conservation programs that benefit wildlife, hunting, and outdoor recreation on private lands; and

8. When requested by the agencies' designated ex officio members or the Designated Federal Officer in consultation with the Council Chairman, performing a variety of assessments or reviews of policies, programs, and efforts through the Council's designated subcommittees or workgroups.

Background information on the Council is available at *http://www.fws.gov/whhcc.*

Meeting Agenda

The Council will hold a teleconference to consider:

• BLM's draft Resource Management Plan for the Sonoran Desert National Monument; and

The final agenda will be posted on the Internet at *http://www.fws.gov/whhcc.*

Public Input

If you wish to	You must contact the Council Coordinator (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) no later than
Listen to the teleconference.	May 4th, 2012.
Submit written information or questions before the teleconference for the council to consider during the teleconference.	May 4th, 2012.
Give an oral presentation during the teleconference.	May 4th, 2012.

Submitting Written Information or Questions

Interested members of the public may submit relevant information or questions for the Council to consider during the teleconference. Written statements must be received by the date listed in ''Public Input'' under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**, so that the information may be made available to the Council for their consideration prior to this teleconference. Written statements must be supplied to the Council Coordinator in one of the following formats: One hard copy with original signature, and one electronic copy via email (acceptable file formats are Adobe Acrobat PDF, MS Word, MS PowerPoint, or rich text file).

Giving an Oral Presentation

Individuals or groups requesting to make an oral presentation during the teleconference will be limited to 2 minutes per speaker, with no more than a total of 30 minutes for all speakers. Interested parties should contact the Council Coordinator, in writing (preferably via email; see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**), to be placed on the public speaker list for this teleconference. To ensure an opportunity to speak during the public comment period of the teleconference, members of the public must register with the Council Coordinator. Registered speakers who wish to expand upon their oral statements, or those who had wished to speak but could not be accommodated on the agenda, may submit written statements to the Council Coordinator up to 30 days subsequent to the teleconference.

Meeting Minutes

Summary minutes of the teleconference will be maintained by the Council Coordinator (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) and will be available for public inspection within 90 days of the meeting and will be posted on the Council's Web site at *http://www.fws.gov/whhcc.*

Gregory E. Siekaniec,

Acting Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS–R9–IA–2012–N096: FXIA16710900000P5–123–FF09A30000]

Wild Bird Conservation Act; Receipt of Application for Approval of a Cooperative Breeding Program

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of application for approval; request for comment.

SUMMARY: The public is invited to comment on the following application for approval to conduct certain activities with birds that are protected in accordance with the Wild Bird Conservation Act of 1992 (WBCA).

DATES: Written data, comments, or requests for a copy of this application must be received by May 29, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Documents and other information submitted with this application 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 within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice to: Chief, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 212, Arlington, VA 22203; fax: 703–358–2298.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Craig Hoover, Chief, Branch of Operations, Division of Management Authority, at 703–358–2104.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the WBCA (16 U.S.C. 4901 et seq.) is to ensure that the market in the United States for exotic bird species does not cause harm to the wild populations of those species. With a few exceptions, the WBCA prohibits the import of bird species included in the Appendices to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES). Under the WBCA, we, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, issue permits for import of listed birds for scientific research, zoological breeding or display programs, or personal pet purposes, when the applicant meets certain criteria. We also may approve cooperative breeding programs of listed birds, and subsequent import permits under such breeding programs.

The public is invited to comment on the following application for approval to establish a cooperative breeding program under the WBCA. This notice is provided pursuant to the WBCA and its implementing regulations in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 50 CFR 15.26. Written data, comments, or requests for copies of this complete application should be submitted to the Chief (address above).

Applicant: Mac Embury, Grants Pass, OR

The applicant wishes to establish a cooperative breeding program for Black Sparrowhawk (*Accipiter melanoleucus*), Steppe Eagle (*Aquila nipalensis*), Eurasian Eagle Owl (*Bubo bubo*), Saker Falcon (*Falco cherrug*), African Fish-eagle (*Haliaeetus vocifer*), and Southern White-faced Owl (*Ptilopsis granti*). The applicant wishes to be an active participant in this program along with three other individuals. If approved, the program will be overseen by the Oregon Falconers Association.

