

neighborhoods will be recruited into the study.

Form Numbers: None.

Respondents: Individuals or households, State, Local or Tribal Government.

Frequency of Submission: Reporting.
Reporting Burden:

	Number of respondents	×	Frequency of response	×	Hours per response	=	Burden hours
New Collection	312		2		0.68		425

Total Estimated Burden Hours: 425.
Status: New Collection.

Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 35, as amended.

Dated: March 17, 2000.

Wayne Eddins,

*Departmental Reports Management Officer,
Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4561-N-15]

Notice of Submission of Proposed Information Collection to OMB; Multifamily Mortgage Insurance Benefits Claim

AGENCY: Office of the Chief Information Officer, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The proposed information collection requirement described below has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

DATES: *Comments Due Date:* April 24, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB approval number (2502-0415) and should be sent to: Joseph F. Lackey, Jr., OMB Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Wayne Eddins, Reports Management Officer, Q, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, Southwest, Washington, DC 20410; e-mail Wayne_Eddins@HUD.gov; telephone (202) 708-2374. This is not a toll-free number. Copies of the proposed forms and other available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Mr. Eddins.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department has submitted the proposal for the collection of information, as described below, to OMB for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). The Notice lists the following information: (1) The title of the information collection proposal; (2) the office of the agency to collect the information; (3) the OMB approval number, if applicable; (4) the description of the need for the information and its proposed use; (5)

the agency form number, if applicable; (6) what members of the public will be affected by the proposal; (7) how frequently information submissions will be required; (8) an estimate of the total number of hours needed to prepare the information submission including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response; (9) whether the proposal is new, an extension, reinstatement, or revision of an information collection requirement; and (10) the name and telephone number of an agency official familiar with the proposal and of the OMB Desk Officer for the Department.

This Notice also lists the following information:

Title of Proposal: Multifamily Mortgage Insurance Benefits Claims.

OMB Approval Number: 2502-0415.

Form Numbers: HUD-2742, -2744-A, -2744-B, -2744-C, -2744-D, -2744-E.

Description of the Need for the Information and Its Proposed Use: To collect information from mortgage claimants necessary to provide benefits of mortgage insurance to those mortgagees.

Respondents: Business or Other-for-Profit.

Frequency of Submission: As applications are submitted.

Reporting Burden:

Number of respondents	x	Frequency of responses	x	Hours per response	=	Burden hours
118		1		3.5		411

Total Estimated Burden Hours: 411.

Status: Reinstatement, without change.

Authority: Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 35, as amended.

Dated: March 17, 2000.

Wayne Eddins,

*Departmental Reports Management Officer,
Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Availability of an Environmental Assessment and Receipt of an Application for an Incidental Take Permit for the Coastal California Gnatcatcher Associated With Residential Development in the City of Fullerton, County of Orange, California

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, DOI.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: Van Daele Development Corporation of Riverside, California (Van Daele), has applied to the Fish and

Wildlife Service for an incidental take permit pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act, 1973, as amended. Van Daele seeks a permit for a period of 3 years that would authorize incidental take of a bird, the threatened coastal California gnatcatcher (*Poliophtila californica californica*), associated with single-family residential development and occupancy of 35 acres of habitat within the City of Fullerton, County of Orange, California. The permit application includes a Habitat Conservation Plan and an Implementation Agreement, both of which are available for public review and comment. We also request

comments on our Environmental Assessment for the proposed issuance of the incidental take permit. We provide this notice pursuant to section 10(a) of the Endangered Species Act and National Environmental Policy Act regulations (40 CFR 1506.6). All comments on the Environmental Assessment and permit application will become part of the administrative record and will be available to the public.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before April 24, 2000.

ADDRESSES: You should address written comments to Mr. Ken Berg, Field Supervisor, Fish and Wildlife Service, 2730 Loker Avenue West, Carlsbad, California 92008. You also may send comments by facsimile to telephone (760) 431-9624.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Karen Evans, Division Chief, Los Angeles and Orange Counties, at the above address or call (760) 431-9440.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Availability of Documents

You may obtain copies of the documents for review by calling our Carlsbad Fish and Wildlife Office at the above referenced telephone number. You also may make an appointment to review the documents during normal business hours at the above address.

Background

Section 9 of the Endangered Species Act and Service regulations prohibit the "take" of threatened or endangered wildlife. Take means to harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture or collect listed animal species, or attempt to engage in such conduct (16 USC 1538). Harm may include significant habitat modification that actually kills or injures wildlife by significantly impairing essential behavioral patterns, including breeding, feeding, and sheltering [50 CFR 17.3(c)]. The Service, however, may issue permits to take endangered and/or threatened wildlife incidental to, and not the purpose of, otherwise lawful activities. Regulations governing permits for endangered and threatened species are found at 50 CFR 17.22 and 17.32.

