# DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

# Federal Emergency Management Agency

[Docket ID FEMA-2021-0024]

Request for Information on the National Flood Insurance Program's Floodplain Management Standards for Land Management and Use, and an Assessment of the Program's Impact on Threatened and Endangered Species and Their Habitats; Public Meeting; Extension of Comment Period

**AGENCY:** Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

**ACTION:** Announcement of additional public meeting; extension of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is extending the public comment period for its request for information published October 12, 2021, and will hold an additional virtual public meeting via web conference to solicit feedback on the request for information The October request for information sought input from the public on the floodplain management standards that communities should adopt to result in safer, stronger, and more resilient communities. It also sought input on how the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) can better promote protection of and minimize any adverse impact to, threatened and endangered species, and their habitats.

**DATES:** Written comments on the request for information published at 86 FR 56713 (Oct. 12, 2021) may be submitted until 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time (ET) on Thursday, January 27, 2022.

FEMA will hold an additional public meeting on Wednesday, December 15, 2021, from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. ET. Depending on the number of speakers, the meeting may end before the time indicated, following the last call for comments.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held via web conference. Members of the public may register to attend the meeting online at the following link: https://www.fema.gov/event/public-comment-period-national-flood-insurance-programs-minimum-floodplain-management.

If you would like to speak at the meeting, please indicate that on the registration form. If there is time remaining in the meeting after all registered speakers have finished, FEMA will invite comments from others

in attendance. Also, Spanish language interpretation services will be made available for this meeting.

Reasonable accommodations are available for people with disabilities. To request a reasonable accommodation, contact the person listed in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section below as soon as possible. Last minute requests will be accepted but may not be possible to fulfill.

Written comments on the request for information must be submitted via the Federal eRulemaking Portal at https://www.regulations.gov. Search for FEMA–2021–0024–0001 and follow the instructions for submitting comments.

All written comments received, including any personal information provided, may be posted without alteration at https://www.regulations.gov. All comments on the request for information made during the meetings will be posted to the rulemaking docket on https://www.regulations.gov.

For access to the docket and to read comments received by FEMA, go to https://www.regulations.gov and search for Docket ID FEMA-2021-0024-0001.

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 12, 2021, FEMA published a Request for Information (RFI) on the National Flood Insurance Program's (NFIP) Floodplain Management Standards for Land Management and Use, and an Assessment of the Program's Impact on Threatened and Endangered Species and Their Habitats.<sup>1</sup> That RFI asked for public input on the floodplain management standards that communities should adopt to result in safer, stronger, and more resilient communities. It also sought input on how the NFIP can better promote protection of and minimize any adverse impact to threatened and endangered species, and their habitats.

In support of FEMA's role in setting the NFIP floodplain management standards for land management and use and the agency's desire to strengthen the NFIP's protection of threatened and endangered species and their habitat, the agency is seeking input from the public on the floodplain management standards that communities should adopt to result in safer, stronger, and more resilient communities and to

promote protection of listed species and their critical habitats. Specifically, FEMA is seeking input through a series of questions in the RFI on opportunities for the agency to improve the minimum floodplain management standards for land management and use which better align the NFIP with the current understanding of flood risk and flood risk reduction approaches. See, 86 FR 56713. Current FEMA floodplain management standards for flood-prone area regulations have not been revised since they were implemented in 1976. The agency is considering revision to these regulations based on its current understanding of flood risk and flood risk reduction approaches and is now taking a thorough review of the floodplain management standards, along with prior published studies and reports, to determine how these standards can best meet FEMA and stakeholder needs.2

FEMA is also re-evaluating the implementation of the NFIP under the Endangered Species Act at the national level to complete a revised Biological Evaluation <sup>3</sup> re-examining how NFIP actions influence land development decisions; the potential for such actions to have adverse effects on listed species and critical habitats; and to identify program changes to mitigate adverse effects to avoid jeopardy to listed species and/or critical habitats. Public feedback will help FEMA with this process.

FEMA is holding an additional public meeting and extending the comment period for an additional 45 days until January 27, 2022, to ensure all interested parties have sufficient opportunity to provide comments on FEMA programs. As the RFI seeks information regarding a series of questions, the public may wish to review the RFI in advance of the meeting. The RFI is found at 86 FR 56713. FEMA will carefully consider all relevant comments received during the meeting, and during the rest of the RFI's comment period. All comments or remarks provided on the request for information during the meeting will be

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>86 FR 56713.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See generally "National Flood Insurance Program: Evaluation Studies" found at http:// www.fema.gov/flood-insurance/rules-legislation/ 2006-evaluation (last accessed November 4, 2021) and "Building Codes Save: A Nationwide Study of Loss Prevention" found at http://www.fema.gov/ emergency-managers/risk-management/buildingscience/building-codes-save-study (last accessed November 4, 2021) among others.

recorded and posted to the rulemaking docket on https://www.regulations.gov.

