

hunters will respond to the Migratory Bird Hunter Survey annually when that survey is conducted nationwide, beginning in 1998.

Pursuant to this renewal, comments are invited on: (1) whether the 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 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 respondents. The information collections in this program will not be part of a system of record covered by the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552(a)).

Dated: July 17, 1998.

**Paul R. Schmidt,**

*Acting Assistant Director for Refuges and Wildlife.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Notice of Receipt of Application for Endangered Species Permit

The following applicants have applied for permits to conduct certain activities with endangered species. This notice is provided pursuant to Section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*):

PRT-844812

*Applicant:* Paul M. Richards, University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida

The applicant requests authorization to take (capture, radio-tag, and track) the endangered American crocodile, *Crocodylus acutus*, throughout the species range in Florida, for the purpose of enhancement of survival of the species.

PRT-844786

*Applicant:* Kenneth H. Jones, Dyersburg State Community College, Dyersburg, Tennessee

The applicant requests authorization to take (harass by observation and placement of instruments at nests) the endangered least tern, *Sterna antillarum*, throughout the species range in Tennessee, for the purpose of enhancement of survival of the species.

Written data or comments on these applications should be submitted to: Regional Permit Biologist, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1875 Century

Boulevard, Suite 200, Atlanta, Georgia 30345. All data and comments must be received by August 27, 1998.

Documents and other information submitted with this application are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act, by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents to the following office within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1875 Century Boulevard, Suite 200, Atlanta, Georgia 30345 (Attn: David Dell, Permit Biologist). Telephone: 404/679-7313; Fax: 404/679-7081.

Dated: June 21, 1998.

**H. Dale Hall,**

*Acting Regional Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[W0220-120-24-1A]

#### Notice of Proposed Information Collection, OMB Approval Number 1004-0041

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paper Reduction Act of 1995, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces its intention to request approval to collect certain information from individuals requesting changes from previous approved grazing permits or leases. It is used to verify and show recognized grazing performance and approved grazing use schedules as a reminder and allows the preference applicant to show requested changes for the coming grazing season. The information contained on the form, or the modifications requested by the preference livestock operator, provides essential information for computing the grazing fee bill. The bill transmittal also provides the annual use authorizations, upon payment of fees due, including grazing use schedules for rangeland areas, numbers of livestock, kind of or class of livestock, periods of use, animal unit months of forage and applicable terms and conditions for grazing use on each particular grazing allotment.

**DATES:** Comments on the proposed information collection must be received by September 28, 1998 to be considered.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be mailed to: Regulatory Affairs Group (630), Bureau of Land Management, 1849 C Street NW., Room 401 LS Bldg., Washington, DC 20240.

Comments may be sent via Internet to: [gramey@wo.blm.gov](mailto:gramey@wo.blm.gov). Please include "Attn: 1004-0041" and your name and return address in your Internet message.

Comments may be hand delivered to the Bureau of Land Management Administrative Record, Room 401, L Street, NW., Washington, DC.

Comments will be available for public review at the L Street address during regular business hours (8:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., Monday through Friday).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** George Ramey, (202) 452-7747.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with 5 CFR 1320.8(d), the BLM is required to provide 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning a proposed collection of information to solicit comments on (a) 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; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection, 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 technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. BLM will receive and analyze any comments sent in response to this notice and include them with its request for approval from the Office of Management and Budget under 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

The Taylor Grazing Act (TGA) of 1934 (43 U.S.C. 315 *et seq.*) and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.*) provide the authority for the Bureau of Land Management to administer the livestock grazing program consistent with land-use plans, multiple-use objectives, sustained yield, environmental values, economic considerations, and other factors. Authorizing livestock use on the public lands is an important and integral part of program administration. Regulation in 43 CFR 4130.1 provide for the timely filing of applications for grazing permits or leases, free-use grazing permits, and other grazing authorizations with the appropriate BLM office.

The information provided by the permittees and lessees is used by the BLM to authorize livestock grazing use on the public lands, and to amend annual authorizations levels. The information requested includes the name and number of the grazing allotment to verify the authorized location, the number of livestock and periods of use for billing purposes, recorded brands to verify ownership, and reasons for any nonuse. The information on the form is used by the BLM authorized officer to: determine if the applied for use is within the permittees' or lessees' preference (authorized level of use), determine if the applied for use would be consistent with multiple-use objectives, and establish the terms and conditions which should be attached to a permit or lease. A permit or lease remains in effect for up to 10 years, or until the permit or lease is canceled by the authorized office. Without this information, the BLM would not be able to assure proper administration of the use of the public lands as required by law and would result in unauthorized use, improper billings, and nonpayment of fees due the Federal Government.

