

origination volumes, loan and property characteristics associated with these originations, and operating cost and revenue characteristics for the multifamily rental housing stock in the United States. This information will help HUD to evaluate, monitor, and design national housing policies, priorities, and programs affecting the entire spectrum of the multifamily rental stock.

Agency Form Numbers:
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Members of affected public: Owners and managers of rental properties.

Estimation of the total number of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response:

Number of Respondents: 3,600.

Estimate of Responses per

Respondent: 1 every 2 years.

Time (minutes) per respondent: 30.

Total hours to respond: 1800.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.
Status of the proposed information collection: Pending OMB approval.

Authority: Title 13 U.S.C. Section 9(a), and Title 12, U.S.C., Section 1701z-1 *et seq.*

Dated: November 12, 2010.

Raphael W. Bostic,

Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5376-N-110]

Notice of Submission of Proposed Information Collection to OMB; Emergency Comment Request; Federal Housing Administration (FHA): Home Energy Retrofit Loan Pilot Program; Notice of Proposed Information Collection for Public Comment

AGENCY: Office of the Chief Information Officer, HUD.

ACTION: Notice of proposed information collection.

SUMMARY: The proposed information collection requirement described below has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for emergency review and approval, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

DATES: *Comments Due Date:* December 3, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments must be

received within zero (0) days from the date of this Notice. Comments should refer to the proposal by name/or OMB approval number) and should be sent to: Ross A. Rutledge, HUD Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503; e-mail:

Ross.A.Rutledge@omb.eop.gov; fax: 202-395-3086.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Colette Pollard, Reports Management Officer, QDAM, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 4517th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410; e-mail *Colette.Pollard@HUD.gov*; telephone (202) 402-3400. This is not a toll-free number. Copies of available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Ms. Pollard.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This Notice informs the public that the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has submitted to OMB, for emergency processing, an information collection package with respect to implementing an FHA Energy Efficient Mortgage Innovation pilot program targeted to the single family housing market. The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2010 (Pub. L. 111-117, approved December 16, 2009, 123 Stat. 3034) (2010 Appropriations Act), which appropriated fiscal year 2010 funds for HUD, among other agencies, appropriated \$50 million for an Energy Innovation Fund to enable HUD to catalyze innovations in the residential energy efficiency sector that have the promise of replicability and help create a standardized home energy efficient retrofit market. Of the \$50 million appropriated for the Energy Innovation Fund, the 2010 Appropriations Act stated that "\$25,000,000 shall be for the Energy Efficient Mortgage Innovation pilot program directed at the single family housing market." (See Pub. L. 111-117, at 123 Stat. 3089). The FHA Home Energy Retrofit Loan Pilot Program (Retrofit Pilot Program) is designed by HUD to meet this statutory directive and provides funding to support that effort. Under the Retrofit Pilot Program, HUD, through FHA-approved lenders, will insure loans for homeowners who are seeking to make energy improvements to their homes.

Lender participation in the Retrofit Pilot Program is voluntary. To facilitate HUD's evaluation of lender performance and assessment of the success and replicability of the pilot program, HUD will select lenders to participate in the program. To be eligible for participation, lenders must submit an Expression of Interest that demonstrates the eligibility

of the lender to participate in the Retrofit Pilot Program.

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: Federal Housing Administration (FHA): Home Energy Retrofit Loan Pilot Program.

Description of Information Collection: Lender eligibility to participate in the Retrofit Pilot Program.

OMB Control Number: Pending.

Agency Form Numbers: None.

Members of Affected Public: FHA-approved lenders.

Estimation of the total number of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of responses, and hours of response: An estimation of the total number of hours needed to prepare the information collection is 600, the estimated number of respondents is 15, the frequency response is one time, and the estimated number of hours per response is 40.

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

Dated: November 16, 2010.