We propose to issue a permit to Van Daele authorizing take of the threatened coastal California gnatcatcher incidental to otherwise lawful construction, development, and occupancy of a residential subdivision. This project would directly impact the gnatcatcher by removing 4.65 acres of suitable habitat on the 35-acre parcel. The permit application includes a Habitat Conservation Plan and an

Implementation Agreement that define the responsibilities of all parties under the Plan. Van Daele's Habitat Conservation Plan describes alternatives to the action and includes measures to minimize and mitigate impacts to the gnatcatcher.

To minimize impacts, Van Daele proposes in its Habitat Conservation Plan to flush coastal California gnatcatchers prior to grading operations and to monitor the site during clearing and grubbing operations (brushing). To mitigate for the permanent loss of occupied habitat due to the proposed subdivision development, Van Daele proposes to permanently protect coastal sage scrub habitat off site that has high long-term conservation value for the coastal California gnatcatcher. Van Daele has agreed with the Service to mitigate for the entire habitat area that supports coastal California gnatcatchers on site, which includes not only the coastal sage scrub but also the grassland ecotone (transition zone between habitat types) and the mulefat scrub on the property, for a combined total of 4.65 acres.

The mitigation plan contains four options that include acquisition or restoration, preservation, and management of high-quality habitat to support coastal California gnatcatchers (in order of priority):

1. Contribute funds to the purchase of lands within the Coal Canyon wildlife corridor.

2. Purchase coastal California gnatcatcher occupied habitat adjacent to, and for incorporation into, Chino Hills State Park.

3. Purchase land within the conditional sale area of the previously approved Shell Oil/Metropolitan Water District Habitat Conservation Plan, for incorporation into the Chino Hills State Park.

4. Restore 4.65 acres of a lemon orchard to coastal sage scrub vegetation within Chino Hills State Park. This lemon orchard is adjacent to occupied coastal California gnatcatcher habitat.

Based on lands valued at \$37,000 per acre (as determined from the cost of land in the Shell Oil/Metropolitan Water District conditional sale area), Van Daele proposes to contribute a minimum of \$172,050 in fulfillment of this Habitat Conservation Plan. The Service expects that this amount would be adequate to acquire between 3 and 4.65 acres of habitat, or to restore 4.65 acres of habitat. Van Daele reserves the right to propose other possible options at a later date. These options may be selected if they are acceptable to the Service and do not diminish the level or means of mitigation. We anticipate these

options to be the acquisition of lands in another established reserve, should one become available prior to the issuance of Van Daele's grading permit and the use of the funds.

In our Environmental Assessment, we considered Van Daele's proposed project (Proposed Action Alternative) and three scenarios under the No Action Alternative. Under the Proposed Action Alternative, we would issue a permit under section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act to Van Daele, authorizing incidental take of the threatened coastal California gnatcatcher during development and occupancy of the single-family residence tract on the 35-acre proposed project site. The project site was previously used for oil and gas operations. Prior to development, Van Daele would ensure that the site is fully remediated for hazardous wastes that might be present as a result of the approximately 19 wells that have operated at the site. The remediation would be fully compliant with requirements of all applicable State, County, and local agencies and regulations. Three oil wells would remain in operation concurrently with and adjacent to the proposed project.

Implementation of the proposed project would require several discretionary actions by the City of Fullerton including a Specific Plan amendment, zone change, and development agreement. Development of the proposed project would result in the conversion of approximately 35 acres of land from oilfield and gas operations to residential uses. Implementation would also require the marginal extension of Maple Avenue, which currently terminates at Rolling Hills Park, into the western portion of the project site.

Under the no Action Alternative, the Service would not issue an incidental take permit. Van Daele would either proceed with a reduced residential development, select an alternative site, or abandon the project.

Under this no take scenario, Van Daele could proceed with a residential development project within the same 35-acre parcel but with a reduced construction area configuration, so as to avoid physically disturbing the on-site coastal California gnatcatcher habitat. The residential development would be reduced by approximately 5 residences compared to the proposed project.

Under a second no take scenario, Van Daele could select a different site for a residential development project that does not support any listed species. Therefore, the project would not result in the incidental take of a listed species

and issuance of an incidental take permit would not be required.

Under a third no take scenario, Van Daele could abandon the project. The site would remain relatively vacant with the exception of the continued operation of up to 19 oil wells. Under this scenario, there is no assurance that site remediation and abandonment of the approximately 16 wells formerly in use at the site would occur in a timely fashion. Hazardous residuals from prior site use could remain indefinitely in the subsurface soils.

