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Assistant Commissioner, Office of Field Operations.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Information Collection Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Renewal Under the Paperwork Reduction Act; 1018-0115; USFWS Training Records, Application for FWS Training Request

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We (Fish and Wildlife Service) have submitted to OMB a request to renew approval for information collection associated with our Training Application (FWS Form 3-2193). Applicants who wish to participate in training sponsored by the Fish and Wildlife Service National Conservation Training Center (NCTC) must complete a training application, which is available in both electronic (Internet) and hard copy versions.

DATES: You must submit comments on or before May 31, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Send your comments and suggestions on this information collection renewal to the Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior at OMB-OIRA at (202) 395-6566 (fax) or *OIRA_DOCKET@OMB.eop.gov* (e-mail). Please provide a copy of your comments to Hope Grey, Information Collection Clearance Officer, Fish and Wildlife Service, MS 222-ARLSQ, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22203 (mail); (703) 358-2269 (fax); or *hope_grey@fws.gov* (e-mail).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request a copy of the information collection requirements, explanatory information, or related form, contact Hope Grey at the addresses above or by phone 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)). Currently, we have approval from OMB to collect information related to FWS Form 3-2193 under OMB

control number 1018-0115. This approval expires on April 30, 2005. We have submitted a request to OMB to renew approval for this information collection, and we are requesting a 3-year term of approval. Federal agencies 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. OMB has up to 60 days to approve or disapprove our information collection request, but may respond after 30 days. Therefore, to ensure that your comments receive consideration, send all comments and suggestions to OMB by the date listed in the **DATES** section.

The NCTC in Shepherdstown, West Virginia, provides natural resource and other professional training for Service employees, employees of other Federal agencies, and individuals with other affiliations. While most training is targeted for Service employees, NCTC offers slots to State agencies, university personnel, not-for-profit organizations, and members of the general public who request to be considered for training.

NCTC designed FWS Form 3-2193 (Training Application) as a quick and easy method for prospective students to request training. This collection has been in use for 3 years and is used in the daily workings of the NCTC. We encourage applicants to use FWS Form 3-2193 and to submit their requests electronically. NCTC uses data from the form to generate class rosters, class transcripts, and statistics, and as a budgeting tool for projecting training requirements. It is also used to track attendance, mandatory requirements, tuition, and invoicing for all NCTC sponsored courses both on- and off-site.

On January 21, 2005, we published in the **Federal Register** (70 FR 3221) a notice of our intent to request that OMB renew authority for this information collection. In that notice, we solicited public comments for 60 days, ending on March 22, 2005. We received one comment during this period. The comment was directed to the subject matter, validity, and necessity of the training and not at the need for the information collection. The commenter stated that training should be open to the public and believes that the training we provide is focused on guns, hunting, and violence proponents.

All training courses offered by the NCTC, with the exception of some bureau-specific courses, are open to members of the general public who have the required background experience or knowledge to allow their full understanding of the subject matter. Very few of our training courses have an

emphasis on guns and hunting. Those courses that do touch on these subjects are presented in the context of refuge and wildlife management and law enforcement.

In September 2005, we conducted limited public outreach directed at various personnel who have completed FWS Form 3-2193 to request training at the NCTC. All respondents indicated that the information we collect is necessary and appropriate and that the reporting burden is not excessive. We have revised the currently approved form to: (1) Comply with Governmentwide policy regarding collection of Dun and Bradstreet numbers for agencies from which NCTC will need to collect funds, and (2) respond to the suggestions received during our outreach to provide more explanation for non-Federal employees.

Title: USFWS Training Records, Application for FWS Training Request.

OMB Control Number: 1018-0115.

Form Number: FWS Form 3-2193.

Frequency: When applying for training.

Description of Respondents: Persons who wish to participate in training given at or sponsored by the NCTC.

Total Annual Burden Hours: 60.33 hours.

Total Annual Responses: 724.

We invite your comments on (1) whether or not the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether or not the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection 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.

Dated: April 14, 2005.

Hope Grey,

Information Collection Clearance Officer, Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Impact Statement for the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge, Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, and Wisconsin

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announces that the Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is available for Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge.

The CCP was prepared pursuant to the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966, as amended by the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997, and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. Goals and objectives in the CCP describe how the agency intends to manage the refuge over the next 15 years.

