

and submit the proposed information collection to OMB for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended).

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:* Consolidated Public Housing Certificate of Completion.

*OMB Control Number:* 2577-0021.

*Description of the need for the information and proposed use:* Public Housing Agencies (PHAs) are required to certify to HUD that contract requirements and standards have been satisfied in a specific project development and that HUD may authorize payment of funds due the contractor/developer.

*Agency form numbers, if applicable:* None.

*Members of affected public:* State, Local or Tribal Governments.

*Estimation of the total number of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response:* 58 respondents reporting, one hour average per response, 58 hours for a total reporting burden.

*Status of the proposed information collection:* Extension of a previously approved collection.

**Authority:** Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended.

Dated: September 3, 2010.

**Merrie Nichols-Dixon,**

*Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy, Programs, and Legislative Initiatives.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### U.S. Geological Survey

[USGS-8327-CMG61]

#### Proposed Information Collection; The State of Ecosystem Services Implementation Survey

**AGENCY:** United States Geological Survey (USGS), Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** We (the U.S. Geological Survey) 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. Please note that 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:** To ensure that we are able to consider your comments to this IC, we must receive them on or before November 12, 2010.

**ADDRESSES:** Send your comments and suggestions on this IC to Phadrea Ponds, Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Geological Survey, 2150-C Centre Avenue, Fort Collins, CO 80526 (mail); [pondsp@usgs.gov](mailto:pondsp@usgs.gov) (e-mail).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request additional information about this IC, please contact USGS, Rudy Schuster by mail at 2150-C Centre Avenue, Fort Collins, CO 80526 or [schusterr@usgs.gov](mailto:schusterr@usgs.gov) (e-mail).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

Ecosystem goods and services are defined by ecologists as the biophysical processes that give rise to social benefits. For example, in ecology, processes such as nutrient cycling, atmospheric regulation, pollination, and seed dispersal are considered ecosystem services. Indirect benefits are also considered; for example, recreation, avoided flood damage, and aesthetic benefits are also ecosystem services. In short, the benefits associated with an ecosystem service are the value that humans derive from that service. The objectives of this survey are to illustrate the various approaches that are being used to formulate ecosystem services projects and the state-of-the-art processes through which projects are implemented. The survey will gather

information concerning: methods used in ecosystem services projects, motivations for conducting projects, degree of project implementation, management actions resulting from project results (for completed projects), and characteristics of projects that have successfully implemented ecosystem services concepts.

##### II. Data

*OMB Control Number:* 1028-NEW.

*Title:* The State of Ecosystem Services Implementation.

*Type of Request:* This is a new collection.

*Affected Public:* Individuals who are (currently or recently have been) engaged in conducting ecosystem services research projects; potential respondents will include: federal employees, non-governmental organization employees, and academic researchers. The population will include people from the United States as well as other nations.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*Frequency of Collection:* On occasion.

*Estimated Annual Number of Respondents:* 350.

*Estimated Total Annual Responses:* 350.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 20 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 117 hours.

##### III. Request for Comments

*We invite comments concerning this IC on:* (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the agency to perform its duties, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. 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 publically available at anytime. While you can ask OMB in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that will be done.

Dated: August 31, 2010.

Anne Kinsinger,

Associate Director for Biology, U.S. Geological Survey.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS-R2-R-2010-N158; 20131-1265-2CCP S3]

#### Little River National Wildlife Refuge, McCurtain County, OK; Revised Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Assessment

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), intend to prepare a revised comprehensive conservation plan (CCP) and environmental assessment (EA) for Little River National Wildlife Refuge, located in McCurtain County, Oklahoma. We provide this notice in compliance with our CCP policy to advise other Federal and State agencies, Tribes, and the public of our intentions, and to obtain suggestions and information on the scope of issues to consider in the planning process.

**DATES:** To ensure consideration, please send your written comments by March 14, 2011. We will announce opportunities for public input in local news media throughout the CCP process.