Colette Pollard,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5375-N-45]

Federal Property Suitable as Facilities To Assist the Homeless

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This Notice identifies unutilized, underutilized, excess, and surplus Federal property reviewed by HUD for suitability for possible use to assist the homeless.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kathy Ezzell, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Room 7266, Washington, DC 20410; telephone (202) 708-1234; TTY number for the hearing- and speech-impaired (202) 708-2565 (these telephone numbers are not toll-free), or call the toll-free Title V information line at 800-927-7588.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with 24 CFR part 581 and section 501 of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11411), as amended, HUD is publishing this Notice to identify Federal buildings and other real property that HUD has reviewed for suitability for use to assist the homeless. The properties were reviewed using information provided to HUD by Federal landholding agencies regarding unutilized and underutilized buildings and real property controlled by such agencies or by GSA regarding its inventory of excess or surplus Federal property. This Notice is also published in order to comply with the December 12, 1988 Court Order in *National Coalition for the Homeless v. Veterans Administration*, No. 88-2503-OG (D.D.C.).

Properties reviewed are listed in this Notice according to the following categories: Suitable/available, suitable/unavailable, suitable/to be excess, and unsuitable. The properties listed in the three suitable categories have been reviewed by the landholding agencies, and each agency has transmitted to HUD: (1) Its intention to make the property available for use to assist the homeless, (2) its intention to declare the property excess to the agency's needs, or (3) a statement of the reasons that the property cannot be declared excess or made available for use as facilities to assist the homeless.

Properties listed as suitable/available will be available exclusively for homeless use for a period of 60 days from the date of this Notice. Where property is described as for "off-site use only" recipients of the property will be required to relocate the building to their own site at their own expense. Homeless assistance providers interested in any such property should send a written expression of interest to HHS, addressed to Theresa Rita, Division of Property Management, Program Support Center, HHS, room 5B-17, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857; (301) 443-2265. (This is not

a toll-free number.) HHS will mail to the interested provider an application packet, which will include instructions for completing the application. In order to maximize the opportunity to utilize a suitable property, providers should submit their written expressions of interest as soon as possible. For complete details concerning the processing of applications, the reader is encouraged to refer to the interim rule governing this program, 24 CFR part 581.

For properties listed as suitable/to be excess, that property may, if subsequently accepted as excess by GSA, be made available for use by the homeless in accordance with applicable law, subject to screening for other Federal use. At the appropriate time, HUD will publish the property in a Notice showing it as either suitable/available or suitable/unavailable.

For properties listed as suitable/unavailable, the landholding agency has decided that the property cannot be declared excess or made available for use to assist the homeless, and the property will not be available.

Properties listed as unsuitable will not be made available for any other purpose for 20 days from the date of this Notice. Homeless assistance providers interested in a review by HUD of the determination of unsuitability should call the toll free information line at 1-800-927-7588 for detailed instructions or write a letter to Mark Johnston at the address listed at the beginning of this Notice. Included in the request for review should be the property address (including zip code), the date of publication in the **Federal Register**, the landholding agency, and the property number.

For more information regarding particular properties identified in this Notice (*i.e.*, acreage, floor plan, existing sanitary facilities, exact street address), providers should contact the appropriate landholding agencies at the following addresses: *Army:* Ms. Veronica Rines, Department of the Army, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management, Room 8536, 2511 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA 22202; (202) 601-2545; *COE:* Mr. Scott Whiteford, Army Corps of Engineers, Director of Real Estate, CEMP-CR, 441 G St., NW., Washington, DC 20314; (202)761-5542; *GSA:* Mr. Gordon Creed, Acting Deputy Assistant Commissioner, General Services Administration, Office of Property Disposal, 18th & F Streets, NW., Washington, DC 20405; (202) 501-0084; *Navy:* Mr. Albert Johnson, Director of Real Estate, Department of the Navy, Naval Facilities Engineering Command,

Washington Navy Yard, 1330 Patterson Ave., SW., Suite 1000, Washington, DC 20374; (202) 685-9305; (These are not toll-free numbers).

Dated: November 10, 2010.

Mark R. Johnston,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Special Needs.

