

**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND
URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

[Docket No. FR-4815-N-61]

**Notice of Submission of Proposed
Information Collection to OMB:
Application for Approval—FHA Title I/
Title II Lender/Mortgagee or Ginnie
Mae Mortgage-Backed Securities
Issuer**

AGENCY: Office of the Chief Information Officer, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The proposed information collection requirement described below has been 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.

Information obtained determines if an entity meets the criteria required for approval to participate as Title I/Title II lenders/mortgagees or Ginnie Mae mortgage-backed securities issuers.

DATES: *Comments Due Date:* October 2, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB approval number (2502-0005) and should be sent to: Lauren Wittenberg, OMB Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503; Fax number (202) 395-6974; E-mail Lauren_Wittenberg@omb.eop.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wayne Eddins, Reports Management Officer, AYO, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, Southwest, Washington, DC 20410; e-mail Wayne_Eddins@HUD.gov; telephone (202) 708-2374. This is not a toll-free number. Copies of the proposed forms and other available documents submitted to OMB may also be obtained through HUD's Information Collection Budget Tracking System at <http://mf.hud.gov.63001/po/i/icbts/>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department has submitted the proposal for the collection of information, as described below, to OMB for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). The Notice lists the following information: (1) The title of the information collection proposal; (2) the office of the agency to collect the information; (3) the OMB approval number, if applicable; (4) the description of the need for the information and its proposed use; (5)

the agency form number, if applicable; (6) what members of the public will be affected by the proposal; (7) how frequently information submissions will be required; (8) an estimate of the total number of hours needed to prepare the information submission including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response; (9) whether the proposal is new, an extension, reinstatement, or revision of an information collection requirement; and (10) the name and telephone number of an agency official familiar with the proposal and of the OMB Desk Officer for the Department.

This Notice also lists the following information:

Title of Proposal: Application for Approval—FHA Lender and/or Mortgage-Backed Securities Issuer.

OMB Approval Number: 2502-0005.
Form Numbers: HUD-11701, HUD 92001-B.

Description of the Need for the Information and its Proposed Use: Information obtained determines if an entity meets the criteria required for approval to participate as Title I / Title II lenders/mortgagees of Ginnie Mae mortgage-backed securities issuers.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions, State, Local or Tribal Government.

Frequency of Submission: On occasion, Annually.

Reporting Burden: Number of Respondents 25,450; Average annual responses per respondent 1.2; Total annual responses 32,250; Average burden per response 3.5 hrs.

Total Estimated Burden Hours: 8,938.

Status: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Authority: Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 35, as amended.

Dated: August 21, 2003.

Wayne Eddins,

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Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

**Notice of Availability of Draft
Comprehensive Conservation Plan and
Environmental Assessment for Las
Vegas National Wildlife Refuge, Las
Vegas, NM**

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) announces that a Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) and Environmental Analysis (EA) for the Las Vegas National Wildlife Refuge is available for review and comment. This CCP/EA, prepared pursuant to the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966, as amended by the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997, and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, describes how the Service intends to manage this refuge over the next 15 years.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the CCP is available on compact diskette or hard copy, and you may obtain a copy by writing: Yvette Truitt, Biologist/Natural Resource Planner, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, PO Box 1306, Albuquerque, NM 87103-1306. Requests may also be made via electronic mail to: yvette_truitt@fws.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Yvette Truitt, Biologist/Natural Resource Planner, 505-248-6452 or Joe Rodriguez, Refuge Manager, 505-425-3581.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966, as amended by the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 (16 U.S.C. 668dd-668ee *et seq.*) requires a CCP. The purpose is in developing CCPs is to provide refuge managers with a 15-year strategy for achieving refuge purposes and contributing toward the mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System, consistent with sound principles of fish and wildlife science, conservation, legal mandates, and Service policies. In addition to outlining broad management direction on conserving wildlife and their habitats, the CCPs identify wildlife-dependent recreational opportunities available to the public, including opportunities for hunting, fishing, wildlife observation and photography, and environmental education and interpretation. We will review and update these CCPs at least every 15 years in accordance with the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966, as amended by the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997, and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321-4370d).

Background: The Las Vegas National Wildlife Refuge was established on August 24, 1965 by the authority of the Migratory Bird Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 712d) for use as an inviolate sanctuary, or any other management purpose, for migratory birds. Located in northeastern New Mexico, the 8672 acre

Refuge is comprised of prairie grasslands, ponderosa pine forest, pinon-juniper woodlands, steep canyons, lakes and ponds, small disjointed patches of riparian areas and irrigated lands. Management efforts focus on enhancing and restoring native grassland, riparian and wetland communities for migratory birds, fish and other wildlife species.

