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PUBLIC COMMENT ON FEDERAL REGISTER ON BIRD KILLING BY FWS

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THERE IS NO "WISE"MANAGEMENTN BY THIS AGENCY AT ALL. THIS AGENCY IS A MALICIOUS GROUP OF GUN WACKO BIRD KILLERS WHO EXIST ON GENERAL TAX DOLLARS. THEY NEED TO BE CUT OFF. WE NEED TO CUT OUT THIS SURVEY BECAUSE IT IS USED FOR FAT CAT BURAEUCRACY WHO ONLY SERVICE BIRD MURDERING HUNTERS. SUCH MALLICIOUS BIRD KILLERS ONLY REPRESNT LESS THAN 1/2 OF ONE PERCENT OF AMERICAS 325 MILLION CITIZENS SO THEY GOUGE THE REST OF US FOR THEIR KILLING ACTIVITIES. THIS IS NOT L1860. THIS IS 2013 AND WE NEED TO SHUT DOWN THESE BIRD KILLERS NOW. THEY ARE GUN WACKOS WITH BLOOD LUST TO KILL. NO BIRD SPECIES ARE GROWING, THEY ARE ALL IN DECLINE AND THIS MALICIOUS MURDER CONTINUES WHEN AMERICA DOES NOT NEED IT ANYMORE. WE HAVE SEVERAL GOVT AGENCIES THATS MAIN FOCUS IS KILLING THESE DAYS, FWS, APHIS, USDA, ETC. I DO NOT SUPPORT ANY PART OF THIS SPENDING AND BELIEVE THIS PROJECT SHOULD HAVE A ZERO BUDGET AMOUNT. THESE SURVEYS CERTAINLYH DO NOT NEED TO BE DONE EVERY YEAR. EVERY 5 YEARS IS MORE THAN ENOUGH. SO CUT THE BUDGET. THIS SURVEY MONEY HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH PROTECTING ANY BIRD ANYWHERE IN AMERICA. THIS SURVEY IS ABOUT BIRD MURDER. THE MALICIOUSNESS OR FTHIS CANNOT BE TOLERATED ANY LONGER. TGHRE IS NO NEED FOR THIS SURVEY. ALL BIRD POPULATIONS ARE DECLINING BUT THESE GUN WACKOS AT FWS WILL NEVER WANT TO GIVGE UP THEIR KILLING. ITS TIME TO TELL THEM TO DO SO. THIS COMMENT IS FOR THE PUBLIC RECORD. PLEASE ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT. JEAN PUBLIC

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Proposed Information Collection; Migratory Bird Harvest
Information Program and Migratory Bird Surveys

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 April 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 7, 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 ``1018-0023'' 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 (16 U.S.C. 703-711) and the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 (16 U.S.C. 742d) designate the Department of the Interior as the key agency responsible for (1) the wise management of migratory bird populations frequenting the United States, and (2) setting hunting regulations that allow appropriate harvests that are within the guidelines that will allow for those populations' well-being. These responsibilities dictate that we gather accurate data on various characteristics of migratory bird harvest. Based on information from harvest surveys, we can adjust hunting regulations as needed to optimize harvests at levels that provide a maximum of hunting recreation while keeping populations at desired levels.

Under 50 CFR 20.20, migratory bird hunters must register for the Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program (HIP) in each State in which they hunt each year. State natural resource agencies must send names and addresses of all migratory bird hunters to us annually.

The Migratory Bird Hunter Survey is based on the Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program. We randomly select migratory bird hunters and ask them to report their harvest. The resulting estimates of harvest per hunter are combined with the complete list of migratory bird hunters to provide estimates of the total harvest for the species surveyed.

The Parts Collection Survey estimates the species, sex, and

age
composition of the harvest, and the geographic and temporal
distribution of the harvest. Randomly selected successful hunters
who
responded to the Migratory Bird Hunter Survey the previous year
are
asked to complete and return a form if they are willing to
participate
in the Parts Collection Survey. We provide postage-paid envelopes
to
respondents before the hunting season and ask them to send in a
wing or
the tail feathers from each duck or goose that they harvest, or a
wing
from each mourning dove, woodcock, band-tailed pigeon, snipe,
rail, or
gallinule that they harvest. We use the wings and tail feathers
to
identify the species, sex, and age of the harvested sample. We
also ask
respondents to report on the envelope the date and location of
harvest
for each bird. We combine the results of this survey with the
harvest
estimates obtained from the Migratory Bird Hunter Survey to
provide
species-specific national harvest estimates.

The combined results of these surveys enable us to evaluate
the
effects of season length, season dates, and bag limits on the
harvest
of each species, and thus help us determine appropriate hunting
regulations.

The Sandhill Crane Harvest Survey is an annual questionnaire
survey
of people who obtained a sandhill crane hunting permit. At the
end of
the hunting season, we randomly select a sample of permit holders
and
ask them to report the date, location, and number of birds
harvested
for each of their sandhill crane hunts. Their responses provide
estimates of the temporal and geographic distribution of the
harvest as
well as the average harvest per hunter, which, combined with the
total
number of permits issued, enables us to estimate the total
harvest of
sandhill cranes. Based on information from this survey, we adjust
hunting regulations as needed.

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II. Data

OMB Control Number: 1018-0023.

Title: Migratory Bird Information Program and Migratory Bird Surveys, 50 CFR 20.20.

Service Form Number: 3-165, 3-165A through E, 3-2056J through N.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Description of Respondents: States and migratory game bird hunters.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory for HIP registration information; voluntary for participation in the surveys.

Frequency of Collection: Annually or on occasion.

of responses	Completion time per Activity response	Total annual burden hours	Number of respondents	Number

Migratory Bird Harvest Information			49	
686	185 hours.....	126,910		
Program.				
Migratory Bird Hunter Survey:				
Form 3-2056J.....			37,100	
37,100	5 minutes.....	3,092		
Form 3-2056K.....			23,100	
23,100	4 minutes.....	1,540		
Form 3-2056L.....			11,700	
11,700	4 minutes.....	780		
Form 3-2056M.....			12,300	
12,300	3 minutes.....	615		
Parts Collection Survey:				
Form 3-165.....			6,500	
117,000	5 minutes.....	9,750		
Form 3-165A.....			6,000	
6,000	1 minute.....	100		
Form 3-165B.....			3,000	
4,500	5 minutes.....	375		
Form 3-165C.....			400	
400	1 minute.....	7		
Form 3-165D.....			2,600	
2,600	1 minute.....	43		
Form 3-165E.....			2,600	

3,900	5 minutes.....	325
Sandhill Crane Harvest Survey:		
	Form 3-2056N.....	8,300
8,300	3.5 minutes.....	484

Total.....		113,649
227,586	144,021

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 5, 2013.

