

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4820-N-07]

Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Comment Request; Housing Counseling Program—Automated Client Management Data System

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The proposed information collection requirement described below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

DATES: *Comments Due Date:* May 19, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB Control Number and should be sent to: Wayne Eddins, Reports Management Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., L'Enfant Plaza Building, Room 8003, Washington, DC 20410, or Wayne_Eddins@hud.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Margaret E. Burns, Deputy Director, Office of Single Family Program Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 708-0317, (this is not a toll free number) for copies of the proposed forms and other available information.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department is submitting the proposed information collection to OMB for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended).

This Notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information to: (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond; including

the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

This Notice also lists the following information:

Title of Proposal: Housing Counseling Program—Automated Client Management Data System.

OMB Control Number, if applicable: 2502-0261.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use. Section 106 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 authorizes HUD to contract with organizations to provide counseling to tenants and homeowners to assist them in improving their housing conditions and in meeting the responsibilities of tenancy and homeownership. Counseling agencies are required to submit their qualifications to provide such services. HUD-approved agencies can compete for program funds. Grantees are required to submit performance data to enable HUD to evaluate the effectiveness of the program. This new automated web-based system provides a standard electronic tool to record counseling information for automatic input into the HUD-9902 reporting instrument and other necessary reports. The only reporting instrument affected by this submission is the form HUD-9902. Forms HUD-9900 and HUD-9908 are not affected.

Agency form numbers, if applicable: HUD-9900, HUD-9902, HUD-9908.

Estimation of the total numbers of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours response: The estimated total number of hours needed to prepare the information collection is 2,800; the number of respondents is 7,275 generating approximately 7,275 annual responses; the frequency of response is on occasion and annually; and the estimated time needed to prepare the response varies from 10 minutes to 8 hours.

Status of the proposed information collection: Revision of currently approved collection.

Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C., Chapter 35, as amended.

Dated: March 12, 2003.

Sean G. Cassidy,

General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Housing-Deputy Federal Housing Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4820-N-09]

Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Comment Request; Multifamily Insurance Benefits Claims Package

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The proposed information collection requirement described below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

DATES: *Comments Due Date:* May 19, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB Control Number and should be sent to: Wayne Eddins, Reports Management Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., L'Enfant Plaza Building, Room 8003, Washington, DC 20410 or Wayne_Eddins@hud.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sivert W. Ritchie, Systems Accountant, Office of Financial Services, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Room 6254, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 708-2866 ext. 3266 (this is not a toll free number) for copies of the proposed forms and other available information.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department is submitting the proposed information collection to OMB for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended).

This Notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information to: (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond; including the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of

information technology, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of responses.

This notice also lists the following information:

Title of Proposal: Multifamily Insurance Benefits Claims Package.
OMB Control Number, if applicable: 2502-0415.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: The claims package requests from the mortgagee the necessary fiscal data required for HUD to determine the insurance owned to mortgage lenders that filed an insurance claim. When terms of a multifamily contract are breached or when a mortgagee meets conditions stated within the multifamily contract for an automated assignment, the holder of the mortgage may file for insurance benefits. The law, which supports this action, is statute 12 U.S.C. 1713(g) and Title II, Section 207(g) of the National Housing Act. This Act provides in part that “* * *” the mortgagee shall be entitled to receive the benefits of the insurance as hereinafter provided, upon assignment, transfer, and delivery to the Secretary, within a period and in accordance with rules and regulations to be prescribed by the Secretary of (1) all rights and interest arising under the mortgage so in default; (2) all claims of the mortgagee against the mortgagor or others, arising under the mortgage transaction; (3) all policies of title or other insurance or surety bonds or guaranties and any or all claims there under; (4) any balance of the mortgage loan not advanced to the mortgagor; (5) any cash or property held by the mortgagee, or to which it is entitled, as deposits made for account of the mortgagor and which have been applied in reduction of the principal of the mortgage indebtedness; and (6) all records, documents, books, papers and accounts relating to the mortgage transaction.” These provisions are further spelled out in 24 CFR 207 Subpart B, Contract Rights and Obligations. The receive these benefits, the mortgagee must prepare and submit to HUD the Multifamily Insurance Benefits Claims Package.

