

regulations provide anthropological, genealogical and historical data used by the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs to establish whether a petitioning group has the characteristics necessary to be acknowledged as having a sovereign-to-sovereign relationship with the United States. Respondents are not required to retain copies of information submitted to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, but will probably maintain copies for their own use. No periodic reports are required.

III. Data

Title: Collection of Information for Federal Acknowledgment Under 25 CFR Part 83.

OMB Control Number: 1076-0104.

Expiration Date: September 30, 2003.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently-approved collection.

Affected Entities: Groups petitioning for Federal acknowledgment as Indian tribes.

Response: Respondents are seeking to obtain the status of a tribal entity in order to be eligible for funding and services from the Bureau of Indian Affairs by virtue of their status as Indian tribes.

Estimated Number of Petitioners: 10.

Estimated Time per Petition: 2,237.7 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 22,377.

Estimated Annual Salary Costs: \$895,080 (2,237.7 hours × \$40.00 per hour × 10).

IV. Request for Comments

You are invited to comment on:

(a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(b) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information, including 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 those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other collection techniques or the forms of information technology.

Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; to develop, acquire, install and utilize technology and systems for the purpose of collecting, validating, and verifying

information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; to train personnel and to be able to respond to a collection of information, to search data sources, to complete and review the collection of information; and to transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to request that we consider withholding your name, street address, and other contact information (such as Internet address, fax, or phone number) from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. We will make available for public inspection in their entirety all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses.

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 OMB control number.

OMB has up to 60 days to make a decision on the submission for renewal, but may make the decision after 30 days. Therefore, to receive the best consideration of your comments, you should submit them closer to 30 days than 60 days.

Dated: September 26, 2003.

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Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Availability of Final Environmental Impact Statement for an Incidental Take Permit for the Western Riverside County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan, California

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability and receipt of application.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act, this notice advises the public of the availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) on the application by the County of Riverside, California Department of Transportation, California Department of Parks and

Recreation and 14 cities (Applicants) in western Riverside County to incidentally take 83 animal species, including 69 unlisted species should any of them become listed, under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act), during the term of the proposed 75-year permit. The permit is needed to authorize take of listed animal species (including harm, injury and harassment) during urban and rural development in the approximately 1.2 million-acre (1,967 square-mile) Plan Area in western Riverside County, California. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) is publishing this notice to inform the public of the proposed action and to make available for review the Final EIS/EIR, which includes responses to public comments received on the Draft EIS/EIR. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) also is publishing a similar notice for this Final EIS/EIR.

DATES: A Record of Decision will occur no sooner than 30 days after the publication date of the EPA notice. Comments on the Final EIS/EIR must be received by the close of the comment period as indicated in the EPA notice.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to Mr. James Bartel, Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Carlsbad Fish and Wildlife Office, 6010 Hidden Valley Road, Carlsbad, California 92009; facsimile (760) 431-9624.

Copies of the Western Riverside County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP), Implementation Agreement, and Final EIS/EIR are available for review at the Riverside County Integrated Plan website (<http://www.rcip.org>) or at the following locations in California:

1. Carlsbad—U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Carlsbad Fish and Wildlife Office, 6010 Hidden Valley Road
2. Riverside—Riverside County Administrative Center, 4080 Lemon Street, 7th Floor; University of California, Riverside, Tomas Rivera Library, 900 University Avenue; and Riverside Public Library, 3581 Mission Inn Avenue
3. Murrieta—Murrieta Public Library, 39589 Los Alamos Road
4. Hemet—Riverside County Library, Hemet Branch, 25757 Fairview Avenue
5. Perris—Riverside County Library, Perris Branch, 163 E. San Jacinto.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Karen Goebel, Assistant Field Supervisor, Carlsbad Fish and Wildlife Office (**SEE ADDRESSES**), telephone number (760) 431-9440.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: