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(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, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Overview of This Information Collection

(1) *Type of Information Collection:* Revision of a Currently Approved Collection.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Application for Asylum and for Withholding of Removal.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the DHS sponsoring the collection:* I-589; USCIS.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* *Primary:* Individuals or households. Form I-589 is necessary to determine whether an alien applying for asylum and/or withholding of removal in the United States is classified as refugee, and is eligible to remain in the United States.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* The estimated total number of respondents for the information collection I-589 is approximately 157,372 and the estimated hour burden per response is 12 hours per response; and the estimated number of respondents providing biometrics is 97,152 and the estimated hour burden per response is 1.17 hours.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* The total estimated annual hour burden associated with this collection is 2,002,132 hours.

(7) *An estimate of the total public burden (in cost) associated with the collection:* The estimated total annual cost burden associated with this collection of information is \$61,689,824.

Dated: September 13, 2016.

Samantha L. Deshommes,

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

[OMB Control Number 1615-0032]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Application for Waiver of Grounds of Inadmissibility, Form I-690; Extension, Without Change, of a Currently Approved Collection

AGENCY: U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: 30-Day Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) will be submitting the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The information collection notice was previously published in the **Federal Register** on July 1, 2016, at 81 FR 43221, allowing for a 60-day public comment period. USCIS received 1 comment in connection with the 60-day notice.

DATES: The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comments. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until October 19, 2016. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.10.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time, must be directed to the OMB USCIS Desk Officer via email at oir_submission@omb.eop.gov. Comments may also be submitted via fax at (202) 395-5806 (This is not a toll-free number). All submissions received must include the agency name and the OMB Control Number [1615-0032].

You may wish to consider limiting the amount of personal information that you provide in any voluntary submission you make. For additional information please read the Privacy Act notice that is available via the link in the footer of <http://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: USCIS, Office of Policy and Strategy, Regulatory Coordination Division, Samantha Deshommes, Chief, 20 Massachusetts Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20529-2140, Telephone number (202) 272-8377 (This is not a toll-free number. Comments are not accepted via telephone message). Please note contact

information provided here is solely for questions regarding this notice. It is not for individual case status inquiries.

Applicants seeking information about the status of their individual cases can check Case Status Online, available at the USCIS Web site at <http://www.uscis.gov>, or call the USCIS National Customer Service Center at (800) 375-5283; TTY (800) 767-1833.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments

You may access the information collection instrument with instructions, or additional information by visiting the Federal eRulemaking Portal site at: <http://www.regulations.gov> and enter USCIS-2006-0047 in the search box. Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies should address one or more of the following four points:

(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, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(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, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Overview of This Information Collection:

(1) *Type of Information Collection Request:* Extension, Without Change, of a Currently Approved Collection.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Application for Waiver of Grounds of Inadmissibility.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the DHS sponsoring the collection:* I-690; USCIS.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* *Primary:* Individuals or households. USCIS will use this form to determine whether applicants are eligible for admission to the United States under sections 210 and 245A of the Act.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to*

respond: 22 responses (Form I-690) at approximately 3 hours per response; 11 responses (Supplement 1) at approximately 2 hours per response.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* The total estimated annual hour burden associated with this collection is 88 hours.

(7) *An estimate of the total public burden (in cost) associated with the collection:* The estimated total annual cost burden associated with this collection of information is \$3,316.50.

Dated: September 14, 2016.

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Office of Policy and Strategy, U.S. Citizenship
and Immigration Services, Department of
Homeland Security.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS-R3-ES-2016-N128];
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Draft Environmental Impact Statement; Indiana Department of Natural Resources Habitat Conservation Plan

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service,
Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an
environmental impact statement; notice
of scoping meeting; and request for
comments.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National
Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as
amended (NEPA), we are advising the
public that we intend to prepare an
environmental impact statement (EIS)
on a proposed Endangered Species Act
(ESA) incidental take permit (ITP)
application from the Indiana
Department of Natural Resources
(IDNR), Division of Forestry (DoF) for
the federally endangered Indiana bat
(*Myotis sodalis*). We are also
announcing the initiation of a public
scoping process to engage Federal,
Tribal, State, and local governments;
special interest groups; and the public
in the identification of issues and
concerns, potential impacts, and
possible alternatives to the proposed
action.