TITLE V, FEDERAL SURPLUS PROPERTY PROGRAM FEDERAL REGISTER REPORT FOR 11/19/2010

Suitable/Available Properties

Building

Oregon

Residence

140 Government Road

Malheur Natl Forest

John Day OR 97845

Landholding Agency: GSA

Property Number: 54201040012

Status: Excess

GSA Number: 9-A-OR-0786-AA

Comments: 1560 sq. ft., presence of asbestos/lead paint, off-site use only

Land

California

Drill Site #3A

null

Ford City CA 93268

Landholding Agency: GSA

Property Number: 54201040004

Status: Surplus

GSA Number: 9-B-CA-1673-AG

Comments: 2.07 acres, mineral rights, utility easements

Drill Site #4

null

Ford City CA 93268

Landholding Agency: GSA

Property Number: 54201040005

Status: Surplus

GSA Number: 9-B-CA-1673-AB

Comments: 2.21 acres, mineral rights, utility easements

Drill Site #6

null

Ford City CA 93268

Landholding Agency: GSA

Property Number: 54201040006

Status: Surplus

GSA Number: 9-B-CA-1673-AC

Comments: 2.13 acres, mineral rights, utility easements

Drill Site #9

null

Ford City CA 93268

Landholding Agency: GSA

Property Number: 54201040007

Status: Surplus

GSA Number: 9-B-CA-1673-AH

Comments: 2.07 acres, mineral rights, utility easements

Drill Site #20

null

Ford City CA 93268

Landholding Agency: GSA

Property Number: 54201040008

Status: Surplus

GSA Number: 9-B-CA-1673-AD

Comments: 2.07 acres, mineral rights, utility easements

Drill Site #22
null
Ford City CA 93268
Landholding Agency: GSA
Property Number: 54201040009
Status: Surplus
GSA Number: 9-B-CA-1673-AF
Comments: 2.07 acres, mineral rights, utility easements

Drill Site #24
null
Ford City CA 93268
Landholding Agency: GSA
Property Number: 54201040010
Status: Surplus
GSA Number: 9-B-CA-1673-AE
Comments: 2.06 acres, mineral rights, utility easements

Drill Site #26
null
Ford City CA 93268
Landholding Agency: GSA
Property Number: 54201040011
Status: Surplus
GSA Number: 9-B-CA-1673-AA
Comments: 2.07 acres, mineral rights, utility easements

Hawaii
Property Record 1-11032
Naval Station
Pearl Harbor HI 96818
Landholding Agency: Navy
Property Number: 77201040011
Status: Unutilized
Comments: 2.752 acres, harbor sediments/ petro pipeline

Unsuitable Properties

Building

Alabama
4 Bldgs.
Anniston Army Depot
Calhoun AL 36201
Landholding Agency: Army
Property Number: 21201040001
Status: Unutilized
Directions: 00051, 0084A, 0084B, 00614
Reasons: Extensive deterioration

Arizona
4 Bldgs.
Fort Huachuca
Cochise AZ 85613
Landholding Agency: Army
Property Number: 21201040002
Status: Excess
Directions: 22009, 22010, 22011, 22012
Reasons: Within 2000 ft. of flammable or explosive material

California
13 Bldgs.
Fort Irwin
San Bernardino CA 92310
Landholding Agency: Army
Property Number: 21201040003
Status: Unutilized
Directions: 100, 338, 343, 385, 411, 412, 413, 486, 489, 490, 491, 493, 5006
Reasons: Secured Area

Colorado
Bldgs. 5510, 6216
Fort Carson
El Paso CO 80913

Landholding Agency: Army
Property Number: 21201040004
Status: Unutilized
Reasons: Secured Area
Hawaii

Bldg. 1000
Wheeler Army Airfield
Wahiawa HI 96786
Landholding Agency: Army
Property Number: 21201040005
Status: Unutilized
Reasons: Extensive deterioration

17 Bldgs.
Schofield Barracks
Wahiawa HI 96786
Landholding Agency: Army
Property Number: 21201040006
Status: Unutilized
Directions: I0011 thru I0027
Reasons: Extensive deterioration
Bldg. 177
Naval Station
Pearl Harbor HI 96860
Landholding Agency: Navy
Property Number: 77201040015
Status: Underutilized
Reasons: Within 2000 ft. of flammable or explosive material, Secured Area

