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HUD encourages interested parties to submit comment in response to these questions.

Authority: Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35.

Dated: June 9, 2017.

Genger Charles,

General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Housing.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-6001-N-20]

60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Rehabilitation Mortgage Insurance Underwriting Program Section 203(K)

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: HUD is seeking approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for the information collection described below. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, HUD is requesting comment from all interested parties on the proposed collection of information. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 60 days of public comment.

DATES: *Comments Due Date:* September 11, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB Control Number and should be sent to: Colette Pollard, Reports Management Officer, QDAM, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Room 4176, Washington, DC 20410-5000; telephone 202-402-3400 (this is not a toll-free number) or email at Colette.Pollard@hud.gov for a copy of the proposed forms or other available information. Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kevin Stevens, Director, HMID, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Washington, DC 20410; email Kevin Stevens at Kevin.L.Stevens@Hud.gov or telephone 202-402-4317. This is not a toll-free number. Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

Copies of available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Ms. Pollard.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice informs the public that HUD is seeking approval from OMB for the information collection described in Section A.

A. Overview of Information Collection

Title of Information Collection: Rehabilitation Mortgage Insurance Underwriting Program Section 203(K).

OMB Approval Number: 2502-0527.

Type of Request: Extension of currently approved collection.

Form Number: HUD-92700-A, HUD-9746-A, HUD-92577.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: This request for OMB review involves an extension request for information collected under OMB approval 2502-0527 for lenders that originate and service Section 203(k) mortgages. The information collection specifically focuses on documenting rehabilitation loan expenses, maintaining the repair escrow accounts and the use of FHA approved 203(k) consultants. This program does not operate independent of FHA's established process. The loan origination process and underwriting follows the same standards and systems as all 203(b) loans as documented in OMB Control Numbers 2502-0059 & 2502-0556. Per the existing collection 15,871 respondents are borrowers and lenders, including approximately 20 nonprofits, who annually apply for Standard 203(k) and Limited 203(k) loans the 203(k) program. Also, 1,939 consultants are on FHA's 203(k) Consultant Roster.

Respondents (i.e. affected public): Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 15,871.

Estimated Number of Responses: 222,222.

Frequency of Response: Once per loan.

Average Hours per Response: .94.

Total Estimated Burdens: 7,107,425.

B. Solicitation of Public Comment

This notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected parties concerning the collection of information described in Section A on the following: (1) 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) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) Ways to 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.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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U.S. Endangered Species; Receipt of Recovery Permit Applications

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of permit applications; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), invite the public to comment on applications for permits to conduct activities intended for scientific purposes that promote recovery or to enhance the propagation or survival of endangered species. With some exceptions, the Endangered Species Act (ESA) prohibits certain activities that constitute take of listed species unless a Federal permit is issued that allows such activity. The ESA also requires that we invite public comment before issuing these permits.

DATES: To ensure consideration, we must receive your written comments by August 11, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Documents and other information submitted with the applications are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and the Freedom of Information Act, by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents to the following office within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice: Program Manager, Restoration and Endangered Species Classification, Ecological Services, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Pacific Regional Office, 911 NE 11th Avenue, Portland, OR 97232-4181.

Submitting Comments: You may submit comments by one of the following methods. Please specify the applicant name(s) and permit number(s) to which your comments pertain (e.g., TE-25955C).

- **Email:** permitsR1ES@fws.gov. Please refer to the respective permit number (e.g., TE-25955C) in the subject line of your email message.

- **U.S. Mail:** Program Manager, Restoration and Endangered Species Classification, Ecological Services, U.S.

Fish and Wildlife Service, Pacific Regional Office, 911 NE 11th Avenue, Portland, OR 97232-4181.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Colleen Henson, Recovery Permits Coordinator, Ecological Services, (503) 231-6131 (phone); permitsR1ES@fws.gov (email).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The ESA prohibits certain activities with endangered and threatened species unless authorized by a Federal permit. The ESA and our implementing regulations in part 17 of title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) provide for the issuance of such permits and require that we invite public comment before issuing permits for activities involving endangered species.

A recovery permit issued by us under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA authorizes the permittee to conduct activities with endangered or threatened species for scientific purposes that promote recovery or for enhancement of propagation or survival of the species.

Our regulations implementing section 10(a)(1)(A) for these permits are found at 50 CFR 17.22 for endangered wildlife species, 50 CFR 17.32 for threatened wildlife species, 50 CFR 17.62 for endangered plant species, and 50 CFR 17.72 for threatened plant species.

In accordance with section 10(c) of the ESA; Executive Order 13576, “Delivering an Efficient, Effective, and Accountable Government”; and the President’s Memorandum for the Heads of Executive Departments and Agencies of January 21, 2009, “Transparency and Open Government” (74 FR 4685; January 26, 2009), all of which call on Federal agencies to promote openness and transparency in Government by disclosing information to the public, we invite public comment on these permit applications before final action is taken.

Permit Applications Available for Review and Comment

We invite local, county, State, and Federal agencies, Tribes, and the public to comment on the following applications.