DATES: Public scoping will begin with
the publication of this NOI in the
Federal Register and will continue
through October 19, 2016. We will
consider all comments on the scope of
the EIS analysis that are received or
postmarked by this date. Comments

received or postmarked after this date
will be considered to the extent
practicable. We will conduct a public
scoping meeting during the scoping
period. The scoping meeting will
provide the public with an opportunity
to ask questions, discuss issues with
Service staff regarding the EIS, and
provide written comments.

• September 30th, 6:00-9:00 p.m. at
the Forestry Training Center on Morgan-
Monroe State Forest. Directions: from
the Forest Office at 6220 Forest Road,
Martinsville, IN (see Google Maps), go
0.2 miles north on Forest Road and take
the first road to the left (West), go 0.4
miles and park at 2nd building on the
right. The Forestry Training Center is
located approx. 6 miles south of
Martinsville, IN.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments via
U.S. mail to the Field Supervisor, U.S.
Fish and Wildlife Service, Bloomington
Field Office, 620 South Walker Street,
Bloomington, IN 47403-2121; by
facsimile to 812-334-4273; or by
electronic mail to commentbfo@fws.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Andrew King, by telephone at 812-334-
4261, extension 1216, or email at
andrew_king@fws.gov. If you use a
telecommunications device for the deaf,
please call the Federal Information
Relay Service at 800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Introduction

Indiana bats were listed as an
endangered species under the ESA in
1967. The decline of this species has
historically been attributed to loss and
degradation of winter hibernation
habitat and summer roosting habitat,
human disturbance during hibernation,
and possibly pesticides. A recent new
threat to Indiana bats is white-nose
syndrome (WNS), a disease caused by
the fungus *Pseudogymnoascus*
destructans. WNS has caused significant
population declines throughout much of
the Indiana bat's range, particularly in
the Northeast and Appalachian regions.

The DoF conducts management
activities on 13 State Forests and 2 State
Recreation Areas covering
approximately 158,000 acres of state-
owned forest land in Indiana. These
activities include maintenance of
recreation trails, timber harvest, tree
plantings, prescribed burning, and the
use of specific chemicals such as
herbicides and fertilizers. Management
activities on these lands are designed for
long-term sustainability and to enhance
forest health and diversity, create
wildlife habitat, provide recreational
opportunities and to generate revenue
from timber harvests that contribute to

local and state economies. While many
forest management activities benefit the
conservation and recovery of the
Indiana bat, some activities may
adversely impact this species and their
habitat during certain life stages.

The net effect of forest management
on Indiana bats may vary depending on
the type, scale, and timing of various
practices. Unlike forest conversion
where habitat is permanently removed,
the DoF's forest management practices
are designed to promote and sustain
suitable forested bat habitat on the
landscape, and adverse impacts
typically are temporary in nature. The
primary potential benefit of forest
management to the species is
perpetuating forests on the landscape
that provide suitable roosting and
foraging habitat. Impacts from timber
harvest, which can range from the
selective removal of individual trees to
small clearcuts, can range from positive
(e.g., maintaining or increasing suitable
roosting and foraging habitat within
Indiana bat home ranges) to neutral
(e.g., minor amounts of timber harvest,
areas outside Indiana bats summer
home ranges, away from hibernacula) to
negative (e.g., death of adult female bats
and/or pups resulting from accidental
felling of occupied maternity roost
trees). Therefore, the DoF is developing
a Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) in
support of an ITP that would authorize
the incidental take of Indiana bats from
certain forest management activities on
State Forest lands within the State of
Indiana.

The HCP will incorporate avoidance,
minimization, mitigation, monitoring,
and reporting measures aimed at
addressing the impact of take caused by
certain forest and property management
activities occurring on approximately
158,000 acres of state-owned land
managed by the DoF. The forest and
property management activities
included in the DoF HCP are timber
harvesting, prescribed burning, timber
stand improvement, and the
construction and maintenance of roads,
trails, and recreation and operational
facilities. Potential measures to avoid,
minimize, and mitigate impacts to
Indiana bats may include, but are not
limited to, retention of potential roost
trees, sustained supply of future roost
trees, protection of known roost trees,
leave-tree designation near perennial
streams, seasonal tree-felling restrictions
around known hibernacula, and set-
back distances for the protection of
hibernacula entrances. The requested
term of the ITP is 20 years.