Illinois
Bldg. 1712
Naval Station
Great Lakes IL 60088
Landholding Agency: Navy
Property Number: 77201040012
Status: Unutilized
Reasons: Extensive deterioration

Iowa
Bldgs. A0190, 00190, 01069
Iowa AAP
Middletown IA 52601
Landholding Agency: Army
Property Number: 21201040007
Status: Unutilized
Reasons: Extensive deterioration, Within 2000 ft. of flammable or explosive material, Secured Area

Kansas
19 Toilets
John Redmond Lake
Burlington KS 66839
Landholding Agency: COE
Property Number: 31201040002
Status: Unutilized
Reasons: Extensive deterioration

Maryland
Bldgs. 136, 607
Fort Detrick
Forrest Glen Annex
Silver Spring MD 20901
Landholding Agency: Army
Property Number: 21201040008
Status: Unutilized
Reasons: Secured Area

Bldgs. 1687, 1689
Fort Detrick
Frederick MD 21702
Landholding Agency: Army
Property Number: 21201040009
Status: Unutilized
Reasons: Secured Area
16 Bldgs.
Naval Support Activity

Indian Head MD 20640
Landholding Agency: Navy
Property Number: 77201040014
Status: Underutilized
Directions: 28, 163, 164/164A, 164B, 165, 166, 167, 273, 489, 496, 629, 898, 899, 1738, 1904, 3030
Reasons: Secured Area

Missouri
14 Bldgs.
Lake City AAP
Independence MO 64051
Landholding Agency: Army
Property Number: 21201040010
Status: Unutilized
Directions: 59, 59A, 59B, 59C, 60, 66A, 66B, 66C, 66D, 66E, 67, 70A 70B 80D
Reasons: Within 2000 ft. of flammable or explosive material, Secured Area

10 Bldgs.
Fort Leonard Wood
Pulaski MO 65473
Landholding Agency: Army
Property Number: 21201040011
Status: Unutilized
Directions: 1228, 1255, 1269, 2101, 2112, 2551, 2552, 5280, 5506, 6824
Reasons: Secured Area

Facility 29995
Fort Leonard Wood
Pulaski MO 65473
Landholding Agency: Army
Property Number: 21201040012
Status: Unutilized
Reasons: Secured Area

New Jersey
9 Bldgs.
Picatinny Arsenal
Dover NJ 07806
Landholding Agency: Army
Property Number: 21201040013
Status: Unutilized
Directions: 23, 48, 49, 50, 111, 454B, 620, 620C, 641B
Reasons: Secured Area

6 Bldgs.
Picatinny Arsenal
Dover NJ 07806
Landholding Agency: Army
Property Number: 21201040014
Status: Unutilized
Directions: 1181, 1182, 1351, 1354A, 1521, 1522
Reasons: Secured Area

4 Bldgs.
Picatinny Arsenal
Dover NJ 07806
Landholding Agency: Army
Property Number: 21201040015
Status: Unutilized
Directions: 3052, 3339, 3340, 3341
Reasons: Secured Area

7 Bldgs.
Picatinny Arsenal
Dover NJ 07806
Landholding Agency: Army
Property Number: 21201040016
Status: Unutilized
Directions: 3604, 3605, 3606, 3609, 3613, 3615, 3627
Reasons: Secured Area

New Mexico
7 Bldgs.

White Sands Missile Range
Dona Ana NM 88002
Landholding Agency: Army
Property Number: 21201040017
Status: Unutilized
Directions: 301, 384, 1529, 1650, 1735, 1798, 1825
Reasons: Extensive deterioration, Secured Area
8 Bldgs.