The purpose of this additional public meeting is to seek feedback on the agency's request for information on the NFIP Floodplain Management Standards for Land Management and Use, and an Assessment of the Program's Impact on Threatened and Endangered Species and their Habitats published October 12, 2021. Individuals cannot apply for FEMA assistance by submitting a comment in the Federal Register or at these public meetings. If you are an individual who has been impacted by a disaster and you are seeking assistance from FEMA, please visit https://www.fema.gov/assistance/ individual or call the FEMA Helpline (1-800-621-3362/TTY (800) 462-7585) to apply or receive information on a pending request.

#### Deanne Criswell,

Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency.

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# DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

## **Transportation Security Administration**

Intent To Request Extension From OMB of One Current Public Collection of Information: Federal Flight Deck Officer Program

**AGENCY:** Transportation Security

Administration, DHS. **ACTION:** 60-Day notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) invites public comment on one currently approved Information Collection Request (ICR), Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number 1652-0011, that we will submit to OMB for an extension in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA). The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden. The collection requires interested volunteers to fill out an application to determine their qualification for participating in the Federal Flight Deck Officer (FFDO) Program.

**DATES:** Send your comments by January 21, 2022.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be emailed to *TSAPRA@tsa.dhs.gov* or delivered to the TSA PRA Officer, Information Technology (IT), TSA–11, Transportation Security Administration, 6595 Springfield Center Drive, Springfield, VA 20598–6011.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Christina A. Walsh at the above address, or by telephone (571) 227–2062.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### **Comments Invited**

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.), an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The ICR documentation will be available at <a href="http://www.reginfo.gov">http://www.reginfo.gov</a> upon its submission to OMB. Therefore, in preparation for OMB review and approval of the following information collection, TSA is soliciting comments to—

- (1) Evaluate whether the proposed information requirement 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;
- (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 using appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

# **Information Collection Requirement**

OMB Control Number 1652-0011; Federal Flight Deck Officer Program. TSA initially required this information collection under the authority of the Arming Pilots Against Terrorism Act (APATA), Title XIV of the Homeland Security Act (Nov. 25, 2002), sec. 1402(a), as amended by Title VI of the Vision 100—Century of Aviation Reauthorization Act (Vision 100) (Dec. 12, 2003), sec. 609(b). Public Law 107-296, 116 Stat. 2300, as codified at 49 U.S.C. 44921, as amended by Public Law 108-176, 117 Stat. 2570. TSA is seeking to renew this information collection in order to continue collecting the information described in this notice to comply with its statutory mission. The APATA required TSA to establish a program to deputize volunteer pilots of passenger air carriers as Federal law enforcement officers to defend the flight deck of their aircraft against acts of criminal violence or air piracy. With the enactment of Vision 100, eligibility to participate in the FFDO program expanded to include pilots of all-cargo aircraft, as well as flight engineers and navigators on both passenger and cargo aircraft.

In order to screen volunteers for entry into the FFDO program, TSA collects information from applicants, including name, address, prior address information, personal references, criminal history, limited medical information, financial information, and employment information, through comprehensive applications they submit to TSA. In addition, TSA conducts an interview with each applicant. Based on the average number of new applicants to the FFDO program, TSA estimates a total of 1,796 respondents annually. TSA estimates that the online application will take one hour for each applicant to complete, plus 10 minutes per applicant for the interview, for a total burden of 2,095 hours.

Dated: November 17, 2021.

## Christina A. Walsh,

TSA Paperwork Reduction Act Officer, Information Technology.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

## **Bureau of Land Management**

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Public Land Order No. 7904; Withdrawal of National Forest System Land for the Spanish Creek Campground; California

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Public land order.

SUMMARY: This Public Land Order (PLO) withdraws 82.50 acres of National Forest System land from location and entry under the United States mining laws, but not from leasing under the mineral leasing laws, for a period of 20 years to protect the recreation resources at the Spanish Creek Campground located in the Plumas National Forest, California. The land has been and will remain open to such forms of disposition allowed by law on National Forest System land.

**DATES:** This PLO takes effect on November 22, 2021.

# FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Heather Daniels, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) California State Office, telephone: (916) 978–4674, email: hdaniels@blm.gov; Leslie Edlund, Plumas National Forest, Mount Hough Ranger District, telephone: (530) 283– 7650, email: leslie.edlund@usda.gov; or Zarreen Ali, Forest Service Regional Office, telephone: (707) 562–8964, email: zzali@fs.fed.us during regular