

date of this Notice. Comments should refer to the proposal by name /or OMB approval number and should be sent to: HUD Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503; e-mail: OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov; fax: (202) 395-5806.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Leroy McKinney, Reports Management Officer, QDAM, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410; e-mail: Leroy.MkinneyJR@hud.gov; telephone (202) 402-5564. This is not a toll-free number. Copies of available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Mr. McKinney.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This Notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information to: (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

This Notice also lists the following information:

Title of Proposal: Office of Sustainable Housing and Communities NOFA Rating Factor Forms.

Description of Information Collection: The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2010 (Pub. L. 111-117, approved December 16, 2009) (Appropriations Act), made \$100 million available for the Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Program to support metropolitan and multijurisdictional planning efforts that integrate housing, land use, economic and workforce development, transportation, and infrastructure investments in a manner that empowers jurisdictions to consider the interdependent challenges of (1) economic competitiveness and revitalization; (2) social equity, inclusion, and access to opportunity; (3) energy use and climate change; and (4) public health and environmental impact.

As part of HUD's Office of Sustainable Housing and Communities Notice of

Funding Availability (NOFA) we hope incorporating Rating Factor forms will achieve the following: (1) Facilitate the submission of information as part of the applicant's grant application; (2) ensure that the information submitted is consistent and uniform amongst all applicants; and (3) facilitate the review process when applications are being reviewed, ranked and rated.

OMB Control Number: Pending.

Agency Form Numbers: N/A, the data will be collected via form.

Members of Affected Public: State, Local Government and Non-profit organizations.

Estimation of the total numbers of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of responses, and hours of responses: The estimated number of respondents is 300 and the number of responses is 1. There will be, in total, approximately 300 responses. The total reporting burden is 600 hours.

Status of the Proposed Information Collection: New collection of information for Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Program applicants.

Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended.

Dated: May 19, 2010.

Leroy McKinney, Jr.,

Departmental Reports Management Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of the Secretary

Invasive Species Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meetings of the Invasive Species Advisory Committee.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, notice is hereby given of meetings of the Invasive Species Advisory Committee (ISAC). Comprised of 30 nonfederal invasive species experts and stakeholders from across the nation, the purpose of the Advisory Committee is to provide advice to the National Invasive Species Council, as authorized by Executive Order 13112, on a broad array of issues related to preventing the introduction of invasive species and providing for their control and minimizing the economic, ecological, and human health impacts that invasive species cause. The Council is co-chaired by the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Agriculture, and the

Secretary of Commerce. The duty of the Council is to provide national leadership regarding invasive species issues.

Purpose of Meeting: The meeting will be held on June 22-24, 2010 in San Francisco, California, and will focus primarily on aquatic invaders. The Bay Area was chosen as the meeting location because it is one of the most invaded marine/coastal environments in the world, with over 50 invasive species that threaten the Bay's vibrant economy. ISAC will provide recommendations to the Council concerning both the unique challenges faced by the Bay Area, and broader challenges faced by NISC agencies elsewhere in the nation. ISAC will also address the complex relationship between climate change and invasive species, opportunities for green jobs creation within invasive species efforts, ballast water related issues, and the development of state invasive species councils.

DATES: Meeting of the Invasive Species Advisory Committee: Tuesday, June 22, 2010 and Thursday, June 24, 2010; beginning at approximately 8 a.m., and ending at approximately 5 p.m. each day. Members will be participating in an off-site field tour on Wednesday, June 23, 2010.

ADDRESSES: The Argonaut Hotel, 495 Jefferson Street at Hyde, San Francisco, California 94109-1314. The general session on June 22, 2010 and June 24, 2010 will be held in the Golden Gate Ballroom.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kelsey Brantley, National Invasive Species Council Program Analyst and ISAC Coordinator, (202) 513-7243; Fax: (202) 371-1751.

Dated: May 17, 2010.

Lori Williams,

Executive Director, National Invasive Species Council.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Tamiami Trail Modifications: Next Steps Project, Everglades National Park

Tamiami Trail Modifications: Next Steps Project, Draft Environmental Impact Statement, Everglades National Park, Florida. The Notice of Intent (NOI) for this project referred to it as a "Feasibility Study and Report" based on language in the authorizing legislation.

This new appellation was a result of public scoping and internal National Park Service discussions.

AGENCY: National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Tamiami Trail Modifications: Next Steps Project, Everglades National Park.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and National Park Service (NPS) policy in Director's Order Number 2 (Park Planning) and Director's Order Number 12 (Conservation Planning, Environmental Impact Analysis, and Decision-making), the NPS announces the availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Tamiami Trail (U.S. Highway 41) Modifications: Next Steps Project for Everglades National Park, Florida.

