

frame for publication of the final listing determination by January 15, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to Jeff Foss, Field Supervisor, Snake River Fish and Wildlife Office, 1387 South Vinnell Way, Room 368, Boise, ID 83709; facsimile number (208) 378-5262; electronic address fw1srbocomment@fws.gov. Please put "LEPA" in the subject line of all comments. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**, Public Review and Comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeff Foss, Field Supervisor, at the above address or by calling (208) 378-5243.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Public Review and Comments

Comments are solicited on both the CCA and the Available Information for *Lepidium papilliferum*. Individuals wishing copies of either or both of the these documents should contact the office and personnel listed in the **ADDRESSES** section or locate these documents online at <http://idahoes.fws.gov>. Documents also will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the Snake River Fish and Wildlife Office (see **ADDRESSES**).

All comments received, including names and addresses, will become part of the Service's administrative record and may be released to the public. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, are available for public inspection in their entirety.

Background

On July 15, 2002, the Service published a proposed rule (64 FR 46441) to list *Lepidium papilliferum* as endangered under the Act. A final listing decision was due by July 15, 2003. Comments were solicited from both the public and 12 independent scientists in an initial 60-day public comment period that opened on July 18, 2002, and closed on September 13, 2002. On September 25, 2002, we reopened the comment period for an additional 60 days to allow time for all interested parties to submit written comments on the proposal (67 FR 60206). The second comment period closed on November 25, 2002. On July 18, 2003, due to substantial disagreement regarding the sufficiency or accuracy of the available data relevant to the proposed listing rule, we

announced a 6-month extension of the deadline for our final determination on whether to list *L. papilliferum*. An additional 30-day public comment period was opened on July 18, 2003, and closed on August 18, 2003. A final listing determination is due by January 15, 2004. The extended time is being used to update the best available information on *L. papilliferum*, using information from our files, information received during the two 60-day comment periods, and information received during the 30-day comment period associated with the extension.

An additional intent of the extension was to explore the possibility of a candidate conservation agreement for *Lepidium papilliferum* with cooperators from Idaho. Subsequently, the CCA was developed by the Cooperating Parties with technical assistance from the Service on policy and science. Its purpose is to implement conservation measures for *L. papilliferum* that will ensure the conservation of the plant and its habitat while maintaining predictable and sustainable levels of use for current and future activities on the lands. It is also meant to provide a means of protecting and conserving the species and its habitat through the mutual and voluntary commitment of the Cooperating Parties. The CCA was developed using criteria laid out in the final Policy for the Evaluation of Conservation Effort, of June 13, 2003 (68 FR 37102). This policy applies to our evaluation of all formalized conservation efforts when making listing decision for species not listed. It identifies criteria the Service will use to evaluate the certainty of implementation and effectiveness of such formalized conservation efforts that have not yet been implemented or have been recently implemented and have not yet demonstrated effectiveness at the time of a listing decision. Comments received on the CCA will be used by the Service as it considers the CCA in its final listing determination for *L. papilliferum*. The comments will also be made available to the Cooperating Parties of the CCA.

Dated: October 22, 2003.

David B. Allen,

Regional Director, Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Information Collection for Leases and Permits, 25 CFR 162

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of proposed renewal of an information collection.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) is seeking comments on the proposed renewal of the information collection, Leases and Permits, 1076-0155. This action is required by the Paperwork Reduction Act.

DATE: Submit comments on or before December 29, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Ben Burshia, Chief, Division of Real Estate Services, Office of the Deputy Bureau Director—Trust Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 1849 C Street, NW., Mail Stop 4513 MIB, Washington, DC 20240. Submissions by facsimile should be sent to (202) 219-1255. Electronic submission of comments is not available at this time.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: You may request further information or obtain copies of the proposed information collection request from Ben Burshia at (202) 219-1195.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This collection of information is being renewed with substantially no change. However, as previously planned 3 years ago, the collection has been placed in two new subparts, Subpart C for Residential Leases, and Subpart D for Business Leases. Previously, both kinds of leases were in subpart F. There is substantially no change in the information requested. However, after careful review with field personnel, the number of annual responses and annual hours has increased by about 50 percent. We are also adding the filing fee which was omitted during the last clearance.

Request for Comments: The Bureau of Indian Affairs requests your comments on this collection concerning: (a) The necessity of this information collection 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 (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,