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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Indian Health Service

Request for Public Comment: 60-Day Proposed Information Collection

AGENCY: Indian Health Service, HHS.
ACTION: Request for public comment: 60-day proposed information collection: Indian Health Service forms to implement the privacy rule (45 CFR parts 160 & 164).

SUMMARY: The Indian Health Service (IHS), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a pre-clearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. Currently, the IHS is providing a 60-day advance opportunity for public comment on a proposed new collection of information to be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for review.

Proposed Collection

Title: 0917-0030, "IHS Forms to Implement the Privacy Rule (45 CFR Parts 160 & 164)."

Type of Information Collection Request: Extension, without revision, of currently approved information collection, 0917-0030, "IHS Forms to Implement the Privacy Rule (45 CFR Parts 160 & 164)".

Form Number(s): IHS-810, IHS-917, IHS-912-1, IHS-912-2, and IHS-913.

Need and Use of Information Collection: This collection of information is made necessary by the Department of Health and Human Services Rule entitled "Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information" ("Privacy Rule") (45 CFR Parts 160 and 164). The Privacy Rule implements the privacy requirements of the Administrative Simplification subtitle of the Health Information Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 and creates national standards to protect individual's personal health information and gives patients increased access to their medical records. 45 CFR 164.508, 522, 526 and 528 of the Rule require the collection of information to implement these protection standards and access requirements. The IHS will use the following data collection instruments to implement the information collection requirements contained in the Rule.

45 CFR 164.508: This provision requires covered entities to obtain or receive a valid authorization for its use or disclosure of protected health information for other than for treatment, payment and healthcare operations. Under the provision individuals may initiate a written authorization permitting covered entities to release their protected health information to entities of their choosing. The IHS-810 will be used to document an individual's authorization to use or disclose their protected health information.

45 CFR 164.522: Section 164.522(a)(1) requires a covered entity to permit individuals to request that the covered entity restrict the use and disclosure of their protected health information. The covered entity may or may not agree to the restriction. The form IHS-912-1 "Request for Restrictions(s)" will be used to document an individual's request for restriction of their protected health information and whether IHS agreed or disagreed with the restriction. Section 164.522(a)(2)(1) permits a covered entity to terminate its agreement to a restriction if the

individual agrees to or requests the termination in writing. The form IHS-912-2 "Request for Revocation of Restriction(s)" will be used to document the agency or individual request to terminate a formerly agreed to restriction regarding the use and disclosure of protected health information.

45 CFR 164.526: This provision requires covered entities to permit an individual to request that the covered entity amend protected health information. If the covered entity accepts the requested amendment, in whole or in part, the covered entity must inform the individual that the amendment is accepted and obtain the individual's identification of an agreement to have the covered entity notify the relevant persons with which the amendment needs to be shared. If the covered entity denies the requested amendment, in whole or in part, the covered entity must provide the individual with a written denial. The form IHS-917 "Request for Correction/Amendment of Protected Health Information" will be used to document an individual's request to amend their protected health information and the agency's decision to accept or deny the request.

45 CFR 164.528: This provision requires covered entities to permit and individual to request that the covered entity provide an accounting of disclosures of protected health information made by the covered entity. The form IHS-913 "Request for an Accounting of Disclosures" will be used to document an individual's request for an Accounting of Disclosures of their protected health information and the agency's handling of the request.

Completed forms used in this collection of information are filed in the medical record.

Affected Public: Individuals and households.

Type of Respondents: Individuals.

Burden Hours: The table below provides the estimated burden hours for this information collection:

45 CFR section/IHS form	Number of respondents	Responses per respondent	Burden per response* (mins)	Total annual burden
164.506 IHS-810	500,000	1	20	166,667
164.522(a)(1) IHS-912-1	15,000	1	10	2,500
164.522(a)(2) IHS-912-2	5,000	1	10	833
164.526 IHS-917	7,500	1	15	1,875
164.528 IHS-913	15,000	1	10	2,500
Total Annual Burden		5		174,375

* For ease of understanding, burden hours are provided in actual minutes.

The total estimated burden for this collection of information is 174,375 hours. There are no capital costs, operating costs and/or maintenance costs to respondents.

Request for Comments: Your written comments and/or suggestions are invited on one or more of the following points: (a) Whether the information collection activity is necessary to carry out an agency function; (b) whether the agency processes the information collected in a useful and timely fashion; (c) the accuracy of public burden estimate (the estimated amount of time needed for individual respondents to provide the requested information); (d) whether the methodology and assumptions used to determine the estimate are logical; (e) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information being collected; and (f) ways to minimize the public burden through the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Send Comments and Requests for Further Information: Send your written comments and requests for more information on the proposed collection or requests to obtain a copy of the data collection instrument(s) and instructions to: Mrs. Christina Rouleau, IHS Reports Clearance Office, 801

Thompson Avenue, TMP, Suite 450, Rockville, MD 20852, call non-toll free (301) 443-5938, send via facsimile to (301) 443-2316, or send your e-mail requests, comments, and return address to: crouleau@hqe.ihs.gov.

Comment Due Date: Your comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having their full effect if received within 60-days of the date of this publication.

Dated: May 23, 2006.

Charles W. Grim,
Assistant Surgeon General, Director, Indian Health Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Issuance of Permits

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of issuance of permits for endangered species and/or marine mammals.

SUMMARY: The following permits were issued.

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 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: Notice is hereby given that on the dates below, as authorized by the provisions of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and/or the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the Fish and Wildlife Service issued the requested permits subject to certain conditions set forth therein. For each permit for an endangered species, the Service found that (1) the application was filed in good faith, (2) the granted permit would not operate to the disadvantage of the endangered species, and (3) the granted permit would be consistent with the purposes and policy set forth in Section 2 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended.

Endangered Species

Permit No.	Applicant	Receipt of application Federal Register notice	Permit issuance date
116625	Exotic Feline Breeding Compound, Inc.	71 FR 10700; March 2, 2006	May 2, 2006.

Marine Mammals

Permit No.	Applicant	Receipt of application Federal Register notice	Permit issuance date
078744	Randall W. Davis, Texas A&M University	70 FR 51838; August 31, 2005	April 28, 2006.

Dated: May 19, 2006.

Michael S. Moore,
Senior Permit Biologist, Branch of Permits, Division of Management Authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Environmental Document on Endangered Species Recovery Permit Application

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), this notice advises the public that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (“we”) intends to prepare an environmental document (environmental assessment or environmental impact statement) for the proposed issuance of a permit to conduct non-lethal and lethal take activities with the endangered gray wolf (*Canis lupus*) pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act.

We solicit comments from the public, as well as local, State and Federal agencies for an environmental evaluation under NEPA of the proposed permit. Comments already received from individuals and organizations in

response to the January 10, 2006, **Federal Register** notice of receipt of the permit application have been considered. Those respondents need not comment again unless they wish to provide new information on the permit application or environmental analysis.

DATES: Comments on this environmental analysis must be received on or before July 3, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Written data or comments should be submitted to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Chief, Endangered Species, Ecological Services, 911 NE, 11th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97232-4181 (fax: 503-231-6243). Please refer to “Northern Idaho Wolf Permit Analysis” when submitting comments. All comments received, including