Application No.	Applicant	Species	Location	Activity	Type of take	Permit action
TE-702631	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Pacific Regional Office, Portland, Oregon.	Refer to the following Web site for a list of species associated with this application: http://www.fws.gov/pacific/ecoservices/endangered/recovery/Region_1_All_Listed_Species_20170501.pdf .	Throughout the range of the species within Hawaii, Idaho, Oregon, Washington, American Samoa, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, and the Pacific Trust Territories.	Ecological studies and recovery actions.	Animals: Various activities including survey, capture, handle, mark, monitor, propagate, and release. Plants: Various activities including survey, collect, propagate, and outplant.	Amend.
TE-40123A	U.S. Army Garrison, Pohakuloa Training Area, Hilo, Hawaii.	<i>Sicyos macrophyllus</i> ('anunu), <i>Festuca hawaiiensis</i> (no common name), <i>Portulaca villosa</i> (ihi), <i>Schiedea hawaiiensis</i> (ma'oli'oli), <i>Exocarpos menziesii</i> (heau).	Hawaii	Propagation and outplanting.	Remove and reduce to possession, propagation, outplanting.	Amend.
TE-19806C	Environmental Solutions & Innovations, Inc., Cincinnati, Ohio.	yellow-faced bees (<i>Hylaeus anthracinus</i> , <i>H. assimulans</i> , <i>H. facilis</i> , <i>H. kuakea</i> , <i>H. longiceps</i> , <i>H. mana</i> , and <i>H. hilaris</i>).	Hawaii	Population and genetic studies.	Survey, capture, collect, collect DNA samples.	New.
TE-25955C	Melissa Price, University of Hawaii—Manoa, Honolulu, Hawaii.	Band-rumped storm-petrel (<i>Oceanodroma castro</i>), Hawaiian stilt (<i>Himantopus mexicanus knudseni</i>).	Island of Oahu	Population and genetic studies.	Survey for stilts; Survey, capture, handle, band, bio-sample, release petrels.	New.

Application No.	Applicant	Species	Location	Activity	Type of take	Permit action
TE-018078	Hawaii Volcanoes National Park.	<i>Exocarpos menziesii</i> , <i>Joinvillea ascendens</i> ssp. <i>ascendens</i> , <i>Ochrosia</i> <i>haleakalae</i> , <i>Phyllostegia</i> <i>stachyoides</i> , <i>Portu-</i> <i>laca villosa</i> , <i>Ranunculus</i> <i>hawaiensis</i> , <i>Sanicula</i> <i>sandwicensis</i> , and <i>Sicyos macrophyllus</i> .	Island of Hawaii	Propagation and outplanting.	Remove and reduce to possession, propagation, outplanting.	Amend.

Public Availability of Comments

Before including your address, phone number, email 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. If you submit a hardcopy comment that includes personal identifying information, you may request at the top of your document that we withhold this information from public review; however, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Contents of Public Comments

Please make your comments as specific as possible. Please confine your comments to issues for which we seek comments in this notice, and explain the basis for your comments. Include sufficient information with your comments to allow us to authenticate any scientific or commercial data you include.

The comments and recommendations that will be most useful and likely to influence agency decisions are: (1) Those supported by quantitative information or studies; and (2) those that include citations to, and analyses of, the applicable laws and regulations.

Next Steps

If the Service decides to issue permits to any of the applicants listed in this notice, we will publish a notice in the **Federal Register**.

Authority: Section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*)

Dated: May 26, 2017.

Jason Holm,

Acting Deputy Regional Director, Pacific Region, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[Docket No. FWS-HQ-IA-2017-0037; FXIA1671090000-156-FF09A30000]

Foreign Endangered Species; Issuance of Permits

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of issuance of permits.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), have issued the following permits to conduct certain activities with endangered species, marine mammals, or both. We issue these permits under the Endangered Species Act (ESA).

ADDRESSES: Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act, by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority, Branch of Permits, MS: IA, 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041; fax (703) 358-2281. To locate the **Federal Register** notice that announced our receipt of the application for each permit listed in this document, go to www.regulations.gov and search on the permit number provided in the tables in **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joyce Russell, (703) 358-2023 (telephone); (703) 358-2281 (fax); or DMAFR@fws.gov (email).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On the dates below, as authorized by the provisions of the ESA, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), we issued requested permits subject to certain conditions set forth therein. For each permit for an endangered species, we found that (1) the application was filed in good faith, (2) the granted permit would not operate to the disadvantage of the endangered species, and (3) the granted permit would be consistent with the purposes and policy set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

ENDANGERED SPECIES

Permit No.	Applicant	Receipt of application Federal Register notice	Permit issuance date
12500C	Charles Waibel	82 FR 4914; January 17, 2017	4/13/2017
06382C	Richard Killion	82 FR 4914; January 17, 2017	4/13/2017
15671C	New Mexico State University/Timothy F. Wright.	82 FR 4914; January 17, 2017	3/27/2017
93065B	University of South Carolina	81 FR 63788; September 16, 2016	1/12/2017
209142	Adalgisa Caccone	82 FR 14742; March 22, 2017	4/25/2017
13615C	Stevens Forest Ranch	82 FR 13486; March 13, 2017	05/01/17