

in 25 CFR part 900. The Department of the Interior and the Department of Health and Human Services invite you to submit comments to the OMB on the information collection described below.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before July 31, 2000.

ADDRESSES: If you wish to comment, you may submit your comments to Attn: Desk Officer for Department of the Interior, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Docket Library, Room 10102, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503. Please send copy of comments to James Thomas, Office of Tribal Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street NW, MS 4660 MIB, Washington, DC 20240.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James Thomas, Office of Tribal Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street NW, MS 4660 MIB, Washington, DC 20240, or (202) 208-5727.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Representatives of the Department of the Interior, the Department of Health and Human Services and the tribes developed a joint rule, 25 CFR part 900, to implement section 107 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act, as amended by, Public Law 103-413, the Indian Self-Determination Contract Reform Act of 1994. Section 107(a)(2)(A)(ii) of the Indian Self-Determination Contract Reform Act requires the joint rule to permit contracts and grants be awarded to Indian tribes without the unnecessary burden or confusion associated with two sets of rules and information collection requirements when there is a single program legislation involved. The burden hours for this collection have been reduced as a result of tribes contracting multiple programs under a single contract, as authorized under 25 CFR 900.8, tribes administering 'mature' contracts which require fewer reports and, tribes entering into Self-Governance 'compacts,' under which Self-Governance tribes may combine all programs under a single self-governance compact.

The information requirements for this joint rule represent significant differences from other agencies in several respects. Both the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Indian Health Service let contracts for multiple programs whereas other agencies usually award single grants to tribes. Under the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act, as amended by the Indian Self-

Determination Contract Reform Act of 1994, tribes are entitled to contract and may renew contracts annually where other agencies provide grants on a discretionary/competitive basis.

The proposal and other supporting documentation identified in this information collection is used by the Department of the Interior and the Department of Health and Human Services to determine applicant eligibility, evaluate applicant capabilities, protect the service population, safeguard Federal funds and other resources, and permit the Federal agencies to administer and evaluate contract programs. Tribal governments or tribal organizations provide the information by submitting Public Law 93-638 contract or grant proposals to the appropriate Federal agency. No third party notification or public disclosure burden is associated with this collection.

Request for Comments: The Department of the Interior and the Department of Health and Human Services request comments on this information collection particularly concerning: (1) The necessity of the information collection for the proper performance of the agencies' functions; (2) whether this information collection duplicates a collection elsewhere by the Federal Government; (3) whether the burden estimate is accurate or could be reduced using technology available to all respondents; (4) if the quality of the information requested ensures its usefulness to the agency(ies); (5) if the instructions are clear and easily understood, leading to the least burden on the respondents. A Federal 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.

Please submit all comments to the contact in the **ADDRESSES** section. Please submit a copy of comments on this information collection to the Bureau of Indian Affairs by telefax to (202) 208-5113. You may also hand deliver written comments or view comments at the address found in "**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.**" You may obtain a copy of this information collection document and the OMB submission at no charge by a written request to the same address, by telefaxing a request to the above number, or by calling (202) 208-5727. Please identify the information collection by, OMB #1076-0136. We make the comments and names and addresses of commentators available for public review during regular business hours. If you wish us to withhold your name and address, you

must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. We will honor your request to the extent allowable by law.

Burden Statement: Respondents may be required to respond from 1 to 12 times per year, depending upon the number of programs they contract from the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Indian Health Service. In addition, each Subpart concerns different parts of the contracting process. For example, Subpart C relates to provisions of initial contract proposal contents. The burden associated with this would not be used when contracts are renewed. Subpart F describes minimum standards for the management systems used by Indian tribes or tribal organizations under these contracts. Subpart G addresses the negotiability of all reporting and data requirements in the contract.

Total annual burden: 238,992 hours.

Total number of respondents: 550.

Total number of responses: 5,507.

Dated: June 21, 2000.

Kevin Gover,

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Department of the Interior.*

Dated: April 26, 2000.

Michael H. Trujillo,

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Information Collection Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for Renewal Under the Paperwork Reduction Act

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: We have submitted the information collection requirements to renew approval of the collection of information for special use permit applications on national wildlife refuges in Alaska to OMB for approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Submit comments on or before July 31, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Send comments and suggestions on specific requirements directly to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Department of the Interior Desk Officer, 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC

20503; and a copy to our Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service [MS 222 ARLSQ], 1849 C Street, NW, Washington, DC 20240.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Leslie Marler, Management Analyst, Branch of Policy and Planning, Division of Refuges, (703) 358-2397; or Tony Booth, Refuge Program Specialist, Division of Refuges, Anchorage, AK (907) 786-3384.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We submitted the following proposed information collection clearance requirement to OMB for review and approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13). OMB has up to 60 days to approve or disapprove information collection. To ensure maximum consideration, OMB should receive public comments by July 31, 2000. We may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information, and a person is not required to respond to a request for information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. We previously published a 60-day notice inviting public comment on this information collection in the **Federal Register** on February 9, 2000 (65 FR 6388). We received no comments.