DATES: Comments on the Draft CCP/EIS must be received on or before August 31, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the Draft CCP are available on compact disk or hard copy. You may access and download a copy via the planning Web site: (<http://www.fws.gov/midwest/planning/uppermiss/index.html>) or you may obtain a copy by writing to the following address: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Conservation Planning, Bishop Henry Whipple Federal Building, 1 Federal Drive, Fort Snelling, Minnesota 55111.

All comments should be addressed to Upper Mississippi National Wildlife and Fish Refuge, Attention: CCP Comment, 51 East 4th Street, Room 101, Winona, Minnesota 55987, or direct e-mail to r3planning@fws.gov. Comments may also be submitted through the Service's regional Web site at: <http://www.fws.gov/midwest/planning/>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Don Hultman at (507) 452-4232.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge encompasses 240,000 acres along 261 miles of Mississippi River floodplain in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, and Illinois. The Refuge was established by Congress in 1924 to provide a refuge and breeding ground for migratory birds, fish, other wildlife, and plants. The Refuge is perhaps the most important corridor of habitat in the central United States due to its species diversity and abundance, and it is the most visited refuge in the United States with 3.7 million annual visitors.

The focus of the CCP over the next 15 years will be on safeguarding existing habitat; enhancing floodplain habitat in partnership with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the states; increasing the abundance of fish and wildlife; improving wildlife-dependent recreation opportunities such as

hunting, fishing, and wildlife observation; ensuring that traditional non-wildlife-dependent recreation remains compatible with the mission of the refuge system and the purposes of the refuge; and improving staffing and infrastructure capability.

The EIS evaluates four alternatives: (1) No action or current direction; (2) wildlife focus; (3) public use focus; and (4) wildlife and integrated public use focus (preferred). The alternatives differ mainly in the level of effort and resources given to fish and wildlife and habitat management and public use opportunities and programs. Under the preferred alternative all current recreational uses would continue, although the location, season of use, and means of use could change.

The National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966, as amended by the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 (16 U.S.C. 668dd-668ee et seq) requires the Service to develop a CCP for each National Wildlife Refuge. The purpose in developing a CCP is to provide refuge managers with a 15-year strategy for achieving refuge purposes and contributing toward the mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System, consistent with sound principles of fish and wildlife management, conservation, legal mandates, and Service policies. In addition to outlining broad management direction for conserving wildlife and their habitats, the CCP identifies wildlife-dependent recreational opportunities available to the public, including opportunities for hunting, fishing, wildlife observation and photography, and environmental education and interpretation. We will review and update these CCPs at least every 15 years in accordance with the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966, as amended by the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997, and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321-4370d).

Dated: March 7, 2005.

Charles M. Wooley,

Acting Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ft. Snelling, Minnesota.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Receipt of an Application for an Incidental Take Permit for Construction of a Single-Family Home in the City of Palm Bay, Brevard County, FL

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Dorothy V. Jacobs and Paul A. Jacobs (Applicants) request an incidental take permit (ITP) pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (U.S.C. 1531 et seq.), as amended (Act). The Applicants anticipate taking about 0.23 acre of Florida scrub-jay (*Aphelocoma coerulescens*) (scrub-jay) foraging, sheltering, and possibly nesting habitat incidental to lot preparation for the construction of a single-family home and supporting infrastructure in the City of Palm Bay, Brevard County, Florida (Project). The destruction of 0.23 acre of foraging, sheltering, and possibly nesting habitat is expected to result in the take of one family of scrub-jays.

The Applicants' Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) describes the mitigation and minimization measures proposed to address the effects of the Project to the Florida scrub-jay. These measures are outlined in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below. We have determined that the Applicants' proposal, including the proposed mitigation and minimization measures, will individually and cumulatively have a minor or negligible effect on the species covered in the HCP. Therefore, the ITP is a "low-effect" project and would qualify as a categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), as provided by the Department of Interior Manual (516 DM2, Appendix 1 and 516 DM 6, Appendix 1). We announce the availability of the HCP for the incidental take application. Copies of the HCP may be obtained by making a request to the Regional Office (see **ADDRESSES**). Requests must be in writing to be processed. This notice is provided pursuant to Section 10 of the Endangered Species Act and NEPA regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

DATES: Written comments on the ITP application and HCP should be sent to the Service's Regional Office (see **ADDRESSES**) and should be received on or before May 31, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Persons wishing to review the application and HCP may obtain a copy by writing the Service's Southeast