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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request a copy of the proposed information collection requirement or explanatory material, contact Hope Grey, Information Collection Clearance Officer, at the address above or by telephone at (703) 358-2482.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: OMB regulations at 5 CFR 1320, which implement provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), require that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (*see* 5 CFR 1320.8(d)). We plan to submit a request to OMB to renew approval of the collection of information for the Private Stewardship Grants Programs (PSGP), which expires on July 31, 2005. The OMB control number for this collection of information is 1018-0118. We are requesting a 3-year term of approval for this information collection activity. Federal agencies may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to a collection of information unless its displays a currently valid OMB control number.

The PSGP provides grants and other assistance on a competitive basis to individuals and groups engaged in private conservation efforts that benefit species listed or proposed as endangered or threatened under the Endangered Species Act, candidate species, or other at-risk species. In implementing the PSGP, we request project proposals from the public. For projects selected for funding, we also request information to satisfy Federal reporting requirements. These requests constitute an information collection requiring OMB approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act.

Congress established the Private Stewardship Grants Program (PSGP) in 2002. Pending appropriations, a notice of funding availability is posted annually on the <http://www.grants.gov> website. The information collection associated with the PSGP is authorized by the 2005 Consolidated Appropriations Act (H.R. 4818; Pub. L. 108-447). The information collection associated with the PSGP is voluntary, but is required to receive benefits in the form of a grant. The funding provided to private landowners through this program will address threats to many critically imperiled species. Taking action to establish partnerships with private landowners through the PSGP is central to our mission.

The information collected in the request for proposals is used in a competitive funding process to determine the eligibility and relative value of conservation projects as described in the project proposals. The information is used by Service employees. Additionally, a diverse panel of representatives from State and Federal government, conservation organizations, agriculture and development interests, and the science community assesses project proposals and makes funding recommendations to the Service. Information collected under this program is used to respond to such needs as: Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) reporting, grant agreements, budget reports and justification, public and private requests for information, data provided to other programs for databases on similar programs, Congressional inquiries, and other informational reports. We also collect information from award recipients on an annual basis to fulfill Federal grant reporting requirements.

If we did not collect the information, we would have to eliminate the PSGP because it would not be possible to determine eligibility and the scale of resource values or relative worth of the proposed projects. Reducing the frequency of the information collection would only reduce the frequency of windows for grant opportunities as the information is unique to each project.

Title: Stewardship Grants Program.

OMB Control Number: 1018-0118.

Form Number: None.

Frequency: A request for proposals is issued annually. In addition, grant recipients must submit reports on an annual basis.

Description of Respondents: Private landowners, including individuals and nonprofit organizations.

Total Annual Burden Hours: 12,400 hours.

Total Annual Responses: Approximately 300 respondents.

We consulted four previous respondents about the availability of the information requested, the clarity of the instructions, and the annual hour burden for the application materials and the annual reports. All respondents said that the application instructions are clear and the information is easily available. The respondents estimated the hour burden for the application from 1 day to 3 weeks. We believe that this variance results from some respondents estimating the entire time it took them to develop the project as well as to present that information in the form of an application, whereas other respondents only included the actual time to write the application materials.

The average hour burden estimated by respondents is approximately 40 hours. The average number of applicants is about 300. The hour burden estimated by the respondents for the reporting requirements varied between 2 hours and 8 hours, with an average of about 4 hours. The average number of award recipients is about 100. The total annual burden hours is 12,000 hours for the project proposals and 400 hours for reporting activities.

We invite your comments on: (1) Whether or not the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the Private Stewardship Grants Program, including whether or not the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of our 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 are part of a system of records covered by the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552(a)).

Dated: January 5, 2005.

Hope Grey,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Receipt of Applications for Permit

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of applications for permit.

SUMMARY: The public is invited to comment on the following applications to conduct certain activities with endangered species.

DATES: Written data, comments or requests must be received by February 22, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Documents and other information submitted with these applications 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 within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice to: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203; fax 703/358-2281.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Division of Management Authority, telephone 703/358-2104.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Endangered Species

The public is invited to comment on the following application(s) for a permit 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.*). Written data, comments, or requests for copies of these complete applications should be submitted to the Director (address above).

PRT-094572

Applicant: Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Bronx, NY.