We invite comments 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 burden, 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) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

The National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 (Pub. L. 105-57) that amends the National Wildlife Refuge Administration Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 668 dd-ee) requires that we authorize economic or other special

privileges on any national wildlife refuge by permit only when we determine the activity will be compatible with the purposes for which the refuge was established and the mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System. The Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) (16 U.S.C. 3101 *et seq.*) provides for the disposition and use of national wildlife refuges and other federally owned lands in Alaska. Title III of ANILCA identifies the purposes for each Alaska refuge and requires that all uses we authorize on them first be found to be compatible with the refuge purposes. Section 1307 of ANILCA contains two provisions concerning persons and entities who we are to give special rights and preferences with respect to providing "visitor services" on national wildlife refuges in Alaska and certain other Federal lands. Other sections of ANILCA allow us to permit uses on national wildlife refuges in Alaska under certain conditions.

We will provide the permit applications as requested by interested Alaska citizens. We will use information provided on the required written forms and/or verbal applications to determine if the proposed activity is compatible with refuge purposes and ensure that the applicant is eligible for a permit. In the case of competitively awarded permits, we will use the information to determine the most qualified applicant to receive benefits of a refuge permit. In the case of "1307" permits, we will use the information to determine whether the applicant is: A member of a Native Corporation; a local resident; engaged in adequately providing visitors services on or before January 1, 1979; or eligible to receive Cook Inlet Region rights.

We make provision in our general refuge regulations for public entry for specialized purposes, including economic activities such as the operation of guiding and other visitor services on refuges by concessionaires or cooperators under appropriate contracts or legal agreements (found in 50 CFR 25.61) or special use permits (found in 50 CFR 26.22(b), 26.25, 36.37, and 36.41). These rules provide the authorities and procedures for selecting permittees on Alaska refuges, the vast

majority of which are providers of services and facilities to the public. We will issue permits for a specific period as determined by the type and location of the use or visitor service provided.

We are making several minor modifications to the Special Use Permit application form:

1. On page one, Part 1 of the form, we changed cc:mail address to e-mail address.

2. On page two, Part 2 of the form, we eliminated Aleutian Islands Unit/Alaska Maritime NWR from the list of National Wildlife Refuge Code Acronyms because there is no need for separate entry for the Aleutian Islands Unit of the refuge.

3. On page two, Part 2 of the form, we also revised the list of Activity Codes to provide more effective and clearer identification of the types of commercial visitor service uses that we most commonly permit on Alaska refuges. We changed the activity codes from two-letter codes to three-letter codes.

4. On page three, Part 4 of the form, we revised the instructions that state, "List the MAKE, MODEL, WHEEL/FLOAT/SKI, COLOR and TAIL NUMBER of all the aircraft you own/lease/operate." We added to this statement the phrase, "* * * that you will use in your proposed activity;" to clarify that we only need information about aircraft the applicant will use for activities permitted on the refuge.

5. In addition to the revisions identified above, we made several minor editorial changes on the application form for clarification and plain language requirements. The editorial revisions do not affect information requirements of the application.

Title: Special Use Permit Applications on National Wildlife Refuges in Alaska.

OMB form number: 1018-0014—Service form number: 3-2001.

Frequency of collection: On occasion.

Description of the respondents: Individuals and households; business and other.

Number of respondents: 212.

Estimated completion time: 8.6 hours (average time for competitive and non-competitive respondents).

Burden estimate: 1,820 hours.

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**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****U.S. FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE, ALASKA REGION****SPECIAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION****OFFICE USE:**

SUP # _____

NOTICE: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501, et seq.) and the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a) please be advised that:

1. The permitting of compatible economic and public uses on lands of the National Wildlife Refuge System is authorized by: (a) the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 (Pub. L. 105-57); (b) the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act (16 U.S.C. 668dd-ee); (c) the Refuge Recreation Act (16 U.S.C. 460k-n); (d) Bald Eagle Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 663a); (e) Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1539); (f) Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. 703-711); (g) Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1371-1383); (g) Lacey Act (18 U.S.C. 42 and 44); and (h) Tariff Classification Act of 1962 (19 U.S.C. 1202).

