

comments in connection with the 60-day notice.

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-2009-0020 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:* Revision of a Currently Approved Collection.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Application To Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status, Adjustment of Status Under Section 245(i), and Confirmation of Bona Fide Job Offer or Request for Job Portability Under INA Section 204(j).

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the DHS sponsoring the collection:* Form I-485, Supplement A, and Supplement J to Form I-485; USCIS.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* *Primary:* Individuals or households. The information collected is used to determine eligibility to adjust status under section 245 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, and to confirm a bona fide job offer or a request for job portability under INA Section 204(j).

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

Form I-485—652,599 respondents responding at an estimated 6 hours 15 minutes per response.

Form I-485 Supplement A—36,000 respondents responding at an estimated 1 hour and 15 minutes per response.

Form I-485 Supplement J—28,309 respondents responding at an estimated 1 hour per response.

**Biometrics Processing**—An estimated 522,089 respondents will be required to provide biometrics which requires an estimated 1 hour and 10 minutes 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 4,762,897 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 \$233,841,457.

Dated: May 24, 2017.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5339-N-05]

#### Housing Counseling Certification Examination Availability and Change To Certification Examination Cost

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability of the HUD Certified Housing Counselor Examination.

**SUMMARY:** This notice follows publication of the “Housing Counseling: New Certification Requirements” final rule, issued on December 14, 2016, which requires that HUD announce the availability of the Housing Counselor Examination and start the 36-month time-period for individuals and Housing Counseling Agencies to come into compliance with the final rule's certification requirements. The final rule also noted that HUD would provide notice of any changes to the cost of the Housing Counselor Examination. Through this notice, HUD is announcing that the HUD Certified Housing Counselor Examination will be available starting on August 1, 2017, and that as

of August 1, 2020, housing counseling required by or provided in connection with HUD programs may only be provided by HUD certified housing counselors working for participating agencies approved to provide such housing counseling by HUD's Office of Housing Counseling. This notice also announces a reduction to the cost of the Housing Counselor Examination.

**DATES:** Availability of HUD Certified Housing Counselor Examination: August 1, 2017.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Lorraine Griscavage-Frisbee at Office of Housing Counseling, Office of Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 302 Carson Street, Las Vegas, Nevada 89101, telephone number 702-366-2126 (this is not a toll-free number). Persons with hearing or speech challenges may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at 800-877-8339. Questions can also be addressed to Lorraine Griscavage-Frisbee, Office of Housing Counseling, at [housing.counseling@hud.gov](mailto:housing.counseling@hud.gov). Please include “Housing Counseling Program: Certification Examination” in the subject line of the email.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

Section 106 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701x) (Section 106) was amended by Subtitle D of title XIV of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (Public Law 111-203, 124 Stat. 1376, approved July 21, 2010) to strengthen and improve the effectiveness of housing counseling that is required under or provided in connection with HUD programs (Section 106 amendments). The Section 106 amendments require that individuals providing housing counseling required under or provided in connection with HUD programs be certified by taking and passing an examination administered by HUD's Office of Housing Counseling (HUD certified housing counselors) (12 U.S.C. 1701x(e)). On December 14, 2016, HUD published a final rule implementing the Section 106 certification requirements. The final rule states, in part, that within 36 months of the issuance of the certification examination housing counseling required by or in connection with HUD programs may only be provided by HUD certified housing counselors working for HUD-approved housing counseling agencies (HCAs)<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> HUD-approved organizations, intermediaries, multistate organizations, state housing finance

that are approved to provide such housing counseling by HUD's Office of Housing Counseling. See 81 FR 90632. The final rule also provided that the cost for taking the examination would be \$100 for online testing at the examinee's location and \$140 at a proctoring site, and any future changes to the cost would be announced by **Federal Register** notice.

This notice announces the availability of the certification examination beginning August 1, 2017. This Notice also provides the deadline of August 1, 2020 (36 months) within which all housing counselors and HCAs must satisfy the certification requirements in the final rule. This notice also announces that the cost for taking the examination has been reduced. The cost for online testing at the examinee's location will now be \$60 and at a proctoring site the cost will be \$100. Information about the examination, including registration, costs, and examination locations is available at [www.hudhousingcounselors.com](http://www.hudhousingcounselors.com).

As required by Section 106 and HUD's regulations, as of August 1, 2020, housing counseling required by or in connection with HUD programs may only be provided by HUD certified housing counselors working for HCAs that are approved to provide such housing counseling by HUD's Office of Housing Counseling.

## II. Tribes

As HUD noted in the final rule, application of the of the Section 106 certification examination requirements will only apply to Indian tribes and tribal entities after HUD undergoes tribal consultation and addresses the participation of tribes in HUD's Housing Counseling Program in future rulemaking or guidance, as appropriate.

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agencies, and their branches and affiliates (collectively referred to as Housing Counseling Agencies, or HCAs).

## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

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#### Agency Information Collection Activities: OMB Control Number 1018- 0095; Endangered and Threatened Wildlife, Experimental Populations

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

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

**SUMMARY:** We (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Service) 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. This IC is scheduled to expire on October 31, 2017. We may not conduct or sponsor and you are 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 on this IC, we must receive them by July 31, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** Send your comments on the IC to the Service Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 5275 Leesburg Pike, MS: BPHC, Falls Church, VA 22041-3803 (mail); or [info\\_coll@fws.gov](mailto:info_coll@fws.gov) (email). Please include "1018-0095" in the subject line of your comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Service Information Collection Clearance Officer, at [info\\_coll@fws.gov](mailto:info_coll@fws.gov) (email) or (703) 358-2503 (telephone).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

Section 10(j) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA), as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to establish experimental populations of endangered or threatened species. Because individuals of experimental populations are protected under the ESA, the information we collect is important for monitoring the success of reintroduction and recovery efforts. This is a nonform collection (meaning there is no designated form associated with this collection). Information collection requirements for experimental populations of vertebrate endangered and threatened species are found in 50 CFR 17.84. We collect three categories

of information, which are specific to each species and are described within 50 CFR 17.84:

(1) General take or removal. Take is defined by the ESA as "[to] harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect, or to attempt to engage in any such conduct." In this IC, take most commonly takes the form of human-related mortality, including unintentional taking incidental to otherwise lawful activities (*e.g.*, highway mortalities); animal husbandry actions authorized to manage the population (*e.g.*, translocation or providing aid to sick, injured, or orphaned individuals); take in defense of human life; take related to defense of property (if authorized); or take in the form of authorized harassment.

(2) Specimen collection, recovery, or reporting of dead individuals. This information documents incidental or authorized scientific collection. Most of the information collected addresses the reporting of sightings of experimental population animals or the inadvertent discovery of an injured or dead individual.

(3) Depredation-related take. Involves take for management purposes where livestock depredation is documented, and may include authorized harassment or authorized lethal take of experimental population animals in the act of attacking livestock. See 50 CFR 17.84 for specific provisions of harassment for each species within this section.

The information that we collect includes:

- Name, address, and phone number of reporting party.
- Species involved.
- Type of incident.
- Quantity of take.
- Location and time of the reported incident.
- Description of the circumstances related to the incident.

Service recovery specialists use this information to determine the success of reintroductions in relation to established recovery plan goals for the experimental populations of vertebrate endangered and threatened species involved. In addition, this information helps us to assess the effectiveness of control activities in order to develop better means to reduce problems with livestock for those species where depredation is a problem.

## II. Data

*OMB Control Number:* 1018-0095.

*Title:* Endangered and Threatened Wildlife, Experimental Populations, 50 CFR 17.84.

*Service Form Number(s):* None.