After the permit is issued, the form is then computer generated (Form No. 4130-3a) with the applicant's name, address, stated qualifications, and mailed annually to each grazing permittee or lessee of record. Using information technology enables the applicant to review the grazing use that is scheduled for the coming grazing season request a change in the scheduled use if needed, show the livestock identification, and sign the form.

The form is returned to the authorized officer who, if changes are indicated, either approves the change by issuing a bill listing the grazing use requested, or denies the request for a change by issuing a decision which includes a right of protest and administrative appeal.

The information required by law is only available from the applicants and uses information already available for the purpose identified. Since grazing on the unreserved public lands is administered only by the BLM, there is no duplication of information collections.

The form was designed to request only basic information required to administer the permitting process. The majority of the information is contained in the applicant's ownership documents, and previously approved grazing permit, or lease, and by using previously automated information, the

burden is minimized for all respondents.

The information requested by the form is subject to change from 1 grazing year to another and is necessary for annual collection of grazing fees. There is no opportunity to conduct the collection less frequently and collect user fees as required by law.

This information collection is consistent with guidelines in 5 CFR 1320.6 without which the BLM would not be able to administer the Public Land Laws. There are no assurances of confidentiality but the Privacy Act Notice is provided to inform the applicants of the uses to be made.

On March 25, 1994 the BLM published in the **Federal Register** a notice of proposed rulemaking to amend the regulations for livestock grazing. A comment period of 120 days was allowed. Included in the notice was a request for comments on the information collections involved including this collection (1004-0041). Several comments were received on this section addressing information resources and questions of timeliness relating to compliance. (**Federal Register** 2/22/95, page 9925) Copies of the comments are on file at the Bureau of Land Management, Eastern States Office, 7450 Boston Boulevard, Springfield, Virginia 22153, and may be reviewed by contacting Jim Gegan at that Office.

The annual cost to the Government is estimated to be \$170,300 based on \$11,000 for forms and processing and \$159,300 to review returned applications at \$20 per hour. Annual costs to the respondents is estimated at \$35,900 based on \$20 per hour to prepare the forms.

Approximately 23,000 forms are computer printed and mailed annually. From records available from the automated data processing (ADP) system, about one-third or 7,665 are returned as requests for moderate changes with an average of 14 minutes (0.234 hours) required for each respondent to review, check records, change if necessary and sign, resulting in 1,794 burden hours. Response time has been estimated from those respondents who have brought in the form and completed it in the presence of BLM employees.

Any interested member of the public may result and obtain, without charge, a copy of BLM Form 4130.3a from the person identified under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget

approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: July 23, 1998.

**Carole J. Smith,**

*Bureau of Land Management Information Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[AK-962-1410-00-P; AA-10517]

#### Alaska Native Claims Selection; Publication

In accordance with Departmental regulation 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that a decision to issue conveyance under the provisions of Sec. 14(h)(1) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of December 18, 1971, 43 U.S.C. 1601, 1613(h)(1), will be issued to Sealaska Corporation for approximately 9.87 acres. The lands involved are in the vicinity of Sanford Cove, Alaska.

#### Copper River Meridian, Alaska

T. 48 S., R. 74 E.,

Secs. 29 to 32, inclusive.

A notice of the decision will be published once a week, for four (4) consecutive weeks, in the Juneau Empire. Copies of the decision may be obtained by contacting the Alaska State Office of the Bureau of Land Management, 222 West Seventh Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7599 (907) 271-5960).

Any party claiming a property interest which is adversely affected by the decision, an agency of the Federal government or regional corporation, shall have until August 27, 1998 to file an appeal. However, parties receiving service by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal. Appeals must be filed in the Bureau of Land Management at the address identified above, where the requirements for filing an appeal may be obtained. Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR part 4, subpart E, shall be deemed to have waived their rights.

**Patricia K. Underwood,**

*Land Law Examiner, ANCSA Team, Branch of 962 Adjudication.*

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