
Section 5b of Secretarial Order 3321 gives the National Blueways Committee responsibility for overseeing “the process of National Blueways criteria development, assessment, and designation” and making “recommendations to the Secretary for the designation of National Blueways.” The National Blueways Committee includes representatives of agency directors and Assistant Secretaries within the Department of the Interior, and representatives of the Departments of Agriculture and of the Army (Civil Works).

The National Blueways Committee developed the “National Blueways System Application” as the first step in the process of nomination. From the applications received, up to nine watershed partnerships per year may be invited by the National Blueways Committee to submit a nomination. The National Blueways Committee will review the nominations and make a recommendation to the Secretary of the Interior for official recognition.

This information collection allows the Office of the Secretary to collect the information necessary for the National Blueways Committee to assess whether a given river and watershed is likely to meet the criteria for recognition as a National Blueway. If this information were not collected, the National Blueways Committee would not be able to determine whether a river and watershed are likely to meet the criteria for recognition as a National Blueway.

II. Data

(1) Title: National Blueways System Application.
OMB Control Number: 1093–NEW.
Current Expiration Date: Not applicable, this is a new collection.
Type of Review: New information collection request.
Affected Entities: Watershed stakeholder partnerships.
Estimated annual number of respondents: maximum of 25.

Frequency of responses: maximum of 2 per year.
(2) Annual reporting and recordkeeping burden:
Total annual reporting burden: The National Blueways Committee will accept applications twice per year. The first time a partnership responds it is estimated at 118 hours per application. Those partnerships not invited to submit a nomination will be able to submit another application during the second application window for that calendar year. The time required to re-submit the application for the second application window would be much reduced; we estimate 20 hours per application for second responses.
Total number of estimated responses: 40.
Total annual reporting: 3250 hours [3250 hours = (25 × 118 hours) + (15 × 20 hours)].
Total non-labor burden: estimated at $750 per application for the first response and $0 per application for second responses.
Total annual non-labor burden: $18,750 (= 25 × $750).
(3) Description of the need and use of the information: The information will be used to assess whether a given river and watershed and its partnership are likely to meet the criteria for recognition as a National Blueway.

III. Request for Comments

The Department invites comments on:
(a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Office, including whether the information will have practical utility;
(b) The accuracy of the Office’s estimate of the burden of the collection of information and the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
(c) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
(d) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

“Burden” means the total time, effort, and financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, disclose, or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; to develop, acquire, install, and use technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, to maintain information, and disclosing and providing information; to train personnel and to be able to respond to a collection of information, to search data sources, and to complete and review the collection of information; and to transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

All written comments, with names and addresses, will be available for public inspection. If you wish us to withhold your personal information, you must prominently state at the beginning of your comment what personal information you want us to withhold. We will honor your request to the extent allowable by law. If you wish to view any comments received, you may do so by scheduling an appointment with the Office of the Secretary via the contact information in the Addresses section above. A valid picture identification is required for entry into the Department of the Interior.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

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 Office of Management and Budget control number.

Rebecca Wodder,
Senior Advisor to the Secretary, Office of the Secretary—Department of the Interior.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

UTAH RECLAMATION MITIGATION AND CONSERVATION COMMISSION
[AIR–17549897–100–00–0–0, CUPCA00]

Central Utah Project Completion Act; East Hobble Creek Restoration Project Final Environmental Assessment

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Water and Science, Interior; Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: On April 2, 2013, the Department of the Interior and the Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission each signed a Finding of No Significant Impact associated with the Final Environmental Assessment—East Hobble Creek Restoration Project. These two agencies have determined that the proposed
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service


Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Draft Conservation Strategy for the Northern Continental Divide Ecosystem Grizzly Bear

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of document availability; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) announces the availability of a draft Conservation Strategy for the Northern Continental Divide Ecosystem grizzly bear (Ursus arctos horribilis) population for public review and input. The strategy will be the post-delisting management plan for the NCDE grizzly bears and their habitat. This document is necessary to demonstrate the adequacy of regulatory mechanisms in order to delist this grizzly population.

Grizzlies are currently federally listed as threatened in the lower 48 States under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.), as amended (Act). The Service solicits review and comment from the public on this draft document.

DATES: Comments on the draft revised recovery plan must be received on or before August 1, 2013.


Submit comments on the draft Conservation Strategy for the Northern Continental Divide grizzly bear population to the Grizzly Bear Recovery Coordinator at this same address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Project Leader, at the above address, or telephone 406–243–4903.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Restoring an endangered or threatened animal or plant to the point where it is again a secure, self-sustaining member of its ecosystem is a primary goal of the Service’s endangered species program. Conservation Strategy for the Northern Continental Divide Ecosystem of the grizzly bear (Ursus arctos horribilis) demonstrates the adequacy of regulatory mechanisms that will remain in place post-delisting to assure the health of this grizzly population. The Conservation Strategy describes the management and monitoring direction to maintain a recovered grizzly bear population in the NCDE and documents the commitment of signatory agencies to the Memorandum of Understanding implementing the Strategy to continue to manage the grizzly and its habitat as per the specifics in the Strategy document. The NCDE Conservation Strategy is the post-delisting management plan for this population and its habitat.

Request for Public Comments

The Service hereby solicits public comments on a draft Northern Continental Divide Ecosystem Conservation Strategy. All comments received by the date specified in DATES will be considered prior to approval of the final Northern Continental Divide Ecosystem Conservation Strategy. Written comments and materials regarding the Strategy should be addressed to the Grizzly Bear Recovery Coordinator (see ADDRESSES section). Comments and materials received will be available, by appointment, for public inspection during normal business hours at the above address. All public comment information provided (e.g., names, addresses, letters of comment, input recorded during meetings) becomes part of the official public record. If requested under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) by a private citizen or organization, the Service may provide copies of such information.

Authority

The authority for this action is section 4(f) of the Act, 16 U.S.C. 1533(f).

Dated: April 17, 2013.

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Regional Director, Denver, Colorado.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Alaska Native Claims Selection

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.