

benefit Pea Patch Island colonial-breeding wading birds, as well as secretive marshbirds, migratory waterfowl, shorebirds, and other birds of conservation concern. A secondary consideration would be to manage a diversity of other refuge wetland and upland habitats to benefit breeding and migrating songbirds, waterfowl, and raptors, as well as amphibians, reptiles, and mammals of conservation concern. Our Visitor Services program would be enhanced to provide more opportunities for wildlife observation, photography, hunting, fishing, environmental education, and interpretation.

Alternative C, "Cease Management and Close Refuge to Public Uses," would close Supawna Meadows NWR to all public uses and cease all habitat management activities. There would be no funding allocated for any projects at the refuge. This alternative would only partially achieve the refuge purposes, vision, and goals, and respond to public issues. Cape May NWR staff would conduct semiannual site inspections requiring about 40 staff hours per year. We would continue to meet our trust obligations under the Federal Endangered Species Act, which requires us to take measures to benefit the recovery of any federally listed species that might be found on the refuge in the future. We would also continue to comply with the National Historic Preservation Act by maintaining Finns Point Rear Range Light.

Comments

We solicited comments on the draft CCP and the EA for Supawna Meadows NWR from September 27 to October 27, 2010 (75 FR 59287). We evaluated all substantive comments received during the public comment period, and included a summary of comments and our responses as appendix H of the final CCP.

Selected Alternative

We have selected alternative B for implementation, with the following modifications:

- We clarified the rationale for adopting the State's deer hunting safety zones.
- We added a paragraph stating we may evaluate black bear hunting on the refuge if the State opens the area to hunting and if there is enough interest.
- We inserted a paragraph stating that although we are not proposing to open the refuge to turkey hunting at this time, we are willing to discuss opening the refuge to a spring turkey season with assistance from the State.
- We added a Finding of Appropriateness for the release of the

Rhinoncomimus latipes weevil by the New Jersey Department of Agriculture for the biological control of mile-a-minute weed (*Polygonum perfoliatum*).

- We updated the White-tailed Deer Hunt Compatibility Determination to include the State's deer hunting safety zones.

In summary, we believe modified alternative B combines the actions that would most effectively achieve refuge purposes, vision, and goals, and respond to public issues. The basis of our decision is detailed in Appendix I of the final CCP.

Public Availability of Documents

In addition to the methods in **ADDRESSES**, you can view or obtain documents at the following locations:

- Our Web site: <http://www.fws.gov/northeast/planning/SupawnaMeadows/ccphome.html>.
- Public Library: Pennsville Library, located at 14 North Broadway, Pennsville, NJ 08070, during regular library hours.

Dated: July 27, 2011.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Renewal of Agency Information Collection for Verification of Indian Preference for Employment With BIA and IHS; Request for Comments

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of submission to the Office of Management and Budget.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) is submitting to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for renewal of the information collection for Verification of Indian Preference for Employment. The information collection is currently authorized by OMB Control Number 1076-0160, which expires August 31, 2011.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before September 30, 2011.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on the information collection to the Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior at the Office of Management and Budget, by facsimile to (202) 395-5806

or you may send an e-mail to:

OIRA_DOCKET@omb.eop.gov. Please send a copy of your comments to Matt Crain, Acting Deputy Director—Office of Indian Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 1849 C Street, NW., MS 4513, Washington, DC 20240; e-mail: matt.crain@bia.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: De Springer (402) 878-2502. To see a copy of the entire collection submitted to OMB, go to <http://www.reginfo.gov> (select Information Collection Review, Currently Under Review).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The BIA is seeking renewal of the approval for the information collection conducted under the 25 U.S.C. 43, 36 Stat. 472, *inter alia*, and implementing regulations, at 25 CFR part 5, regarding verification of Indian preference for employment. The purpose of Indian preference is to encourage qualified Indian persons to seek employment with the BIA and Indian Health Service (IHS) by offering preferential treatment to qualified candidates of Indian heritage. BIA collects the information to ensure compliance with Indian preference hiring requirements. The information collection relates only to individuals applying for employment with the BIA and the IHS. The tribe's involvement is limited to verifying membership information submitted by the applicant. The collection of information allows certain persons who are of Indian descent to receive preference when appointments are made to vacancies in positions with the BIA and IHS as well as in any unit that has been transferred intact from the BIA to a Bureau or office within the Department of the Interior or the Department of Health and Human Services and that continues to perform functions formerly performed as part of the BIA and IHS. You are eligible for preference if (a) You are a member of a federally recognized Indian tribe; (b) you are a descendant of a member and you were residing within the present boundaries of any Indian reservation on June 1, 1934; (c) you are an Alaska native; or (d) you possess one-half degree Indian blood derived from tribes that are indigenous to the United States.