Agency form numbers, if applicable: HUD-2742, 2744-A, 2744-B, 2744-C, 2744-D, and 2744-E.

Estimation of the total number of hours needed to prepare the information collection, including the number of respondents, frequency of response and hours of response: The estimated total number of hours needed to prepare the information collection is 767; the number of respondents is 118 generating approximately 118 annual responses; the frequency of response is on occasion, and the estimated time needed

to prepare the response varies from 15 minutes to 1½ hours.

Status of the proposed information collection: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended.

Dated: March 12, 2003.

Sean G. Cassidy,

General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Housing-Deputy Federal Housing Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AK-040-02-1610-DO-086L]

Resource Management Plan; Ring of Fire

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Anchorage Field Office.

ACTION: Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare a Resource Management Plan (RMP) and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), a request for information for the scoping process, and a call for coal resource information.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the BLM, Anchorage Field Office, Alaska, is initiating a planning effort to prepare the Ring of Fire RMP. This planning activity encompasses approximately 1.3 million acres of public land. Section 201 and 202 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA, 43 U.S.C. 1711) and the regulations in 43 CFR 1600 direct this planning effort. The plan will fulfill the needs and obligations set forth by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). As required in 43 CFR 3420.1-2, this notice is also a specific call for coal resource information and identification of areas where there is an interest in future leasing and development of federal coal.

The BLM will work closely with interested parties to identify the management decisions that are best suited to the needs of the public. This collaborative process will take into account local, regional, and national needs and concerns. This notice initiates the public scoping process to identify planning issues and to develop planning criteria. The public is invited to nominate potential areas of critical environmental concern (ACEC), and river segments for wild and scenic river consideration during the planning process.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Interested parties may obtain further information or request to be placed on the mailing list for the Ring of Fire RMP planning effort by contacting Bob Lloyd, RMP Team Leader or Peter Ditton, Acting Field Manager, Anchorage Field Office, 6881 Abbott Loop Road, Anchorage, Alaska 99507, (907) 267-1246.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The planning area extends from below Dixon Entrance in southeast Alaska to Attu Island at the end of the Aleutian Chain and presents significant challenges. This is a lineal distance of some 2,500 miles. The area contains 80% of the total population of the State including Anchorage, the largest city, and Juneau, the State capital. The boundaries are the Canadian border for the southeast part of the planning area, the Matanuska-Susitna, Anchorage and Kenai Boroughs in Southcentral Alaska, Kodiak Island, and the Alaska Peninsula, and Aleutian Island Chain.

Within this 61,000,000 acre area there are approximately 1,300,000 acres (surface estate) of BLM-administered lands occurring as large blocks to small scattered tracts. Approximately 813,000 acres of the 1.3 million acres have been selected by the State of Alaska and Native Corporations, but have not been conveyed. Due to over selection, BLM will retain management of some of this selected land. Lands administered by BLM and not selected total approximately 463,000 acres.

Preliminary issues and management concerns have been identified by BLM and other agencies, and in meetings with individuals and user groups. They represent the BLM's knowledge to date on the existing issues and concerns with current management. The major issues that will be addressed in the plan effort are subsistence; oil and gas; access; locatable minerals; off-highway vehicle (OHV) use and designation; wild fire and fuels management; wild, scenic and recreation rivers; recreation; and land tenure adjustments.

DATES: The scoping comment period will commence with the publication of this notice. Meetings and comment deadlines will be announced through the local news media, newsletters and a web site to be developed by a contractor. Comments on issues and planning criteria should be received on or before the end of the scoping period at the address listed below.

Public Participation: Public meetings will be held throughout the plan scoping and preparation period. In order to ensure local community participation and input, public meetings will be