**ADDRESSES:** Send your comments or requests for more information by any of the following methods.

*E-mail:* [rob\\_campellone@fws.gov](mailto:rob_campellone@fws.gov). Include "Little River National Wildlife Refuge CCP NOI" in the subject line of the message.

*Fax:* Attn: Rob Campellone, Chief, Division of Planning, 505-248-6803.

*U.S. Mail:* Rob Campellone, Chief, Division of Planning, P.O. Box 1306, Albuquerque, NM 87103-1306.

*In-Person Drop-off:* You may drop off comments during regular business hours at the Refuge Headquarters located at 635 South Park Drive, Broken Bow, OK 74728.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rob Campellone, Chief, Division of Planning, Telephone: 505-248-6631; Fax: 505-248-6803; e-mail: [rob\\_campellone@fws.gov](mailto:rob_campellone@fws.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

### Introduction

With this notice, we initiate our process for developing a revised CCP for Little River NWR (Refuge), located in McCurtain County, OK. This notice complies with our CCP policy to (1) Advise other Federal and State agencies, Tribes, and the public of our intention to conduct detailed planning on this Refuge, and (2) obtain suggestions and information on the scope of issues to consider in the environmental document and during development of the CCP.

### Background

#### *The CCP Process*

The National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 668dd-668ee) (Administration Act), as amended by the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997, requires us to develop a CCP for each national wildlife refuge. The purpose for developing a CCP is to provide Refuge Managers with a 15-year plan 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 our policies. In addition to outlining broad management direction on conserving wildlife and their habitats, CCPs identify 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 the CCP at least every 15 years in accordance with the Administration Act, as amended.

Each unit of the National Wildlife Refuge System was established for specific purposes. We use these purposes as the foundation for developing and prioritizing the management goals and objectives for each refuge within the National Wildlife Refuge System mission, and to determine how the public can use each refuge. The planning process is a way for us and the public to evaluate management goals and objectives that will ensure the best possible approach to wildlife, plant, and habitat conservation, while providing for wildlife-dependent recreation opportunities that are compatible with each refuge's establishing purposes and the mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System.

Our CCP process provides participation opportunities for Tribal, State, and local governments; agencies; organizations; and the public. At this

time we encourage input in the form of issues, concerns, ideas, and suggestions for the future management of Little River NWR.

We will conduct the environmental review of this project and develop an EA in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*); NEPA regulations (40 CFR parts 1500-1508); other appropriate Federal laws and regulations; and our policies and procedures for compliance with those laws and regulations.

#### *Little River National Wildlife Refuge*

Little River National Wildlife Refuge is located in McCurtain County, Oklahoma, and encompasses 13,660 acres of bottomland hardwood forests. The Refuge is approximately 96 percent forested with small areas of open water, shrub swamps, beaver ponds, and roads. The plant communities are complex and reflect small elevation changes, complex soils and hydrologic regimes, and other ecosystem processes that have created and maintained a highly diverse plant community across the Refuge. The forested matrix contains mostly natural second- and third-growth bottomland hardwood forests, with inclusions of loblolly pine components on high terraces and stringers of riparian forests along the rivers, cypress swamps and cypress-lined oxbow lakes, and buttonbush shrub swamps. The canopy trees are roughly 50-70 years old with scattered patches of much older trees where topography and drainage patterns precluded timber harvest prior to the Refuge's establishment.

#### **Scoping: Preliminary Issues, Concerns, and Opportunities**

We have identified preliminary issues, concerns, and opportunities that we may address in the CCP. We have briefly summarized these issues below. During public scoping, we may identify additional issues.

*Habitat Issues*—Habitat alteration, fragmentation, and loss of the bottomland hardwood forest and freshwater ecosystems.

The bottomland hardwood forest ecosystem habitat located in the Upper West Gulf Coastal Plain has been influenced through human disturbances (development and/or exploitation) and faces rapid alterations and disturbances as a consequence of climate change. These impacts are expected to stress and alter the bottomland hardwood forest ecosystem utilized by trust wildlife resources. Long-term unmitigated impacts are expected to create population and habitat shifts, increase