again soliciting comments from the public and other Federal agencies on the proposed information collection request that is described below. We are especially interested in public comment addressing the following:

(1) Whether or not the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether or not the information will have practical utility;

(2) The accuracy of our estimate of the burden for this collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

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

(4) How might the agency 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, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of response.

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 us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

**Abstract:** The Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. 703–712) designates the Department of the Interior as the primary agency responsible for managing migratory bird populations frequenting the United States and setting hunting regulations that allow for the well-being of migratory bird populations. These responsibilities dictate that we gather accurate data on various characteristics of migratory bird populations.

The Service's fall survey for the eastern population of the sandhill crane was established in 1979. It is implemented by State and Federal agencies and public volunteers from

eight States in the Atlantic and Mississippi Flyways, as well as Ontario, Canada. Sandhill cranes are widely dispersed during the breeding and wintering seasons and are difficult to count. The optimal time to survey cranes is during the last week of October, when the majority of eastern population cranes breeding in Canada migrate to traditional staging grounds in the Great Lakes States (*e.g.*, the Jasper-Pulaski Fish and Wildlife Area, in Medaryville, Indiana). Since the initial survey in 1979, crane numbers have increased to over 90,000 birds.

The information collected through this survey is vital in assessing the relative changes in the geographic distribution of the species. We use the information primarily to inform managers of changes in sandhill crane distribution and population trends. Without information on the population's status, we might promulgate hunting regulations that:

- Are not sufficiently restrictive, which could cause harm to the sandhill crane population, or
- Are too restrictive, which would unduly restrict recreational opportunities afforded by sandhill crane hunting.

Notifications for the survey are sent to volunteers, and data results are entered into the data portal (<https://www.fws.gov/epsandhill/>) in order to calculate numbers of sandhill cranes. This survey is conducted via an online survey platform to reduce cost, improve data quality, and decrease respondent burden. This survey has no statistical design. We collect the following information in conjunction with the account setup process and survey data submission:

- Account setup process:
  - Email address,
  - Username,
  - Photo (optional),
  - Option for other users to contact the registrant,
  - Time zone,
  - First and last name,
  - Phone number, and
  - Start date.
- Survey data submission:
  - Data submission location via online map,
  - Date and time of observation,
  - Number of cranes,
  - Method (ground count or point count),
  - Habitat (agricultural field, sandbar, wetland, or mixed-wetland agricultural field), and
  - Any additional notes the user would like to submit.

**Title of Collection:** Online Eastern Population Sandhill Crane Survey Data Entry Portal.

**OMB Control Number:** 1018–0185.

**Form Number:** None.

**Type of Review:** Extension of a currently approved collection.

**Respondents/Affected Public:** Individuals and State agencies.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual Respondents:** 112.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:** 157.

**Estimated Completion Time per Response:** Varies from 3 minutes to 5 minutes, depending on activity.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:** 11.

**Respondent's Obligation:** Voluntary.

**Frequency of Collection:** One time for the initial registration, and on occasion for survey submission.

**Total Estimated Annual Nonhour Burden Cost:** None.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

The authority for this action is the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Indian Affairs

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### Indian Gaming; Approval by Operation of Law Tribal-State Class III Gaming Compact Amendment Between the Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana and the State of Louisiana

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the approval by operation of law of an amendment to the Tribal-State compact for the conduct of class III gaming between the Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana and the State of Louisiana governing the operation and regulation of class III gaming activities. The amendment extends the term of the compact for 7 years after the amendment goes into effect and increases the dollar amount threshold for Tribal licensing and State certification of vendors providing goods