

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 website at <http://www.uscis.gov>, or call the USCIS National Customer Service Center at 800–375–5283 (TTY 800–767–1833).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Reason for Changes

USCIS is permitted by regulations to waive certain fees provided the party requesting the benefit is unable to pay the prescribed fee. The proposed revision would reduce the evidence required for Form I–912 to only a person's household income and no longer require proof of whether or not an individual receives a means-tested benefit. USCIS policy since 2011 has been to permit a fee waiver where an applicant received a means-tested benefit, even for a short period of time. USCIS has found that the various income levels used in states to grant a means-tested benefit result in inconsistent income levels being used to determine eligibility for a fee waiver. Therefore, the revised form will not permit a fee waiver based on receipt of a means-tested benefit, but will retain the poverty-guideline threshold and financial hardship criteria. If USCIS decides to proceed with the form revision after considering public comments, USCIS will rescind Policy Memorandum, PM–602–0011.1, *Fee Waiver Guidelines as Established by the Final Rule of the USCIS Fee Schedule; Revisions to Adjudicator's Field Manual (AFM) Chapter 10.9*, AFM Update AD11–26 (Mar. 13, 2011) and issue new guidance on the documentation acceptable for individuals to present to demonstrate that they are unable to pay a fee when requesting a fee waiver. The applications and petitions that are eligible for a fee waiver are provided in 8 CFR 103.7(c)(3) and will not be changed by this form and policy change.

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–2010–0008 in the search box. Regardless of the method used for submitting comments or material, all submissions will be posted, without

change, to the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>, and will include any personal information you provide. Therefore, submitting this information makes it public. You may wish to consider limiting the amount of personal information that you provide in any voluntary submission you make to DHS. DHS may withhold information provided in comments from public viewing that it determines may impact the privacy of an individual or is offensive. For additional information, please read the Privacy Act notice that is available via the link in the footer of <http://www.regulations.gov>.

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:* Revision of a Currently Approved Collection.
- (2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Request for Fee Waiver.
- (3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the DHS sponsoring the collection:* I–912; USCIS.
- (4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* *Primary:* Individuals or households. USCIS uses the data collected on this form to verify that the applicant is unable to pay for the immigration benefit being requested. USCIS will consider waiving a fee for an application or petition when the applicant or petitioner clearly demonstrates that he or she is unable to pay the fee. Form I–912 standardizes the collection and analysis of statements and supporting documentation provided

by the applicant with the fee waiver request. Form I–912 also streamlines and expedites USCIS's review, approval, or denial of the fee waiver request by clearly laying out the most salient data and evidence necessary for the determination of inability to pay. Officers evaluate all factors, circumstances, and evidence supplied in support of a fee waiver request when making a final determination. Each case is unique and is considered on its own merits. If the fee waiver is granted, the application will be processed. If the fee waiver is not granted, USCIS will notify the applicant and instruct him or her to file a new application with the appropriate fee.

(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–912 is 350,000 and the estimated hour burden per response is 1.17 hours; for the information collection DACA Exemptions the estimated total number of respondents is 108 and the estimated hour burden per response is 1.17 hours; for the information collection 8 CFR 103.7(d) Director's exception request the estimated total number of respondents is 20 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 409,650 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 \$1,312,980.

Dated: September 24, 2018.

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and Immigration Services, Department of
Homeland Security.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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FBMS#4500089778; OMB Control Number
1018–0075]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Federal Subsistence Regulations and Associated Forms

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service,
Interior.

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), are proposing to revise an existing information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before November 27, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Send your comments on the information collection request (ICR) by mail to the Service Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, MS: BPHC, 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041-3803 (mail); or by email to *Info_Coll@fws.gov*. Please reference OMB Control Number 1018-0075 in the subject line of your comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request additional information about this ICR, contact Madonna L. Baucum, Service Information Collection Clearance Officer, by email at *Info_Coll@fws.gov*, or by telephone at (703) 358-2503.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we provide the general public and other Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on new, proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand our information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format.