2. Public and economic uses of national wildlife refuges may be authorized upon a determination that such uses are compatible with the purpose(s) for which the refuge was established, and the mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System. The action also must be in accordance with provisions of all laws applicable to the area, consistent with the principles of sound fish and wildlife management and otherwise in the public interest.

3. The application form will be used by Service personnel to evaluate the qualifications and conclude the eligibility of the applicant. Applicants are not required to disclose their social security number.

4. Routine use disclosures may also be made (1) to the U.S. Department of Justice when related to litigation or anticipated litigation; (2) of information indicating a violation or potential violation of a statute, regulation, rule, order or license to appropriate Federal, State, local or foreign agencies responsible for investigating or prosecuting the violation or for enforcing or implementing the statute, rule, regulation, order or license; (3) from the record of an individual in response to an inquiry from a Congressional office made at the request of that individual (42 FR 19083; April 11, 1977)

5. Information requested in this form is purely voluntary, but failure to answer questions may jeopardize eligibility to receive permits. Response is not required unless a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number is displayed.

6. The public reporting burden for this information collection varies based on the specific refuge use being requested. The relevant burden estimate ranges from 1.5 hours for each non-competitively bid permit, to 30 hours for each competitively awarded permit, to 40 hours for each 1307 permit being requested. This burden estimate includes time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of the form to the Service Information Collection Clearance Officer, Fish and Wildlife Service, Mail Stop 224, Arlington Square, U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20240, and to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OME, Attention: Desk Officer for the Interior Department (1018-0014), Washington, D.C. 20503.

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1) Please type or print in ink. Answer all questions completely or mark "N/A" if not applicable.

APPLICANT NAME: _____

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER _____

BUSINESS NAME _____

PRIMARY ADDRESS
(Business Address) _____

ALTERNATE ADDRESS _____

PRIMARY PHONE NUMBER _____

FAX NUMBER _____

ALTERNATE PHONE NUMBER _____

E - MAIL ADDRESS _____

AS AN APPLICANT, ARE YOU: (Mark one box with "X")

{ } INDIVIDUAL

{ } CORPORATION

{ } PARTNERSHIP/ASSOCIATION

{ } GOVERNMENT/STATE AGENCY

{ } OTHER _____

If you are an INDIVIDUAL or PARTNERSHIP, are you also a citizen(s) of the United States?

YES _____ NO _____

2)

SPECIAL USE PERMIT ACTIVITIES

Use the code listing below to select the refuge and commercial activity(ies) to complete this section.

Be as specific as you can (Example: ARC-ATX means Arctic National Wildlife Refuge - Air Taxi Operations).

NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE CODE ACRONYMS

AKM = Alaska Maritime NWR

APB = Alaska Peninsula/Becharof NWR

ARC = Arctic NWR

INN = Innoko NWR

IZM = Izembek NWR

KAN = Kanuti NWR

KEN = Kenai NWR

KOD = Kodiak NWR

KOY = Koyukuk/Nowitna NWR

SEL = Selawik NWR

TET = Tetlin NWR

TOG = Togiak NWR

YKD = Yukon Delta NWR

YKF = Yukon Flats NWR

ACTIVITY CODES

GBG = Guiding - Big Game Hunting

GSG = Guiding - Hunting Other than Big Game; specify type of wildlife hunted (e.g., migratory birds, small game, etc.)

GSF = Guiding - Sport Fishing

GRT = Guiding - River Trips; specify type of boat and if motorized or non-motorized

GOT = Outfitting; specify type of activities guided (e.g., hiking, wildlife viewing, sight seeing, photography, etc.)

OUT = Outfitting; specify type of equipment and activity you are outfitting

ATX = Air Taxi - FAA certified, point to point aircraft transportation on refuge lands/waters

AFS = Flightseeing - only if you will be landing on refuge lands/waters

TRP = Transporting; specify mode of transport provided (e.g., horse, boat, snowmachine, etc.)

PHO = Commercial Photography

OTH = Other, please specify in detail, on a separate sheet, the activity you propose

REFUGE CODE	ACTIVITY CODE (specify additional details if applicable - you may use additional sheets)	AREA(S) OF USE (delineate on USGS Topo maps if applicable)	CLIENT #S - Specify anticipated average and maximum number of clients per day

3). What are the estimated starting and ending dates of your proposed activity? _____

4). Will your business be operating aircraft (not hiring air taxis) on refuge lands/waters?