The Draft CCP/EA addresses a range of topics including habitat and wildlife management, public use opportunities, land acquisition, invasive species control, and administration and staffing for the Refuge. The key refuge issues and how they are addressed in the plan alternatives are summarized below. Alternative A is the current management, or what is currently offered at the Refuge. Alternative B is the proposed action. Alternative C would call for no active management on the Refuge.

Improvements to public use facilities: Alternative A: The public use program would remain at current levels and no new facilities would be developed on the Refuge. Alternative B: The public use program would increase and/or enhance educational and outreach activities, recreational opportunities, community involvement, and improve facilities. Alternative C: The public use program would be discontinued.

Refuge Land and Boundary Protection: Alternative A: There would be no acquisition of in holdings and, no exploration of possible refuge boundary expansion. Alternative B: The Service would actively pursue acquisition of in holdings under existing authorities and policies from willing sellers. The Service would begin discussions with adjacent land owners regarding habitat conservation partnership opportunities to cooperatively enhance or protect wildlife habitats through agreements. The refuge would consider (*in concept only*) future purchase of fee simple and less than fee simple interest in lands adjacent the refuge from willing sellers only. Any purchase of interest in lands would be subject to additional NEPA compliance and other policy considerations. Alternative C: Same as Alternative A.

Water management activities: Alternative A: Improvements to the water delivery system would remain secondary to other immediate management needs on the Refuge. Alternative B: Improvements to water management activities would be accomplished. Costs would be spread over a long period of time and to the degree possible shared through the development of partnerships and in-

kind efforts. Alternative C: There would be no water delivery improvements.

Comment Period: Please submit comments within 45 days after the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**.

Public Meetings/Hearings: An open house/public involvement session to receive comments on the Draft CCP/EA will be held in September 17, 2003. Special mailings, newspaper articles, and other media announcements will be used to inform the public of the time and location of the meeting.

Send Comments To: Yvette Truitt, Biologist/Natural Resource Planner, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 1306, Albuquerque, New Mexico, 87103-1306. Comments may also be sent via electronic mail to: yvette_truitt@fws.gov.

Dated: August 20, 2003.

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Acting Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submitted for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of an extension of a currently approved information collection (OMB Control Number 1010-0140).

SUMMARY: To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), we are notifying the public that we have submitted to OMB an information collection request (ICR) to renew approval of the paperwork requirements in the regulations under 30 CFR part 210—Forms and Reports and part 206—Product Valuation. This notice also provides the public a second opportunity to comment on the paperwork burden of these regulatory requirements. The ICR is titled “30 CFR part 210—Forms and Reports and part 206—Product Valuation (Form MMS-2014, Report of Sales and Royalty Remittance).”

DATES: Submit written comments on or before October 2, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments by either fax (202) 395-6566 or e-mail (OIRA_DOCKET@omb.eop.gov) directly to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB, Attention:

Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior (OMB Control Number 1010-0140). Mail or hand-carry a copy of your comments to Sharron L. Gebhardt, Regulatory Specialist, Minerals Management Service, Minerals Revenue Management, P.O. Box 25165, MS 320B2, Denver, Colorado 80225. If you use an overnight courier service, our courier address is Building 85, Room A-614, Denver Federal Center, Denver, Colorado 80225. You may also e-mail your comments to us at mrm.comments@mms.gov. Include the title of the information collection and the OMB Control Number in the “Attention” line of your comment. Also include your name and return address. Submit electronic comments as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. If you do not receive a confirmation that we have received your e-mail, contact Ms. Gebhardt at (303) 231-3211.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sharron L. Gebhardt at telephone (303) 231-3211 or FAX (303) 231-3781. You may also contact Sharron Gebhardt to obtain a copy at no cost of the form and regulations that require the subject collection of information.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: 30 CFR part 210—Forms and Reports and part 206—Product Valuation (Form MMS-2014, Report of Sales and Royalty Remittance).

OMB Control Number: 1010-0140.
Bureau Form Number: Form MMS-2014.

Abstract: The Department of the Interior (DOI) is responsible for matters relevant to mineral resource development on Federal and Indian lands and the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS). The Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) under The Mineral Leasing Act (30 U.S.C. 1923) and The Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1353) is responsible for managing the production of minerals from Federal and Indian lands and the OCS, collecting royalties from lessees who produce minerals, and distributing the funds collected in accordance with applicable laws. The Secretary has an Indian trust responsibility to manage Indian lands and seek advice and information from Indian beneficiaries. MMS performs the royalty management functions and assists the Secretary in carrying out DOI’s Indian trust responsibility.

The Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act (FOGRMA) of 1982, 30 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.*, states in Section 101(a) that the Secretary “* * * shall establish a comprehensive inspection, collection, and fiscal and production