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it is not necessary to do a sandhill craine survey. they should be left alone to live in peace and tranquility the fact is the vicious fws

works to make every wildlife into a target to be shot to death so thisfws agency can sell guns. they work with the gun and hunting sellers to prop up economy with murderous attacks on wildlife and to force people to buy guns and such. it is ugly degenerate business to push murder of wildlife as usfws does. this comment is for the public record. please receipt. jean publiee jeanpublic1@yahoo.com

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS-HQ-MB-2024-0092; FXMB1231092MFR0-245-FF09M28100; OMB Control Number 1018-0185]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Online Eastern Population Sandhill Crane Survey Data Entry Portal

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), are proposing to renew information collection without change.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before September 3, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Send your comments on the information collection request (ICR) by one of the following methods (please reference ``1018-0185'' in the subject line of your comments):

Internet (preferred):
<https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments on Docket No. FWS-HQ-MB-2024-0092.

U.S. mail: Service Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 5275 Leesburg Pike, MS: PRB (JAO/3W), Falls Church, VA 22041-3803.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Madonna L. Baucum, Service Information Collection Clearance Officer, by email at Info_Coll@fws.gov, or by telephone at (703) 358-2503. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States. You may also view the information collection request (ICR) at <http://www.reginfogov/public/do/PRAMain>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA, 44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.) and 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1), we provide the general public and other Federal

agencies with an opportunity to comment on new, proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand our information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format.

As part of our continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burdens, we are again soliciting comments from the public and other Federal agencies on the proposed ICR that is described below. We are especially interested in public comment addressing the following:

(1) Whether or not the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether or not the information will have practical utility;

(2) The accuracy of our estimate of the burden for this collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) How might the agency 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 technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of response.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of

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public record. 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.

Abstract: The Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. 703-712) designates the Department of the Interior as the primary agency responsible for managing migratory bird populations frequenting the United States and setting hunting regulations that allow for the well-being of migratory bird populations. These responsibilities dictate

that we gather accurate data on various characteristics of migratory bird populations.

The Service's fall survey for the eastern population of the sandhill crane was established in 1979. It is implemented by State and Federal agencies and public volunteers from eight States in the Atlantic and Mississippi Flyways, as well as Ontario, Canada. Sandhill cranes are widely dispersed during the breeding and wintering seasons and are difficult to count. The optimal time to survey cranes is during the last week of October, when the majority of eastern population cranes breeding in Canada migrate to traditional staging grounds in the Great Lakes States (e.g., the Jasper-Pulaski Fish and Wildlife Area, in Medaryville, Indiana). Since the initial survey in 1979, crane numbers have increased to over 90,000 birds.

The information collected through this survey is vital in assessing the relative changes in the geographic distribution of the species. We use the information primarily to inform managers of changes in sandhill crane distribution and population trends. Without information on the population's status, we might promulgate hunting regulations that:

Are not sufficiently restrictive, which could

cause harm to the sandhill crane population, or Are too restrictive, which would unduly restrict recreational opportunities afforded by sandhill crane hunting.

Notifications for the survey are sent to volunteers, and data results are entered into the data portal (<https://www.fws.gov/epsandhill/>) in order to calculate numbers of sandhill cranes. This survey is conducted via an online survey platform to reduce cost, improve data quality, and decrease respondent burden. This survey has no statistical design. We collect the following information in conjunction with the account setup process and survey data submission:

Account setup process:

- Email address,
- Username,
- Photo (optional),
- Option for other users to contact the registrant,
- Time zone,
- First and last name,
- Phone number, and
- Start date.

Survey data submission:

- Data submission location via online map,
- Date and time of observation,
- Number of cranes,

--Method (ground count or point count),
--Habitat (agricultural field, sandbar, wetland, or
mixed-wetland
agricultural field), and
--Any additional notes the user would like to
submit.

Upon request, copies of the screenshots for the
web survey are
available by sending a request to the Service
Information Collection
Clearance Officer at Info_Coll@fws.gov.

Title of Collection: Online Eastern Population
Sandhill Crane
Survey Data Entry Portal.

OMB Control Number: 1018-0185.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently
approved collection.

Respondents/Affected Public: Individuals and
State agencies.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Respondents:
112.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:
157.

Estimated Completion Time per Response: Varies
from 3 minutes to 5
minutes, depending on activity.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:
11.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Frequency of Collection: One time for the
initial registration, and
on occasion for survey submission.

Total Estimated Annual Nonhour Burden Cost:

None.

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.

The authority for this action is the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.).

Madonna Baucum,
Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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