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.

Dated: April 17, 2012.

Laura Noguchi,

Acting Chief, Branch of Operations, Division of Management Authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

U.S. Geological Survey

[GX12GB009PAMR00]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request

AGENCY: U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of an extension of an information Collection (1028–0089), Mineral Resources Program's (MRP) Mineral Resource External Research Program (MRERP).

SUMMARY: We (the U.S. Geological Survey) will ask the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve the information collection (IC) described below. To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) 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 August 31, 2012.

To submit a proposal for the MRERP a project narrative must be completed and submitted via Grants.gov. Furthermore, for multi-year projects, an annual progress report must be completed, and for all projects, a final technical report is required at the end of the project period. The narrative and report guidance is available at *http://www.usgs.gov/contracts/Minerals/index.html.*

DATES: Submit written comments by June 26, 2012.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on this information collection to the Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Geological Survey, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive MS 807, Reston, VA 20192 (mail); (703) 648–7199 (fax); or *smbaloch@usgs.gov* (email). Use Information Collection Number 1028–0089 in the subject line.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeff L. Doebrich at 703–648–6103.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Mineral Resource External Research Program (MRERP).

OMB Control Number: 1028–0089.

Form Number: Project narrative and report guidance posted on Grants.gov.

Abstract: Through the MRERP, the MRP of the USGS offers an annual competitive grant and/or cooperative agreement opportunity to universities, State agencies, Tribal governments or organizations, and industry or other private sector organizations. Applicants must have the ability to conduct research in topics related to nonfuel mineral resources and that meet the goals of the MRP. The MRERP will consider all research-based proposals that address one of the MRP's long-term goals. The long-term goals of the MRP, as described in its strategic plan (*http://minerals.usgs.gov/plan/2006-2010/2006-2010_plan.html*) are (1) Ensure availability of up-to-date quantitative assessments of potential for undiscovered mineral deposits, (2) ensure availability of up-to-date geoenvironmental assessments of priority Federal lands, (3) ensure availability of reliable geologic, geochemical, geophysical, and mineral locality data for the United States, and (4) ensure availability of long-term data sets describing mineral production and consumption. Furthermore, annual research priorities are provided as guidance for applicants to consider when submitting proposals. Annual research priorities are determined by USGS MRP management. Since its initiation in 2004, the MRERP has awarded more than $2.8 million to 48 different research projects across the country.

We will protect information from respondents considered proprietary under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and implementing regulations (43 CFR part 2), and under regulations at 30 CFR 250.197, ''Data and information to be made available to the public or for limited inspection.'' Responses are voluntary. No questions of a ''sensitive'' nature are asked. We intend to release the project abstracts and primary investigators for awarded/funded projects only.

Frequency: Annually.

Estimated Annual Number and Description of Respondents: Approximately 500 research scientists from universities, State agencies, Tribal governments or organizations, and industry or other private sector organizations.

Estimated Total Number of Annual Responses: 25.

Estimated Annual burden hours: 1125.

Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping ''Hour'' Burden: We estimate the public reporting burden averages 45 hours per response. This includes the time for (1) Project conception and development, proposal writing and reviewing, and submitting project narrative through Grants.gov, (2) preparation of annual progress report, and (3) preparation of final technical report.

Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping ''Non-Hour Cost'' Burden: There are no ''non-hour cost'' burdens associated with this collection of information.

Public Disclosure Statement: The PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*) provides that an agency 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.

Comments: We are soliciting comments as to: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the agency to perform its duties, including whether the information is useful; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) how to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) how to minimize the burden on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Please note that the comments submitted in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this IC. 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 OMB in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that it will be done.

Dated April 13, 2012.

Ione Taylor,

Associate Director, Energy and Minerals, and Environmental Health.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Lost Creek Uranium In Situ Recovery Project, Wyoming

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.