The 2009 Omnibus Appropriations Act, H.R. 1105: Omnibus Appropriations Act of 2009 (Pub. L. 111-008, dated March 11, 2009) directed the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to construct modifications to U.S. Highway 41 (Tamiami Trail) that were approved in the 2008 Limited Reevaluation Report and Environmental Assessment. The 2009 Omnibus Appropriations Act also directed the Department of the Interior's National Park Service to "immediately evaluate the feasibility of additional bridge length, beyond that to be constructed pursuant to the Modified Water Deliveries to Everglades National Park Project (16 U.S.C. 410r-8), including a continuous bridge, or additional bridges or some combination thereof, for the Tamiami Trail to restore more natural water flow to Everglades National Park (ENP) and Florida Bay and for the purpose of restoring habitat within the Park and the ecological connectivity between the Park and the Water Conservation Areas" (2009 Omnibus Appropriations Act, Pub. L. 111-008).

DATES: There will be a 60-day comment period beginning with the Environmental Protection Agency's publication of its Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register**. Public meeting(s) will be held during the review period. The date, time, and location of the public meeting(s) will be announced through the NPS Planning, Environment, and Public Comment (PEPC) Web site <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/ever>, a news release, and/or a mailed announcement to be released in May 2010.

ADDRESSES: The document will be available for public review and comment online at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/ever>. CDs and hard copies are available at Park headquarters. You may also request a hard copy or CD by contacting Everglades National Park, 40001 State Road 9336, Homestead, FL 33034-6733; telephone 305-242-7700.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Public scoping was initiated in the summer of 2009. A newsletter was distributed on May 31, 2009, and a public meeting was held on June 2, 2009, to keep the public informed and involved throughout the planning process. As the lead agency, the NPS conducted several inter-agency/Tribal meetings and one workshop to develop project objectives, identify alternatives, evaluate the benefits of alternatives, and identify a preferred alternative. The DEIS provides historical information, existing conditions, alternatives for infrastructure modifications, and related impacts of the alternatives. The DEIS describes six alternatives for consideration, including a no-action alternative that provides for the continuation of the current Tamiami Trail infrastructure configuration. The five action alternatives present a range of infrastructure modification opportunities. The environmental impacts of each alternative, including the no-action alternative, are systematically analyzed in the document.

The six alternatives (with corresponding identifiers) as they appear in the document are as follows:

- **No Action Alternative:** The No-Action Alternative consists of a 1-mile eastern bridge and elevation of the remaining roadway to allow for 8.5 feet stages in the L-29 Canal. This alternative continues the status quo.

- **Alternative 1: 2.2 miles of bridges and remaining roadway elevated:** Alternative 1 would involve creating conveyance openings through Tamiami Trail by removing 2.2 miles of the existing highway and embankment. Four bridges (or ConSpan) would be constructed in the openings to replace the removed section of road and maintain vehicle traffic across the openings. This alternative would create 2.2 miles of ecological connectivity and better distribute flows in the western area of the 11 mile project corridor.

- **Alternative 2a: 3.3 miles of bridges and remaining roadway elevated:** Alternative 2a would involve creating conveyance openings through Tamiami Trail by removing 3.3 miles of the existing highway and embankment. Six bridges would be constructed in the

openings to replace the removed section of road and maintain vehicle traffic across the openings. This alternative would create 3.3 miles of ecological connectivity and moderately reduce the adverse effects of high velocity discharges associated with the existing culverts.

- **Alternative 4: 1.0 miles of bridging and remaining roadway elevated:** Alternative 4 would involve creating conveyance openings through Tamiami Trail by removing 1.0 mile of the existing highway and embankment where the bridging is proposed. This alternative would increase ecological connectivity by 1.0 mile.

- **Alternative 5: 1.5 miles of bridging and remaining roadway elevated:** Alternative 5 would involve creating conveyance openings through Tamiami Trail by removing 1.5 miles of the existing highway and embankment. Three bridges would be constructed in the opening to replace the removed section of road and maintain vehicle traffic. This alternative would increase ecological connectivity by 1.5 miles.

- **Alternative 6E: 5.5 miles of bridging and remaining roadway elevated:** Alternative 6E is the maximum bridging option and involves creating conveyance openings through Tamiami Trail by removing 5.5 miles of the existing highway and embankment. Four bridges would be constructed in the opening to replace the removed section of road and maintain vehicle traffic. This alternative would increase ecological connectivity by 5.5 miles, reduce flow velocities below the 0.10 fps threshold that causes harm to marshes, and substantially restore the flow patterns associated with a healthy ridge and slough landscape in Northeast Shark River Slough.

- **Common to all action alternatives:** The remaining highway embankments along stretches of the road that are not bridged would be reconstructed to raise the crown elevation to 12.3 feet, the minimum required based on the design high water of 9.7 feet and the roadway cross section geometry.

Preferred Alternative: Alternative 6E was determined to be the preferred alternative by the NPS and the U.S. Department of the Interior.