The applicant requests a permit to import samples obtained from wild Kemp's ridley sea turtle (*Lepidochelys kempii*), olive ridley sea turtle (*Lepidochelys olivacea*), hawksbill sea turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*), green sea turtle (*Chelonia mydas*), leatherback sea turtle (*Dermochelys coriacea*), for the purpose of scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a five-year period.

PRT-700877

Applicant: Bishop Museum, Honolulu, HI.

The applicant requests renewal of a permit to export and re-import museum specimens of endangered and threatened species previously accessioned into the applicant's collection for scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a five-year period.

PRT-095598

Applicant: Saint Louis Zoo, MO.

The applicant requests a permit to import biological samples from selected species of lemurs and aye-aye within the genera, *Daubentonia*, *Eulemer*, *Hapalemur*, *Lemur*, *Lepilemur*, *Propithecus*, and *Varecia*, collected from wild specimens in Madagascar for scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a five-year period.

PRT-094969

Applicant: Henry Doorly Zoo, Omaha, NE.

The applicant requests a permit to import biological samples from several species of lemurs of the genera, *Allocebus*, *Avahi*, *Cheirogaleus*, *Eulemer*, *Hapalemur*, *Indri*, *Lemur*,

Lepilemur, *Microcebus*, *Phaner*, *Propithecus*, and *Varecia*; from the aye-aye, (*Daubentonia madagascariensis*); and from the tortoises, *Geochelone radiata* and *G. yniphora*; collected from wild specimens in Madagascar for scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a five-year period.

PRT-096480

Applicant: Matthew R. Ochs, Worthville, PA.

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus pygargus*) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

PRT-097298

Applicant: The Dallas Zoo, Dallas, TX.

The applicant requests a permit to import one male and two female captive born Sumatran tigers (*Panthera tigris sumatrae*) from the Toronto Zoo, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, for the purpose of the enhancement of propagation and survival of the species.

PRT-096003

Applicant: USDA Forest Service, Pacific SW Research Station, Arcata, CA.

The applicant requests a permit to export biological samples from Point Arena Mountain Beaver (*Aplodontia rufa nigra*) collected from specimens in the wild for the purpose of scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a five-year period.

Dated: December 3, 2004.

Monica Farris,

Senior Permit Biologist, Branch of Permits, Division of Management Authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Meeting of the Pinedale Anticline Working Group's Transportation Task Group

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (1976) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (1972), the U.S.

Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Pinedale Anticline Working Group (PAWG) Transportation Task Group (subcommittee) will meet in Pinedale, Wyoming, for a business meeting. Task Group meetings are open to the public.

DATES: A PAWG Transportation Task Group meeting is scheduled for February 15, 2005, from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting of the PAWG Transportation Task Group will be held in the Board Room of the Pinedale Library at 155 S. Tyler Ave., Pinedale, WY.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bill Wadsworth, BLM/Transportation TG Liaison, Bureau of Land Management, Pinedale Field Office, 432 E. Mills St., PO Box 738, Pinedale, WY, 82941; 307-367-5341.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Pinedale Anticline Working Group (PAWG) was authorized and established with release of the Record of Decision (ROD) for the Pinedale Anticline Oil and Gas Exploration and Development Project on July 27, 2000. The PAWG advises the BLM on the development and implementation of monitoring plans and adaptive management decisions as development of the Pinedale Anticline Natural Gas Field (PAPA) proceeds for the life of the field.

After the ROD was issued, Interior determined that a Federal Advisory Committees Act (FACA) charter was required for this group. The charter was signed by Secretary of the Interior, Gale Norton, on August 15, 2002, and renewed on August 13, 2004. An announcement of committee initiation and call for nominations was published in the **Federal Register** on February 21, 2003, (68 FR 8522). PAWG members were appointed by Secretary Norton on May 4, 2004.

At their second business meeting, the PAWG established seven resource-or activity-specific Task Groups, including one for Transportation. Public participation on the Task Groups was solicited through the media, letters, and word-of-mouth.

The agenda for this meeting will include information gathering and discussion related to developing a transportation monitoring plan to assess the impacts of development in the Pinedale Anticline gas field, and identifying who will do and who will pay for the monitoring. Task Group recommendations are due to the PAWG in February, 2005. At a minimum, public comments will be heard just prior to adjournment of the meeting.