We are soliciting comments on the proposed ICR that is described below. We are especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is the collection necessary to the proper functions of the Service; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Service enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Service minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve this ICR. 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. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Abstract: The Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA; 16 U.S.C. 3111-3126), and regulations in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 50 CFR part 100 and 36 CFR part 242, require persons engaged in taking fish, shellfish, and wildlife on public lands in Alaska for subsistence uses apply for and obtain a permit to do so, and comply with reporting provisions of that permit.

We use the following forms to collect information from qualified rural residents for subsistence harvest:

- (1) FWS Form 3-2326, "Federal Subsistence Hunt Application, Permit, and Report."
- (2) FWS Form 3-2327, "Designated Hunter Permit Application, Permit, and Report."
- (3) FWS Form 3-2328, "Federal Subsistence Fishing Application, Permit, and Report."
- (4) FWS Form 3-2378, "Designated Fishing Permit Application, Permit, and Report."
- (5) FWS Form 3-2379, "Federal Subsistence Customary Trade Recordkeeping Form."

We use the information collected to evaluate:

- Eligibility of applicant.
- Subsistence harvest success.
- Effectiveness of season lengths, harvest quotas, and harvest restrictions.
- Hunting patterns and practices.
- Hunter use.

Three forms are used in the recruitment and selection of members for regional advisory councils:

- (1) FWS Form 3-2321, "Federal Subsistence Regional Advisory Council Membership Application/Nomination."
- (2) FWS Form 3-2322, "Regional Advisory Council Candidate Interview."
- (3) FWS Form 3-2323, "Regional Advisory Council Reference/Key Contact Interview."

The member selection process begins with the information that we collect on the application. Ten interagency review panels interview all applicants and nominees, their references, and regional key contacts. These contacts are based

on the information that the applicant provides on the application form. The information that we collect through the application form and subsequent interviews is the basis of the Federal Subsistence Board's recommendations to the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture for appointment and reappointment of council members.

A fourth form is being proposed for incumbent members, this would be a shorter form simply asking if there are any updates to previously submitted information.

The Federal Subsistence Board uses the harvest data, along with other information, to set future season dates and harvest limits for Federal subsistence resource users. These seasons and harvest limits are set to meet the needs of subsistence users without adversely impacting the health of existing animal populations.

In addition to the above forms, regulations at 50 CFR part 100 and 36 CFR part 242 contain requirements for the collection of information. We collect nonform information on:

- (1) Repeal of Federal subsistence rules and regulations (50 CFR 100.14 and 36 CFR 242.14).
- (2) Proposed changes to Federal subsistence regulations (50 CFR 100.18 and 36 CFR 242.18).
- (3) Special action requests (50 CFR 100.19 and 36 CFR 242.19).
- (4) Requests for reconsideration (50 CFR 100.20 and 36 CFR 242.20).
- (5) Requests for permits and reports, such as traditional religious/cultural/educational permits, fishwheel permits, fyke net permits, and under-ice permits (50 CFR 100.25-27 and 36 CFR 242.25-27).

Title of Collection: Federal Subsistence Regulations and Associated Forms, 50 CFR 100 and 36 CFR 242.

OMB Control Number: 1018-0075.

Form Number: FWS Forms 3-2321 through 3-2323, 3-2326 through 3-2328, 3-2378 through 3-2379.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Respondents/Affected Public: Individuals; private sector; and State, local, and tribal governments. Most respondents are individuals who are federally defined rural residents in Alaska.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to Obtain or Retain a Benefit.

Frequency of Collection: On occasion.

Total Estimated Annual Nonhour Burden Cost: None.