If you wish to comment on the DEIS for the Tamiami Trail Modifications: Next Steps Project, you may submit your comments by any one of several methods. The preferred method for submitting comments is via the Internet at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/ever>. If you do not receive a confirmation from the system that we have received your internet message, please contact us directly at the address above. You may

also mail comments to the Park at the address shown above. Finally, you may present your comments in person at the public meeting(s) to be held during the public review period or at the address listed above.

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. We will always make submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives of or officials or organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

Authority: The authority for publishing this notice is 40 CFR 1506.6.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Contact Everglades National Park at the address and telephone number shown above.

The responsible official for this Draft EIS is the Regional Director, Southeast Region, NPS, 100 Alabama Street, SW., 1924 Building, Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

Dated: March 31, 2010.

David Vela,

Regional Director, Southeast Region, National Park Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Competitive Geothermal Lease Sale, Gunnison County, CO and Land Use Plan Amendment

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended, and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA), as amended, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Gunnison Field Office, Gunnison, Colorado intends to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) to consider whether, and under what conditions, to issue geothermal leases

under pending nominations, which may include an amendment to the Gunnison Resource Area Approved Resource Management Plan (RMP) of February 1993, as amended by the RMP Amendments for Geothermal Leasing in the Western United States (2008). While the area nominated for geothermal leasing is allocated as open to consideration for geothermal leasing under the amended Plan, and the proposed level of development contemplated in the amended Plan will not be exceeded by issuance of the proposed leases, the Reasonably Foreseeable Development scenario for the resource area has been refined and updated since that time, and additional stipulations to protect other resources and uses may be developed through this process and adopted into the Plan. The BLM proposes to amend the existing Gunnison Resource Area RMP using the NEPA analysis to support its decision. Review of the RMP is necessary due to recently updated information regarding the presence of Gunnison sage-grouse and Canada lynx habitat that was not analyzed in the existing RMP. The BLM, by this notice, is announcing the beginning of the scoping process to solicit public comments and identify issues.

DATES: This notice initiates the public scoping process for the EA and RMP amendment. Comments on issues may be submitted in writing until June 24, 2010. A joint public scoping meeting was held by the BLM and the U.S. Forest Service (FS) in Gunnison, Colorado on March 11, 2010. The date(s) and location(s) of any additional scoping meetings will be announced at least 15 days in advance through local media, newspapers and the following BLM Web site: <http://www.blm.gov/co/st/en/fo/gfo.html>. In order to be included in the EA, all comments must be received prior to the close of the scoping period or 30 days after the last public meeting, whichever is later. The BLM will provide additional opportunities for public participation upon publication of the EA.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on issues and planning criteria related to Competitive Geothermal Lease Nomination, Gunnison County by any of the following methods:

- *Web site:* <http://www.blm.gov/co/st/en/fo/gfo.html>.
- *E-mail:* Marnie_Medina@blm.gov.
- *Fax:* (970) 642-4425.
- *Mail:* BLM, Gunnison Field Office, 216 N. Colorado St., Gunnison, Colorado 81230.

Documents pertinent to this proposal may be examined at the Gunnison Field Office.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information and/or to have your name added to our mailing list, contact Marnie Medina, Realty Specialist, telephone (970) 642-4457; address 216 N. Colorado St., Gunnison, Colorado 81230; e-mail Marnie_Medina@blm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The BLM has received two block nominations of lands for competitive geothermal leasing. One block includes approximately 4,586 acres of public lands and 400 acres of split estate lands, *i.e.*, private surface overlying the Federal mineral estate. The second block includes approximately 3,765 acres of FS lands. The proposed lease of that block will be included in the study area for BLM's EA, but also will be analyzed by the FS in a separate environmental analysis. The FS will use its own NEPA process to decide whether, and under what conditions, to consent to the issuance of geothermal leases on its lands. In addition, the Colorado State Land Board has received an application for a geothermal lease on State lands adjacent to some of the nominated FS lands. The nominated lands are located in southeastern Gunnison County, north of Highway 50, in the general vicinity of Tomichi Dome east of Gunnison, Colorado. While the BLM lands at issue are currently open to geothermal leasing, current RMP-level use restrictions and stipulations designed to protect other resources, in particular Gunnison sage-grouse (a BLM special status species) and Canada lynx (recently listed under the Endangered Species Act), may not be adequate or have not been formally adopted into the RMP. The nominated BLM lands are within occupied sage-grouse habitat and include about 200 acres of potential lynx habitat. The decision to be made is whether to offer the lands in the study area for geothermal lease, and if so, to identify the constraints, major and minor, under which geothermal leasing and development could occur. The planning level decisions could include, among other things, development of adequate protective measures for cultural resources, sage-grouse, and lynx, and other resources, which may involve some minor resource-specific land use plan amendments. Individual lease issuance decisions for the nominated lands will be made based on this NEPA process. A geothermal lease provides a non-exclusive right to future exploration and an exclusive right to produce and use the geothermal resources within the lease area, subject