

electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Overview of this information collection:

(1) *Type of Information Collection:* Extension of existing information collection.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Contracts Concerning Project Speak Out.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Homeland Security sponsoring the collection:* Form G-1046; U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Primary: Individuals or households. This form provides a standardized way of recording the number of individuals contacting the Community Based Organizations concerning the practitioner fraud pilot program. The USCIS will use the information collected on the form to determine how many persons are served by the program and if its public outreach efforts are successful.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* 6,000 responses at 42 minutes per response, plus 600 submissions at 10 minutes per submission.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* 4,300 annual burden hours.

If you have additional comments, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions, or additional information, please visit the USCIS Web site at: <http://uscis.gov/graphics/formsfee/forms/pr/index.htm>.

If additional information is required contact: USCIS, Regulatory Management Division, 111 Massachusetts Avenue, 3rd Floor, Washington, DC 20529, (202) 272-8377.

Dated: December 20, 2005.

Stephen Tarragon,

Deputy Director, Regulatory Management Division, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4980-N-51]

Federal Property Suitable as Facilities To Assist the Homeless

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This Notice identifies unutilized, underutilized, excess, and surplus Federal property reviewed by HUD for suitability for possible use to assist the homeless.

DATES: *Effective Date:* December 23, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kathy Ezzell, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Room 7262, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410; telephone (202) 708-1234; TTY number for the hearing- and speech-impaired (202) 708-2565, (these telephone numbers are not toll-free), or call the toll-free Title V information line at 1-800-927-7588.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the December 12, 1988 court order in *National Coalition for the Homeless v. Veterans Administration*, No. 88-2503-OG (D.D.C.), HUD publishes a Notice, on a weekly basis, identifying unutilized, underutilized, excess and surplus Federal buildings and real property that HUD has reviewed for suitability for use to assist the homeless. Today's Notice is for the purpose of announcing that no additional properties have been determined suitable or unsuitable this week.

Dated: December 15, 2005.

Mark R. Johnston,

Director, Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of the Secretary

Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council; Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Interior, Office of the Secretary is announcing a public meeting of the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Public Advisory Committee.

DATES: January 26, 2006, at 10 a.m.

ADDRESSES: Anchorage Hilton Hotel, 500 West Third Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Douglas Mutter, Department of the Interior, Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance, 1689 "C" Street, Suite 119, Anchorage, Alaska 99501, (907) 271-5011.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Public Advisory Committee was created by Paragraph V.A.4 of the Memorandum of Agreement and Consent Decree entered into by the United States of America and the State of Alaska on August 27, 1991, and approved by the United States District Court for the District of Alaska in settlement of *United States of America v. State of Alaska*, Civil Action No. A91-081 CV. The meeting agenda will feature discussions on the restoration synthesis project, status reports on current projects, and review of the proposed invitation for project proposals for fiscal year 2007.

Willie R. Taylor,

Director, Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Availability of the Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Assessment for Maxwell National Wildlife Refuge, Maxwell, 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 and Environmental Assessment (Draft CCP/EA) for the Maxwell National Wildlife Refuge is available for review and comment. This Draft CCP/EA was prepared pursuant to 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), and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321-4370d). It describes how the Service intends to manage the refuge over the next 15 years. Compatibility determinations for several existing uses (farming, sport fishing, wildlife observation, photography,

environmental education and interpretation) were re-evaluated, and are included in the draft plan. In addition, draft compatibility determinations for two new proposed uses (grazing and hunting) are also available for review and comment in the Draft CCP/EA.

DATES: Written comments must be received at the address below by February 21, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Carol Torrez, Biologist/Natural Resource Planner, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 1306, Albuquerque, New Mexico, 87103-1306, Telephone: (505) 248-6821, Fax: (505) 248-6874. Comments may also be submitted via electronic mail to: carol_torrez@fws.gov.

The draft CCP/EA is available on compact diskette or hard copy, and may be obtained by writing, telephoning, faxing, or e-mailing Carol Torrez at the above listed address. The Draft CCP/EA will also be available for viewing and downloading online at <http://www.fws.gov/southwest/refuges/plan/index.html>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carol Torrez, Biologist/Natural Resource Planner, 505-248-6821 or Patty Hoban, Refuge Manager, 505-375-2331.

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 the Service to develop a CCP for each National Wildlife Refuge. The purpose in developing a CCP 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 management, conservation, legal mandates, and Service policies. In addition to outlining broad management direction on conserving wildlife and their habitats, the CCP identifies 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 the CCP 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.

Background

The Maxwell 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 northeast New Mexico, the 3,699 acre Refuge is comprised of 2,300 acres of grassland, 907 acres of lakes (which are leased from Vermejo Conservancy District), 50 acres of wetlands, 39 acres of woodlots, 440 acres of croplands, several miles of irrigation canals, and approximately 10 acres of administrative lands. Most of the area was utilized for grazing and farming prior to acquisition. Current management efforts focus on farming to provide food for migrating and wintering waterfowl, maintaining biological diversity, preserving native grasslands and managing public use.

The Draft CCP/EA addresses a range of topics including habitat and wildlife management, public use opportunities, invasive species control, and administration and staffing for the refuge. Three alternatives for managing the refuge are proposed and evaluated in the EA. Each alternative describes a combination of habitat and public use management actions designed to achieve the refuge purposes, goals, and vision. The Service prefers Alternative B because it best achieves refuge purposes, vision, and goals; contributes to the Refuge System mission; addresses relevant issues and mandates; and is consistent with the principles of sound fish and wildlife management. The alternatives are briefly described below.