YES ____ NO ____ . If so, will your business be operating aircraft under:

(check one) ____ FAA Regulations Part 91 (incidental Air)

____ FAA Regulations Part 135 (Air Taxi)

(PLEASE PROVIDE A COPY OF YOUR FAA CERTIFICATION.)

Name of Air Taxi(s) you plan to use _____

List the **MAKE, MODEL, WHEEL/FLOAT/SKI, COLOR and TAIL NUMBER** of all aircraft you own/lease/operate that you will use in your proposed activity:

MAKE	MODEL	WHEEL (✓)	SKI (✓)	FLOAT (✓)	COLOR	TAIL NUMBER

5) We require you to carry liability insurance to provide protection for visitors you serve on refuges. You must name the U.S. Government as an additional insured. Do you have current liability insurance?
YES _____ NO _____ (Attach a copy of the insurance certificate.)

Applicants must obtain liability coverage **BEFORE** we can issue a Special Use Permit. Refer to the enclosed **Insurance Information Sheet** for required minimum coverage amounts.

6) List the type of vessel(s) or vehicle(s) and the maximum passenger capacity of the vehicles and/or vessels (not aircraft) you plan to use within refuge boundaries.

VESSEL/VEHICLE	MAXIMUM CAPACITY	REGISTRATION NUMBER

7) Within the past 5 years, have the company (entity) or any of the owners of the business been convicted, pled nolo contendere, or forfeited collateral for any violations of State, Federal, or local law or regulations related to fish and wildlife or permit activities?
YES _____ NO _____

8) Are the company (entity) or any of the owners of the business now under charges for any violation of State, Federal, or local law or regulations related to fish and wildlife or permit activities? YES _____ NO _____

9) Within the past 5 years, have any of your current or proposed employees been convicted, pled nolo contendere, or forfeited collateral for any State, Federal or local law or regulations related to fish and wildlife or permit activities: OR are they now under charges for any violation of state, federal or local law or regulations related to fish and wildlife or permit activities?
YES _____ NO _____

10) IF YOU ANSWERED "YES" TO QUESTIONS # 7, 8 OR 9, PLEASE GIVE DETAILS IN THE SPACE BELOW. FOR EACH VIOLATION, PROVIDE THE: 1) Individual's Name, 2) Date, 3) Charge, 4) Place, 5) Court, and 6) Action Taken.

ITEM #	INDIVIDUAL'S NAME	DATE	CHARGE	PLACE	COURT	ACTION

11) If you check the following blank _____, or if this application is in response to a prospectus for a competitively awarded permit, please provide a detailed response which addresses, at a minimum, the following factors: proposed operations plan; complete above history of violation related questions 7, 8, and 9 for the past 10 years; safety record, training and proposed safety plan; documentation of experience and knowledge applicable to both the proposed activity and delineated use area or general geographical area; complete list and description of property, equipment and accessories; and complete list of clients for same or similar activities during the past three years. (Use separate sheets to complete this question.)

12) Provide a complete list of names, addresses and phone numbers of employees who will be assisting with permit activities on the refuge. Also indicate in what capacity they will be operating (e.g., guide, pilot, camp cook, etc.) For any employee, including the applicant, who will be operating a vehicle, aircraft, or vessel while carrying clients, please provide their State drivers license number, pilot certificate number, or applicable vessel operating license number and indicate whether they have had any such licenses suspended or revoked, or have been convicted for driving while under the influence of alcohol or drugs during the past five years. Please use separate sheet to provide this information.

13) False, fictitious or fraudulent statements or representations made in this application may be grounds for revocation of the Special Use Permit and may be punishable by fine or imprisonment (18 U.S.C. 1001). We will consider all information you provide in reviewing this application.

14) Please attach a copy of your State business license and any applicable State or Federal licenses/certifications (e.g., State Big Game Guiding License, State Transporter license, U.S. Coast Guard License, etc.).

SIGNATURE OF OWNER/AGENT
(Attach proof of Agent)

PRINTED NAME

DATE

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Check #	Check Amount:	Overpayment:	Additional Amount Needed:	Fee Not enclosed
WERE THESE DOCUMENTS ENCLOSED WITH APPLICATION?				
AIRCRAFT INSURANCE: YES NO		GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE: YES NO		
STATE BUSINESS LICENSE: YES NO		OTHER LICENSES/CERTIFICATIONS: YES NO		
MISSING DOCUMENTATION _____				

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