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these permits are granted by the imperial "we". you don't take public comment into account at all. this agency forgot what govt by the people for the people means. and uses the imperial "we" to authorize allkindsof negative things for refuges. are the bribes paying off? this is a 50 year old law that needs to be looked at and examined for relevance in 2013, when any saved land is under constant attack and given permission to be raped by a far too willing agency such as this. refuges were created to be places of peace instead they have been used by this agency as money grabbing businesses to sell license to kill wildlife, tc. this agency has gone through the roof authorizing grazing by robber baron cattle ranchers who drive the native species to death. the public is not in favor of that. only profiteers are. and you weren't created to serve only profiteers. this comment is for the public record. please acknowledge receipt .jean public

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Fish and Wildlife Service****[FWS-HQ-RF-2013-N254: FXRS12630900000-145-FF09R81000]****Proposed Information Collection; National Wildlife Refuge Special Use Permit Applications and Reports****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 June 30, 2014. 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 January 13, 2014.

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 ``1018-0102" 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 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, consolidated all refuge units into a single National Wildlife Refuge System (System). It also authorized us to offer visitor and public programs, including those facilitated by commercial visitor and management support services, on lands of the System when we find that the activities are appropriate and compatible with the purpose for which the refuge was established and the System's mission. The Refuge Recreation Act of 1962 (16 U.S.C. 460k-460k-4) (Recreation Act) allows the use of refuges for public recreation when it is not inconsistent or does not interfere with the primary purpose(s) of the refuge. The Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 3101 et seq.) (ANILCA) provides specific authorization and guidance for the administration and management of national wildlife refuges within the State of Alaska. Its provisions provide for the issuance of permits under certain circumstances.

We issue special use permits for a specific period as determined by the type and location of the management activity or visitor service provided. These permits authorize activities such as:

Agricultural activities (haying and grazing, 50 CFR 29.1, 29.2, and 29.3). Beneficial management tools that we use to provide the best habitat possible on some refuges (50 CFR

30.11, 31.14, 31.16, and 36.41). Special events, group visits and other one-time events (50 CFR 25.41, 26.36, 25.61, and 36.41). Recreational visitor service operations (50 CFR 25.41, 25.61, and 36.41). Guiding for fishing, hunting, wildlife education, and interpretation (50 CFR 25.41, and 36.41). Commercial filming (50 CFR 27.71) and other commercial activities (50 CFR 29.1 and 36.41). Building and using cabins to support subsistence or commercial activities (in Alaska) (50 CFR 26.35 and 36.41). Research, inventory and monitoring, and other noncommercial activities (50 CFR 26.36 and 36.41). We use three forms to collect applicant information: FWS Form 3-1383-G (General Special Use Application and Permit). FWS Form 3-1383-C (Commercial Activities Special Use Application and Permit). FWS Form 3-1383-R (Research and Monitoring Special Use Application and Permit). The forms serve as both the application and permit. You may view the currently approved forms at <http://www.fws.gov/forms/>. The information we collect helps ensure that: Applicants are aware of the types of information that may be needed for permit issuance. Requested activities are appropriate and compatible with the purpose(s) for which the refuge was established and the System's mission. Applicant is eligible or is the most qualified applicant to receive the special use permit. We may collect the necessary information in a nonform format (through discussions in person or over the phone, over the Internet, by email, or by letter). In some instances, respondents will be able to provide information verbally. Often, a simple email or letter describing the activity will suffice. For activities (e.g., commercial visitor services, research, etc.) that might have a large impact on refuge resources, we may require applicants to provide more detail on operations, techniques, and locations. Because of the span of activities covered by special use permits and the different management needs and resources at each refuge, respondents may not be required to answer all questions. Depending on the requested activity, refuge managers have the discretion to ask for less information than appears on the forms. However, refuge managers cannot ask for more or different information. We issue permits for a specific period as determined by the type and location of the use or service provided. We use these permits to ensure that the applicant is aware of: (1) The requirements of the permit, and (2) his/her legal rights. Refuge-specific special conditions may be required for the permit. We identify conditions as an addendum to the permit. Most of the special conditions pertain to how a permitted activity may be conducted and do not require the collection of information. However, some special conditions, such as activity reports, before and after site photographs, or data sharing, would qualify as an information collection, and we have [[Page 68086]] included the associated burden in the table below. II. Data OMB Control Number: 1018-0102. Title: National Wildlife Refuge Special Use Permit Applications and Reports, 50 CFR 25, 26, 27, 29, 30, 31, 32, and 36. Type of Request: Extension of a previously approved collection. Service Form Numbers: 3-1383-G, 3-1383-C, and 3-1383-R. Description of Respondents: Individuals and households; businesses and other for-profit organizations; nonprofit organizations; farms; and State, local, or tribal governments. Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain a benefit. Frequency of Collection: On occasion. -----

| Activity respondents | | Number of responses | Number of responses | Completion time per response | Total annual burden hours |
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| ----- | | Form 3-1383-G..... | 13,500 | 13,500 | 1/2 hour..... |
| 6,750 | Form 3-1383-C..... | 1,200 | 1,200 | 4 hours..... | 4,800 |
| Form 1383-R..... | 300 | 300 | 4 hours..... | 1,200 | Activity Reports..... |
| 600 | 1/2 hour..... | 300 | ----- | ----- | 600 |
| Totals..... | 15,600 | 15,600 | ----- | 13,050 | ----- |

----- Estimated Annual Nonhour Burden Cost:
\$120,000 for fees associated with applications for commercial use activities. 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: November 7, 2013. Tina A. Campbell, Chief, Division of Policy and Directives Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. [FR Doc. 2013-27149 Filed 11-12-13; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 4310-55-P