II. Request for Comments

BIA requests that you send your comments on this collection to the location listed in the **ADDRESSES** section. Your comments should address: (a) The necessity of the information collection for the proper performance of the agencies, including whether the

information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of our estimate of the burden (hours and cost) of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways we could enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways we could minimize the burden of the collection of the information on the respondents, such as through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Please note that an agency may not sponsor or conduct, and an individual need not respond to, a collection of information unless it has a valid OMB Control Number. This information collection expires August 31, 2011.

It is our policy to make all comments available to the public for review at the location listed in the **ADDRESSES** section during the hours of 9 a.m.–5 p.m., Eastern Time, Monday through Friday except for legal holidays. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address or other personally identifiable information, be advised that your entire comment—including your personally identifiable information—may be made public at any time. While you may request that we withhold your personally identifiable information, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 1076–0160.

Title: Verification of Indian preference for Employment in the BIA and IHS, 25 CFR part 5.

Brief Description of Collection: Submission of this information by Indian applicants for jobs with BIA and IHS allows the Personnel Offices of BIA and IHS to verify that the individual meets the requirements for Indian preference in hiring. Response is required to obtain the benefit of preferential hiring.

Type of Review: Extension without change of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Qualified Indian persons who are seeking preference in employment with the BIA and IHS.

Number of Respondents: Approximately 5,000.

Total Number of Responses: Approximately 5,000 per year.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Time per Response: One-half hour.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 2,500 hours, on average.

Estimated Annual Cost: \$6,520 (postage and copying costs).

Dated: August 17, 2011.

Alvin Foster,

Acting Chief Information Officer—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Revision of Agency Information Collection for the Indian Child Welfare Assistance Report; Request for Comments

AGENCIES: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of submission to the Office of Management and Budget.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) is submitting to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for revision of the collection of information for the Indian Child Welfare Assistance Report, 25 CFR part 23. The revision affects the form that tribal Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) coordinators provide to BIA on a quarterly basis. The information collection is currently authorized by OMB Control Number 1076–0131, which expires August 31, 2011.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before *September 30, 2011*.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on the information collection to the Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior at the Office of Management and Budget, by facsimile to (202) 395–5806 or you may send an e-mail to:

OIRA_DOCKET@omb.eop.gov. Please send a copy of your comments to Dr. Linda Ketcher, Office of Indian Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 1849 C Street, NW., MS–3070, Washington, DC 20240.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Linda Ketcher (202) 513–7610. To see a copy of the entire collection submitted to OMB, go to <http://www.reginfo.gov> (select Information Collection Review, Currently Under Review).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The BIA is seeking revision of the information collection conducted under the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) and implementing regulations, at 25 CFR part 23. BIA collects the information using a consolidated caseload form, which tribal ICWA program directors fill out. BIA uses the information to determine the extent of service needs in local Indian

communities, assess ICWA program effectiveness, and provide data for the annual program budget justification. The aggregated report is not considered confidential. BIA is seeking to revise the form to include instructions and more explicit reporting indicators. There is no change to the estimated number of responses or burden hours.

II. Request for Comments

BIA requests that you send your comments on this collection to the location listed in the **ADDRESSES** section. Your comments should address: (a) The necessity of the information collection for proper administration of the ICWA program, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of our estimate of the burden (hours and cost) of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways we could enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways we could minimize the burden of the collection of the information on the respondents, such as through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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III. Data

OMB Control Number: 1076–0131.

Title: Indian Child Welfare Assistance Report, 25 CFR part 23.

Brief Description of Collection: Submission of this information by Indian tribes allows BIA to consolidate and review selected data on Indian child welfare cases. The data are useful on a local level, to the tribes and tribal entities that collect it, for case management purposes. The data are useful on a nationwide basis for planning and budget purposes. Response is required to obtain a benefit.