White Sands Missile Range
Dona Ana NM 88002
Landholding Agency: Army
Property Number: 21201040018
Status: Unutilized
Directions: 19310, 21623, 23638, 23653, 23673, 27104, 34175, FOI
Reasons: Secured Area, Extensive deterioration

New York
Bldg. 110
Fort Hamilton
Brooklyn NY 11252
Landholding Agency: Army
Property Number: 21201040019
Status: Underutilized
Reasons: Secured Area

North Carolina
Bldg. 83022
Fort Bragg
Cumberland NC 28310
Landholding Agency: Army
Property Number: 21201040020
Status: Unutilized
Reasons: Secured Area, Extensive deterioration

North Dakota
Bldgs. 455, 456—Bunkers
Stanley Mickelsen Property
Nekoma ND 58355
Landholding Agency: GSA
Property Number: 54201040014
Status: Surplus
GSA Number: 7-D-ND-0499
Reasons: Secured Area

Oklahoma
3 Gatehouses
Oologah Lake
Oologah OK 74053
Landholding Agency: COE
Property Number: 31201040003
Status: Unutilized
Reasons: Secured Area

2 Vault Toilets
Washington Irving Rec Area
Sand Springs OK 74063
Landholding Agency: COE
Property Number: 31201040004
Status: Unutilized
Reasons: Extensive deterioration

Puerto Rico
7 Bldg.
Fort Buchanan
Guaynabo PR
Landholding Agency: Army
Property Number: 21201040021
Status: Excess
Directions: 76, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 98
Reasons: Extensive deterioration, Secured Area

Rhode Island
Bldgs. 0A65V, 340, 382

Camp Fogarty Training Site
Kent RI 02818
Landholding Agency: Army
Property Number: 21201040022
Status: Excess
Reasons: Secured Area

South Carolina
Naval Health Clinic
3600 Rivers Ave.
Charleston SC 29405
Landholding Agency: GSA
Property Number: 54201040013
Status: Excess
GSA Number: 4-N-SC-0606
Reasons: Within 2000 ft. of flammable or explosive material

Tennessee
8 Bldgs.
Fort Campbell
Montgomery TN 42223
Landholding Agency: Army
Property Number: 21201040023
Status: Unutilized
Directions: 1595, 2310, 2607, 3207, 3208, 3209, 3210, 3218
Reasons: Secured Area

9 Bldgs.
Fort Campbell
Montgomery TN 42223
Landholding Agency: Army
Property Number: 21201040024
Status: Unutilized
Directions: 6817, 6818, 6819, 6824, 6847, 6849, 6850, 6898, 6899
Reasons: Secured Area

7 Bldgs.
Fort Campbell
Montgomery TN 42223
Landholding Agency: Army
Property Number: 21201040025
Status: Unutilized
Directions: 7005, 7006, 7051, 7202, 7814, 8064, MM001
Reasons: Secured Area

4 Bldgs.
Milan AAP
Gibson TN 38358
Landholding Agency: Army
Property Number: 21201040026
Status: Excess
Directions: W001A, W0062, W0063, W0064
Reasons: Extensive deterioration, Secured Area, Within 2000 ft. of flammable or explosive material

Texas
4 Bldgs.
Fort Bliss
El Paso TX 79916
Landholding Agency: Army
Property Number: 21201040027
Status: Unutilized
Directions: 1273, 1274, 1278, 1279
Reasons: Extensive deterioration

Utah
Bldgs. 222 thru 227
MTA-L Camp Williams
Eagle Mountain UT 84005
Landholding Agency: Army
Property Number: 21201040028
Status: Unutilized
Reasons: Within 2000 ft. of flammable or explosive material, Secured Area, Extensive deterioration

Bldg. 4535
Deseret Chemical Depot
Stockton UT 84071
Landholding Agency: Army
Property Number: 21201040029
Status: Excess
Reasons: Secured Area

15 Bldgs.
Tooele Army Depot
Tooele UT 84074
Landholding Agency: Army
Property Number: 21201040030
Status: Unutilized
Directions: 25, 25A, 25B, 26, 26A, 26B, 27, 27A, 27B, 28, 28A, 28B, 29, 29A, 29B
Reasons: Secured Area

Virginia
5 Bldgs.
Fort A.P. Hill
Bowling Green VA 22427
Landholding Agency: Army
Property Number: 21201040031
Status: Unutilized
Directions: 1105, 1218, 1274, 1293, 1296
Reasons: Extensive deterioration

