introduction and dispersal pathways (how a species was transported), ecological impacts (including effects on native, threatened, and endangered species), human impacts (including effects on recreation and water quality), economic impacts (including industry and agriculture), and cumulative impacts. While these species, when present in a nonnative range, can have a significant effect on the environment, the regulatory action (listing) has no significant effect. That each EA resulted in a FONSI strongly suggests that subsequent listings will also have no significant environmental impacts.

(3) Consistent with existing approved categorical exclusions. A categorical exclusion for the injurious listing process is consistent with the Service's existing approved categorical exclusions. Categorical exclusions have been approved that address preventing the introduction of nonindigenous species. For example, research, inventory, and information activities directly related to the conservation of fish and wildlife resources are categorically excluded as long as they do not involve, among other things, ''introduction of organisms not indigenous to the affected ecosystem'' (516 DM 8.5 B(1)).

Next Steps

The establishment of the categorical exclusion is open to public comment. Following review of the comments, the Service will submit the final categorical exclusion to CEQ, which will review it and our responses to public comments for conformity with NEPA and make a recommendation regarding approval of the categorical exclusion. If the categorical exclusion is approved by the Department, the Service will review each subsequent listing rule for the DOI-established extraordinary circumstances that would necessitate the preparation of an EA or an EIS. The Administrative Procedure Act rulemaking procedures and the review of extraordinary circumstances both ensure that the decision to apply the categorical exclusion as part of the NEPA environmental review is informed by input from other Federal agencies, other governmental and Tribal entities, and the public.

Public Comments

Any comments to be considered on this proposed addition to the list of categorical exclusions in the Departmental Manual must be received by the date listed in **DATES** at the location listed in **ADDRESSES**. Comments received after that date will be considered only to the extent practicable. Comments, including names and addresses of respondents, will be posted at *http://www.fws.gov/injuriouswildlife*. Before including your address, telephone 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.

Proposed Text for the Departmental Manual

The text we propose to add to 516 DM (see **ADDRESSES**) is set forth below:

Part 516: National Environmental Policy Act of 1969

Chapter 8: Managing the NEPA Process—U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

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8.5 Categorical Exclusions.

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C. *Permit and Regulatory Functions.*

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(9) The adding of species to the list of injurious wildlife regulated under 50 CFR subchapter B, part 16, which prohibits the importation into the United States and interstate transportation of wildlife found to be injurious.

Dated: May 31, 2013.

Willie R. Taylor.

Director, Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS—HQ—MB—2013—N144; F09M29000—134—FXMB12320900000]

Proposed Information Collection; Depredation Order for Blackbirds, Grackles, Cowbirds, Magpies, and Crows

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service) will ask the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve the information collection (IC) described below. As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 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 November 30, 2013. We 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.

DATES: To ensure that we are able to consider your comments on this IC, we must receive them by August 30, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Send your comments on the IC to the Service Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, MS 2042—PDM, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22203 (mail); or *hope_grey@fws.gov* (email). Please include ''1018–0146'' in the subject line of your comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request additional information about this IC, contact Hope Grey at *hope_grey@fws.gov* (email) or 703–358–2482 (telephone).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA; 16 U.S.C. 703 *et seq.*) implements four treaties concerning migratory birds that the United States has signed with Canada, Mexico, Japan, and Russia. Under the treaties, we must preserve most species of birds in the United States, and activities involving migratory birds are prohibited except as authorized by regulation.

This information collection is associated with our regulations that implement the MBTA. In the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), 50 CFR 21.43 is a depredation order for blackbirds, cowbirds, grackles, crows, and magpies that authorizes take of these birds ''when found committing or about to commit depredations upon ornamental or shade trees, agricultural crops, livestock, or wildlife, or when concentrated in such numbers and manner as to constitute a health hazard or other nuisance.''

All persons or entities acting under this depredation order must provide an annual report containing the following information for each species:

- Number of birds taken.
- Months and years in which the birds were taken.
- State(s) and county(ies) in which the birds were taken.
- General purpose for which the birds were taken (such as for protection of agriculture, human health and safety, property, or natural resources).

We collect this information so that we will be able to determine how many

birds of each species are taken each year and whether the control actions are likely to affect the populations of those species.

II. Data

OMB Control Number: 1018–0146.

Title: Depredation Order for Blackbirds, Grackles, Cowbirds, Magpies, and Crows, 50 CFR 21.43.

Service Form Number: None.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Description of Respondents: State and Federal wildlife damage management personnel; farmers; and individuals.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain a benefit.

Frequency of Collection: Annually.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 250.

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 250.

Estimated Completion Time per Response: 2 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 500.

III. Comments

We invite comments concerning this information collection on:

- Whether or not the collection of information is necessary, including whether or not the information will have practical utility;
- The accuracy of our estimate of the burden for this collection of information;
- Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents.

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 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 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: June 25, 2013.

Tina A. Campbell,

Chief, Division of Policy and Directives Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

National Park Service

[FWS–R6–R–2013–N132; FXRS1265066CCP0—134–FF06R06000]

Niobrara Confluence and Ponca Bluffs Conservation Areas, NE and SD; Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Land Protection Plan; Extension of the Public Comment Period

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), advise the public that we are extending the public comment period for the Niobrara Confluence and Ponca Bluffs Conservation Areas Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Land Protection Plan until September 30, 2013. If you have previously submitted comments, please do not resubmit them, because we have already incorporated them in the public record and will fully consider them in our final decision.

DATES: To ensure consideration, please send your written comments by September 30, 2013.

ADDRESSES: You may submit your comments or a request for copies (hard copies or a CD–ROM) or more information by any of the following methods:

Agency Web site: http://parkplanning.nps.gov/niob-ponca.

Email: niobrara_ponca@fws.gov.

In-Person Viewing or Pickup: Call (605) 665–0209 to make an appointment during regular business hours at Missouri River National Recreational River Headquarters, 508 East 2nd Street, Yankton, SD 57078.

Mail: Nick Kaczor, USFWS, Division of Refuge Planning, P.O. Box 25486, DFC, Denver, CO 80225.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nick Kaczor, Planning Team Leader, at (303) 236—4387, or by mail at Division of Refuge Planning, USFWS, P.O. Box 25486, DFC, Denver, CO 80225.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On April 8, 2013, we published a **Federal Register** notice (78 FR 20942) announcing the availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Land Protection Plan for the proposed Niobrara Confluence and Ponca Bluff Conservation Areas. We are extending the public comment period until September 30, 2013. For background and more information see our AprilS, 2013, notice (78 FR 20942).

Document Availability

Copies of the documents are available online at *http://parkplanning.nps.gov/niob-ponca.* Hard copies of the plan may be requested from the project Web site or from the planning team leader at the contact information listed above.

Public Availability of Comments

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 may 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.

Authority

The FWS and NPS are furnishing this notice in compliance with the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 668dd–668ee) (Administration Act), as amended by the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997; the National Park Service Organic Act of 1916 (16 U.S.C. 1 et seq.), and amendments thereto, and the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) and its implementing regulations.

Dated: June 7, 2013.

Patricia Trap,

Deputy Regional Director, Midwest Region, National Park Service.

Dated: June 10, 2013.

Matt Hogan,

Acting, Regional Director, Mountain Prairie Region, U.S. Fish And Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS–HQ–R–2013–N025; FXFR13350900000–134–FF09F14000]

Voluntary Guidelines to Prevent the Introduction and Spread of Aquatic Invasive Species; Recreational Activities and Water Gardening

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), announces the availability of two draft documents for public review: