

Citation 30 CFR 203	Reporting or recordkeeping requirement 30 CFR Part 203	Hour burden application fees
81(d)	Retain supporting cost records for post-production development/fabrication reports (records retained as usual/customary business practice; minimal burden to make available at MMS request).	8.
83	Application—short form to add or assign pre-Act lease and required supporting documentation.	40 Application = \$1,000.

* CPA certification expense burden also imposed on applicant.

** These applications currently do not have a set fee since they are done on a case-by-case basis. In the past 11 years, three unique applications have been submitted and the respondents were charged approximately \$8,000 per application, and \$19,500 respectively.

Note: Applications include numerous items such as: transmittal letters, letters of request, modifications to applications, reapplications, etc.

Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping "Non-Hour Cost"

Burden: There are two non-hour costs associated with this information collection. The currently approved non-hour cost burden is \$280,670. This estimate is based on:

(a) Application and audit fees. The total annual estimated cost burden for these fees is \$145,670 (refer to burden chart).

(b) Cost of reports prepared by independent certified public accountants. Under § 203.81, a report prepared by an independent certified public accountant (CPA) must accompany the application and post-production report (expansion project, short form, and preview assessment applications are excluded). The OCS Lands Act applications will require this report only once; the DWRRA applications will require this report at two stages—with the application and post-production development report for successful applicants. We estimate approximately three submissions, during the information collection extension, at an average cost of \$45,000 per report, for a total estimated annual cost burden of \$135,000. We have not identified any other non-hour cost burdens for this collection.

Public Disclosure Statement: The PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*) provides that an agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. Until OMB approves a collection of information, you are not obligated to respond.

Comments: Before submitting an ICR to OMB, PRA section 3506(c)(2)(A) requires each agency “* * * to provide notice * * * and otherwise consult with members of the public and affected agencies concerning each proposed collection of information * * *”. Agencies must specifically solicit comments to: (a) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the agency to perform its

duties, including whether the information is useful; (b) evaluate the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) minimize the burden on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Agencies must also estimate the “non-hour cost” burdens to respondents or recordkeepers resulting from the collection of information. Therefore, if you have costs to generate, maintain, and disclose this information, you should comment and provide your total capital and startup cost components or annual operation, maintenance, and purchase of service components. You should describe the methods you use to estimate major cost factors, including system and technology acquisition, expected useful life of capital equipment, discount rate(s), and the period over which you incur costs. Capital and startup costs include, among other items, computers and software you purchase to prepare for collecting information, monitoring, and record storage facilities. You should not include estimates for equipment or services purchased: (i) Before October 1, 1995; (ii) to comply with requirements not associated with the information collection; (iii) for reasons other than to provide information or keep records for the Government; or (iv) as part of customary and usual business or private practices.

We will summarize written responses to this notice and address them in our submission for OMB approval. As a result of your comments, we will make any necessary adjustments to the burden in our submission to OMB.

Public Comment Procedures: Before including your address, phone number, e-mail 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.

MMS Information Collection Clearance Officer: Arlene Bajusz (202) 208-7744.

Dated: April 10, 2009.

E.P. Danenberger,
Chief, Office of Offshore Regulatory Programs.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS-R4-R-2009-N0084] [41510-1261-0000-4A]

Proposed Information Collection; Economic Valuation and Visitor Satisfaction Survey, Crystal River National Wildlife Refuge

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We (Fish and Wildlife Service) will ask the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve the information collection (IC) described below. As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and as part of our continuing efforts to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, we invite the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on this IC. We 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.

DATES: Your comments must be received by June 22, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Send your comments on the IC to Hope Grey, Information Collection Clearance Officer, Fish and Wildlife Service, MS 222-ARLSQ, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22203 (mail); hope_grey@fws.gov (e-mail).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request additional information about this IC, contact Hope Grey by mail or e-

mail (see ADDRESSES) or by telephone at (703) 358-2482.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Crystal River National Wildlife Refuge is developing a Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP), a 15-year planning document, to chart the course of future management options on the refuge. The refuge was established in 1983 for the purpose of protecting the Florida manatee, an endangered species.

Citrus County, where the refuge is located, is heavily dependent on manatee ecotourism as a source of tourist revenue. Local tour operators conduct manatee-human interactions in the form of "swim with" the manatee programs, which have become enormously popular over the years. Citrus County widely advertises and encourages visitors to come from around the world to have this unique experience. We manage ecotourism activities cooperatively with local tour operators through special use permits that impose conditions on activities conducted within the refuge. One condition is that operators must provide educational materials to their customers related to manatee-human interactions.

We have signed a challenge cost-share agreement with the Department of Community Services, Citrus County, to conduct a survey to obtain information to:

- (1) Evaluate present and future use levels by the public, and
- (2) Determine the quality and viability of manatee ecotourism experiences.

The county will contract with a private consulting firm to develop and conduct the survey, analyze the data, and provide the results to the Service and the county. The proposed survey will gather information from visitors regarding their experience while visiting Citrus County and the purpose for their visit, including specific questions related to manatee viewing. The report will not include any personal information about the participants and will only include information regarding the present and future public use levels on the refuge, as well as a determination of the quality and viability of manatee ecotourism experiences. The information collected will provide data to:

- (1) Support future refuge decisions to ensure protection of manatees while providing quality experiences for visitors.
- (2) Aid local business interests in providing quality ecotourism experiences.

II. Data

OMB Control Number: None. This is a new collection.

Title: Economic Valuation and Visitor Satisfaction Survey, Crystal River National Wildlife Refuge.

Service Form Number(s): None.

Type of Request: New.

Affected Public: Visitors to Crystal River National Wildlife Refuge and Citrus County, Florida.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Frequency of Collection: One time.

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 500.

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 500.

Estimated Time Per Response: 15 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 125.

III. Request for Comments

We invite comments concerning this IC on:

- (1) whether or not the collection of information is necessary, including whether or not the information will have practical utility;
- (2) the accuracy of our estimate of the burden for this 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.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this IC. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail 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.

Dated: April 15, 2009

Hope Grey,

*Information Collection Clearance Officer,
Fish and Wildlife Service.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS-R1-ES-2009-N0071]; [10120-1113-0000-F5]

Endangered Wildlife and Plants; Permits

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of applications for permits; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), invite the public to comment on the following applications for permits to conduct certain activities with endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act), which requires that we invite public comment on these permit applications.

DATES: We must receive your written data or comments by May 22, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Program Manager, Endangered Species, Ecological Services, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 911 NE. 11th Avenue, Portland, OR 97232-4181.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Grant Canterbury, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, at the above address or by telephone (503-231-2071) or fax (503-231-6243).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following applicants have applied for a new scientific research permit or interstate commerce permit, or to amend an existing permit, to conduct certain activities with endangered species under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). We solicit review and comment from local, State, and Federal agencies and the public.

Permit No. TE-001822

Applicant: Willamette National Forest, Oregon.

The applicant requests an amendment to an existing scientific research permit to take (trap, mark, and release) the Oregon chub (*Oregonichthys crameri*) in conjunction with research in the State of Oregon, for the purpose of enhancing its survival. This permit currently covers take (harass by survey, angling, capture, handle, mark, measure, translocate, and release) of the bull trout (*Salvelinus confluentus*).

Permit No. TE-210255

Applicant: Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks.

The applicant requests a new scientific research permit to take (capture, handle, measure, and release)