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Mon, Mar 2, 2015 at 6:56 PM

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the grants given to nj for wildlife habitat improvement are being misused. the habitat is instead being logged, pipelined, used for transmission lines and every other purpose besides really preserving wildlife. nj has put farms into wildlife areas, as well as now logging the hell out of these areas. wildlife cant live when it has no trees and no food which is taken away by loggers. nj grows deer so they can be shot to death for license money. nj div fish and wildlife is a moneymaking business. grow more animals to sell more licenses and shoot the wildlife to death. trap the rest. this report is a terrible misuse of the people's tax dollars since the report comes from a division managed by a wildlife killer who is into killing wildlife. hardly someone who has compassion for wildlife or a balanced viewpoint. this report is not done for the people at all. the association of fish and wildlife agencies is an insular group that doesnt talk to the majority of the people in this country, they only talk to wildlife murderers. this is a biased, very blatant spin doctored report. the general public of the usa is not represented at all by the association of fish and wildlife agencies. biased, skewed questions are given to the census bureau to ask, instead of carefully created questions that will not bias the results. there are numerous attempts in the report to try to make peaceful wildlife watchers into part of the wildlife murdering crowd, which is blatant misuse of the report. the fact is there are declining numbers of those who hunt or fish anymore. the numbers have been declining for 20 years. the final report is written up in the most scandalous skewed biased way to try to bring in peaceful wildlife watcher dollars into being hunters spending, which it clearly is not. the report fails to show wildlife watching is the majority activity in this country. WILDLIFE WATCHERS SPEND THE MOST MONEY. THEIR FAMILY ACTIVITIES IS WHAT SHOULD BE SUPPORTED IN THIS COUNTRY. THIS REPORT MAGNIFIES HUNTING AND FISHING TO MAKE IT MORE IMPORTANT THAN IT IS. THE FIGURES GIVEN BY HUNTERS ARE WAY WAY MAGNIFIED AND UNTRUTHFUL AND WAY OUT OF LINE WITH WHAT THEY TRULY SPEND. THE REPORT IS USED TO TRY TO MAGNIFY HUNTING AND FISHING IN THE USA. BOTH ARE GOING OUT OF FAVOR WITH AMERICANS, WHO SPEND THEIR FREE TIME PLAYING SOCCER, SKIING, RUNNING, TENNIS, HIKING, PHOTOGRAPHY, RIDING, BIKING, ETC. THIS REPORT TRIES TO MAKE ALL THOSE ACTIVITIES MEANINGLESS. WHICH THEY ARE NOT. WE ARE SPENDING FAR TOO MUCH MONEY ON THIS REPORT, WHICH NEEDS TO BE MADE TRUTHFUL AND WHICH NEEDS TO COST A LOT LESS. THE GENERAL PUBLIC GETS NOTHING OUT OF THIS REPORT. IT IS TIME TO SHUT DOWN THE BUDGET AND SPENDING FOR THIS REPORT. THIS COMMENT IS FOR THE PUBLIC RECORD. PLEASE RECEIPT. JEAN PUBLIC JEANPUBLIC1@YAHOO.COM

On Fri, Feb 27, 2015 at 4:17 PM, jean public <jeanpublic1@gmail.com> wrote:

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Proposed Information Collection; National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation (FHWAR)

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. 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 April 20, 2015.

ADDRESSES: Send your comments on the IC to the Service Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, MS BPHC, 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041-3803 (mail); or hope_grey@fws.gov (email). Please include ``1018-0088" 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 information collected for the National Survey of Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife-Associated Recreation (FHWAR) assists the Fish and Wildlife Service in administering the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration grant programs. The 2016 FHWAR will provide up-to-date information on the uses and demands for wildlife-related recreation resources, trends in uses of those resources, and a basis for developing and evaluating programs and projects to meet existing and future needs.

We collect the information in conjunction with carrying out our responsibilities under the Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 777-777m), commonly referred to as the Dingell-Johnson Act, and the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 669-669i), commonly referred to as the Pittman-Robertson Act. Under these acts, as amended, we provide approximately \$1 billion in grants annually to States for projects that support sport fish and wildlife management and restoration, including:

Improvement of fish and wildlife habitats, Fishing and boating access, Fish stocking, and Hunting and fishing opportunities. We also provide grants for aquatic education and hunter education, maintenance of completed projects, and research into problems affecting fish and wildlife resources. These projects help to ensure that the American people have adequate opportunities for fish and wildlife recreation. We conduct the survey about every 5 years. The 2016 FHWAR will be the 13th conducted since 1955. We sponsor the survey at the States' request, which is made through the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies. We contract with

the Census Bureau, which collects the information using computer-assisted telephone or in-person interviews. The Census Bureau will select a sample of sportspersons and wildlife watchers from a household screen and conduct three detailed interviews during the survey year. The survey collects information on the number of days of participation, species of animals sought, and expenditures for trips and equipment. Information on the characteristics of participants includes age, income, sex, education, race, and State of residence. Federal and State agencies use information from the survey to make policy decisions related to fish and wildlife restoration and management. Participation patterns and trend information help identify present and future needs and demands. Land managing agencies use the data on expenditures and participation to assess the value of wildlife-related recreational uses of natural resources. Wildlife-related recreation expenditure information is used to estimate the economic impact on the economy and to support the dedication of tax revenues for fish and wildlife restoration programs. II. Data OMB Control Number: 1018-0088. Title: National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation (FHWAR). Service Form Number: None. Type of Request: Reinstatement with change of a previously approved collection. Description of Respondents: Individuals and households. Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary. Frequency of Collection: Pre-screener internet/paper questionnaire data collection will be conducted in January 2016. Household screen interviews and the first detailed sportsperson and wildlife-watcher interviews will be conducted April-June 2016. The second detailed interviews will be conducted September-October 2016. The third and last detailed interviews will be conducted January-March 2017.

	Number of Activity	Number of household participant	Completion time per Annual burden
hours responses respondents response (minutes)			
Pre-screener.....	6,970		
5 581 Screener.....	7,040	7 821	Wave 1
Sportsperson interviews.....	1,505	11 276	Wave 2 Sportsperson
interviews.....	2,580	15 645	Wave 3 Sportsperson interviews.....
4,444	35 2,592		Wave 1 Wildlife Watching interviews.....
1,252	11 230		Wave 2 Wildlife Watching interviews.....
393		2,146	11
393 [[Page 8682]] Wave 3 Wildlife Watching interviews.....	3,697	20 1,232	-----
Totals.....	14,010	15,624	6,770 -----

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: February 11, 2015. Tina A. Campbell, Chief, Division of Policy, Performance, and Management Programs, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. [FR Doc. 2015-03237 Filed 2-17-15; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 4310-55-P