We provide this notice pursuant to section 10(a) of the Endangered Species Act and Service regulations for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (40 CFR 1506.6). We will evaluate the permit application, Habitat Conservation Plan, Implementation Agreement, Environmental Assessment, associated documents, and comments submitted thereon to determine whether the application meets the requirements of section 10(a) of the Endangered Species Act. If we determine that the requirements are met, we will issue a permit for the incidental take of the coastal California gnatcatcher. We will make a decision on permit issuance no sooner than 30 days from the date of this notice.

Dated: March 20, 2000.

Elizabeth H. Stevens,

Deputy Manager, California/Nevada Operations Office, Fish and Wildlife Service, Sacramento, California.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Availability, Draft Natural Resource Restoration Plan

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), on behalf of the Department of the Interior (DOI), as a natural resource trustee, announces the release for public review of the Draft Natural Resource Restoration Plan (NRRP) for the Saegertown Industrial Area National Priorities List Superfund Site (Saegertown Site). The Draft NRRP describes the DOI's proposal to restore natural resources injured as a result of chemical contamination at the Saegertown Site.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before April 15, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Requests for copies of the Draft NRRP may be made to: Mark Roberts, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Pennsylvania Field Office, 315 South Allen Street, Suite 322, State College, Pennsylvania 16801.

Written comments or materials regarding the Draft NRRP should be sent to the same address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mark Roberts, Environmental Contaminants Branch, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Pennsylvania Field Office, 315 South Allen Street, Suite 322, State College, Pennsylvania 16801. Interested parties may also call (814) 234-4090 or send e-mail to mark_roberts@fws.gov for further information.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the authority of the Comprehensive Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, as amended (CERCLA), "natural resource trustees may assess damages to natural resources resulting from a discharge of oil or a release of a hazardous substance * * * and may seek to recover those damages." Natural resource damage assessments are separate from the cleanup actions undertaken at a hazardous waste site, and provide a process whereby the natural resource trustees can determine the proper compensation to the public for injury to natural resources. At the Saegertown Site in the Borough of Saegertown, Crawford County, Pennsylvania, DOI was the sole natural resource trustee involved in the federal government's settlement with the GATX Corporation (GATX). GATX owns a portion of the site. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service determined that contamination on the GATX portion of the site had degraded habitat and injured trust resources (migratory birds). The injuries resulted from the exposure of migratory birds (such as killdeer, red-winged blackbirds, mourning doves, and waterfowl) to mercury, lead, and PCB contamination in a 2.3-acre pond/wetland complex on the site.

As part of a Consent Decree requiring remedial actions at the Saegertown site, DOI agreed to a monetary settlement with GATX for natural resource damages. The settlement of \$94,510 was designated for restoration, replacement, or acquisition of the equivalent natural resource injured by the release of contaminants at the site, and included reimbursement for costs related to assessing the damages.

The Draft NRRP is being released in accordance with the Natural Resource Damage Assessment Regulations found at Title 43 of the Code of Federal Regulation Part II. The Draft NRRP

describes several habitat restoration, acquisition, and protection alternatives identified by the DOI, and evaluates each of the possible alternatives based on all relevant considerations. The DOI's Preferred Alternative is to use the settlement funds to purchase and restore fish and wildlife habitat within the French Creek watershed, in cooperation with several identified partners. The Pennsylvania Game Commission will accept title of the property and manage it for the perpetual protection of fish and wildlife resources. Details regarding the proposed projects are contained in the Draft NRRP.

The Final Revised Procedures for the Service in implementing the National Environmental Policy Act were published in the **Federal Register** on January 16, 1997. That publication provides for a categorical exclusion for natural resource damage assessment restoration plans prepared under CERCLA when only minor or negligible change in the use of the affected areas is planned. The DOI has determined that the Preferred Alternative will result in only a minor change in the use of the affected area. Accordingly this Draft NRRP qualifies for a categorical exclusion under NEPA.

Interested members of the public are invited to review and comment on the Draft NRRP. Copies of the Draft NRRP are available from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Pennsylvania Field Office at 315 South Allen Street, Suite 322, State College, Pennsylvania 16801. Additionally the Draft NRRP is available for review at the Saegertown Area Library, 320 Broad Street, Saegertown, Pennsylvania 16433. All comments received on the Draft NRRP will be considered and a response provided either through revision of this Draft NRRP and incorporation into the Final Natural Resource Restoration Plan, or by letter to the commentor.

Author: The primary author of this notice is Mark Roberts, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Pennsylvania Field Office, 315 South Allen Street, Suite 322, State College, Pennsylvania 16801.

Authority: The authority for this action is the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, as amended ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C.

Dated: March 10, 2000.

M.A. Parker,

Assistant, Regional Director, Region 5, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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