Form/activity	Number of annual respondents	Number of annual responses	Completion time per response	Total annual burden hours*
3-2321 Membership Application	76	76	2 hours	152
3-2322 Applicant Interview	76	76	30 minutes	38
3-2323 Reference/Contact Interview	189	189	15 minutes	47
3-XXXX Incumbent Application	22	22	5 minutes	2
3-2326 Hunt Application and Permit	11,141	11,141	10 minutes	1,857
3-2326 Hunt Report	11,141	11,141	5 minutes	928
3-2327 Designated Hunter Application and Permit	701	701	10 minutes	117
3-2327 Designated Hunter—Hunt Report	701	701	5 minutes	58
3-2328 Fishing Application and Permit	2,136	2,136	10 minutes	356
3-2328 Fishing Report	2,136	2,136	5 minutes	178
3-2378 Designated Fishing Application and Permit	58	58	10 minutes	10
3-2378 Designated Fishing Report	58	58	5 minutes	5
3-2379 Customary Trade Recordkeeping Application and Permit	18	18	10 minutes	3
3-2379 Customary Trade Recordkeeping—Report	18	18	5 minutes	2
Petition to Repeal	1	1	2 hours	2
Proposed Changes	70	70	30 minutes	35
Special Actions Request	17	17	30 minutes	9
Request for Reconsideration (Appeal)	741	741	4 hours	2,964
Traditional/Cultural/Educational Permits and Reports	5	5	30 minutes	3
Fishwheel, Fyke Net, and Under-Ice Permits and Reports	7	7	15 minutes	2
Totals	29,290	29,290	6,766

* Rounded.

An agency 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.

The authority for this action is the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

Dated: September 25, 2018.

Madonna Baucum,

Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

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Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed East Smoky Panel Mine Project at Smoky Canyon Mine, Caribou County, ID

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior; Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service (USFS) Caribou-Targhee

National Forest (CTNF), have prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed East Smoky Panel Mine Project (Project), and by this Notice announce the opening of the public comment period.

DATES: To ensure consideration, the Agencies must receive written comments on the East Smoky Panel Mine Project Draft EIS no later than 90 days after the Environmental Protection Agency publishes its notice of availability of the Draft EIS in the **Federal Register**. The BLM will announce any future public meetings and any other public involvement activities at least 15 days in advance through public notices, media news releases, and/or mailings.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments related to the Project Draft EIS by any of the following methods:

- **Website:** <https://go.usa.gov/xnYTG>.
- **Email:** blm_id_espm_eis@blm.gov.
- **Mail:** East Smoky Panel Mine Draft EIS, c/o Stantec Consulting Services Inc., 3995 South 700 East, Suite 300, Salt Lake City, Utah 84107.

Please reference “East Smoky Panel Mine Draft EIS” on all correspondence. CD-ROM and print copies of the East Smoky Panel Mine Draft EIS are available in the BLM Pocatello Field Office at the following address: 4350 Cliffs Drive, Pocatello, ID 83204. In addition, an electronic copy of the Draft EIS is available online at:

- **BLM Land Use Planning and NEPA Register:** <https://go.usa.gov/xnYTG>
- **Caribou-Targhee National Forest Current and Recent Projects:** [http://](http://www.fs.usda.gov/projects/ctnf/landmanagement/projects)

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kyle Free, BLM Pocatello Field Office, 4350 Cliffs Drive, Pocatello, ID 83204; phone 208-478-6352; email: kfree@blm.gov; fax 208-478-6376. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact Mr. Free. The FRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question for Mr. Free. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The BLM, as the Federal lease administrator, is the lead agency, and the USFS is the co-lead agency. The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, Idaho Department of Lands, and Idaho Governor’s Office of Energy and Mineral Resources are cooperating agencies. J.R. Simplot Company has submitted a proposed lease modification and Mine and Reclamation Plan (M&RP) for agency review for the East Smoky Panel leases (IDI-015259, IDI-26843, and IDI-012890) at the Smoky Canyon Phosphate Mine in Caribou County, Idaho. Existing Smoky Canyon mining and milling operations were authorized in 1982 by a mine plan approval issued by the BLM and Special Use Authorizations (SUAs) issued by the USFS for off-lease activities, supported by the Smoky Canyon Mine Final EIS and Record of Decision (ROD). Mining operations began in Panel A in 1984 and have continued ever since, with the mining of Panels A through G. The