Bldg. ANTEN
Fort Eustis
Ft. Eustis VA 23604
Landholding Agency: Army
Property Number: 21201040032
Status: Unutilized
Reasons: Extensive deterioration

Bldgs. 1132, 1133, 1134
Fort Belvoir
Fairfax VA 22060
Landholding Agency: Army
Property Number: 21201040033
Status: Excess
Reasons: Extensive deterioration

Bldg. HH025
Joint Base Myer
Arlington VA 22211
Landholding Agency: Army
Property Number: 21201040034
Status: Unutilized
Reasons: Secured Area

Bldgs. 8000, 8134
Fort Lee
Prince George VA 23801
Landholding Agency: Army
Property Number: 21201040035
Status: Unutilized
Reasons: Secured Area

6 Bldgs.
Radford AAP
Radford VA 24143
Landholding Agency: Army
Property Number: 21201040036
Status: Unutilized
Directions: 1000, 1010, 2000, 2010, 22116, USO43
Reasons: Secured Area, Within 2000 ft. of flammable or explosive material

Property JHK-16643
John H. Kerr Lake & Dam
Mecklenburg VA 23917
Landholding Agency: COE
Property Number: 31201040005
Status: Unutilized
Reasons: Extensive deterioration

Washington
Bldgs. 2607, 2613
Fort Lewis

Pierce WA 98433
 Landholding Agency: Army
 Property Number: 21201040037
 Status: Underutilized
 Reasons: Secured Area

Land

Florida

Tract L 1113/Portion
 Jim Woodruff Reservoir
 Chattahoochee FL 32324
 Landholding Agency: COE
 Property Number: 31201040001
 Status: Unutilized
 Reasons: Within 2000 ft. of flammable or explosive material

Maryland

Site A

Naval Support Activity
 Indian Head MD 20640
 Landholding Agency: Navy
 Property Number: 77201040013
 Status: Underutilized
 Reasons: Secured Area

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS-R2-R-2010-N209; 20131-1265-2CCP S3]

Caddo National Wildlife Refuge, Harrison County, TX; 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 comprehensive conservation plan (CCP) and environmental assessment (EA) for Caddo Lake National Wildlife Refuge, Harrison County, TX. 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 May 18, 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: Jeffrey_missal@fws.gov. Include "Caddo Lake National Wildlife Refuge CCP NOI" in the subject line of the message.

Fax: Attn: Jeffrey Missal, Natural Resource Planner, 505-248-7409.

U.S. Mail: Jeffrey Missal, Natural Resource Planner, 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 15600 Highway 134, Karnack, TX 75661.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeffrey Missal, Natural Resource Planner, Telephone: 505-248-7409; Fax: 505-248-6803; e-mail: Jeffrey_missal@fws.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Introduction

With this notice, we initiate our process for developing a CCP for Caddo Lake NWR (Refuge), located in Harrison County, TX. 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 Caddo Lake 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.

Caddo Lake National Wildlife Refuge

Caddo Lake National Wildlife Refuge is located in Harrison County, TX, and encompasses approximately 7,500 acres of Piney Woods, mature Baldcypress Forests, and wetlands. On October 19, 2000, the Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service approved the establishment of the Caddo Lake National Wildlife Refuge on portions of the Longhorn Army Ammunition Plant. It was officially opened as a national wildlife refuge on September 26, 2009, for the purpose of migratory bird and other fish and wildlife management, conservation, and protection.

In contrast to the more arid and thinly wooded areas that predominate much of the rest of Texas, Caddo Lake NWR is one of the richest examples of the lush and abundant Piney Woods Belt, where rainfall is plentiful and rivers and bayous twist through forests teeming with a great diversity of aquatic and terrestrial plant specimens. Portions of the Refuge and Caddo Lake constitute one of only 25 such areas in the United States recognized by the RAMSAR Convention on Wetlands as a Wetland of International Significance. Residing in these forests and wetlands associated with the Refuge are a variety of birds, amphibians, reptiles, and fish. A number of animals and plants here are considered rare, threatened, or endangered under national and international laws; these species