Alternative A is ‘no action’ or continuance of current management. Under this alternative, management efforts would continue to focus on farming, invasive species control, and preservation of native grasslands. The public use program would remain at current levels, with fishing and wildlife observation being the main focus. Environmental education and interpretation would be accommodated on a case-by-case basis. No new recreational/hunting opportunities or facilities would be developed on the refuge. Refuge management programs would continue to be developed and implemented with little baseline biological information.

Alternative B is the proposed action. This alternative would implement a variety of habitat management techniques (prescribed burning, experimental grazing, and mechanical and chemical invasive species control methods) to encourage ecological integrity, promote native prairie

restoration, control invasive plant species, and provide/enhance habitat for grassland birds and other resident wildlife. The farming program would continue to be emphasized. Inventory, monitoring, and research would increase. The public use program would increase and/or enhance educational and outreach activities, recreational opportunities (including continued fishing, wildlife observation, photography and consideration of hunting opportunities), community involvement, and facilities.

Alternative C proposes to manage Maxwell NWR as part of a complex with Las Vegas NWR and turn all farming efforts over to cooperative farmers. By transferring all farming activities to cooperative farmers and combining both refuge staffs, more time would potentially be made available for native grassland restoration, invasive species control, and maintenance of natural diversity. The prescribed fire program and comprehensive habitat monitoring and evaluation would be emphasized. The public use program would be similar to Alternative B.

None of the alternatives propose any acquisition or refuge boundary expansion.

Public Involvement

The draft CCP/EA is available for public review and comment for a period of 60 days. Copies of the document can be obtained as indicated in the **ADDRESSES** section. In addition, documents will be available for public inspection during normal business hours (8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.) at the Maxwell NWR Headquarters Office, 2 miles northwest of the town of Maxwell, New Mexico off I-25, and at the following libraries:

Fred Macaron Library, 600 Colbert Avenue, Springer, NM
Cimmaron Public Library, 356D E. 9th St., Cimmaron, NM
City of Raton Library, 244 Cook Avenue, Raton, NM

An open house/public meeting will be held at the Maxwell NWR Headquarters to receive comments on the Draft CCP/EA during the open comment period on January 25, 2006 from 11 a.m.–7 p.m. Special mailings, newspaper articles, and/or other media announcements will be used to inform the public of the date and time of the meeting.

Public comments are requested, considered, and incorporated throughout the planning process. After the review and comment period ends for this draft CCP/EA, comments will be analyzed by the Service and addressed in the Final CCP. All comments

received from individuals, including names and addresses, become part of the official public record. Requests for such comments will be handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act and the Council on Environmental Quality's NEPA regulations [40 CFR 1506.6 (f)], and other Service and Departmental policies and procedures.

Dated: October 11, 2005.

Geoffrey L. Haskett,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Fee-to-Trust Transfer From the Oneida Indian Nation of New York to the Bureau of Indian Affairs of 17,370 Acres of Land in Oneida and Madison Counties, NY

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), as lead agency, with the cooperation of the Oneida Indian Nation (Nation), intends to gather the information necessary for preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the taking into trust of 17,370 acres of land currently held in fee by the Nation. The purpose of the proposed action is to help ensure the Nation's cultural preservation, self-determination, self-sufficiency and economic independence as a federally recognized Indian tribe by securing the properties into its trust land base. This notice also announces public scoping meetings in Oneida and Madison Counties, New York, to identify potential issues and content for inclusion in the EIS.

DATES: Written comments on the scope of the EIS or implementation of the proposal must arrive by January 23, 2006.

The public scoping meetings will be held January 10, 2006, and January 11, 2006, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., or until the last public comment is received.

ADDRESSES: You may mail, hand carry or telefax written comments to Franklin Keel, Regional Director, Eastern Regional Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 545 Marriott Drive, Suite 700, Nashville, Tennessee 37214, Telefax

(615) 564-6701. Please include your name, return address and the caption, "DEIS Scoping Comments, Oneida Indian Nation of New York Trust Acquisition Project," on the first page of your written comments.

The January 10, 2006, public scoping meeting will be held in Oneida County at Vernon-Verona-Sherrill High School, 5275 State Route 31, Verona, New York 13478. The January 11, 2006, meeting will be held in Madison County at Oneida High School, 560 Seneca Street, Oneida, New York 13421.

Additional information concerning the trust land application will be available for public review online at <http://www.oneidanationtrust.net> and at the following locations during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, except holidays: Oneida Nation Annex Building, 579A Main Street, Oneida, New York 13421 (business hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.); Oneida City Hall, 109 N. Main Street, Downstairs Basement Room, Oneida, New York 13421; and Town of Verona Town Hall, 6600 Germany Road, Back Conference Room, Durhamville, New York 13054.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kurt G. Chandler, (615) 564-6832.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The EIS will assess the environmental consequences of BIA approval of the proposed transfer of 17,370 acres, in several non-contiguous parcels currently held in fee by the Nation in Oneida and Madison Counties, New York, into trust status for the benefit of the Nation. The parcels being considered for the fee-to-trust transfer include gaming and resort properties, including the Turning Stone Casino resort in Verona, New York, housing for Nation members, health care facilities, government offices, commercial enterprises such as marinas, service stations and convenience stores, vacant and undeveloped lands and lands used for traditional Iroquois agriculture, for livestock and for hunting and fishing.

The EIS will analyze all pertinent environmental, social and economic attributes of the affected environment and potential environmental consequences of taking the lands into trust. The BIA has so far identified infrastructure (including schools), socioeconomics (including taxes, employment, income, population and housing) and cumulative effects as key issues for analysis in the EIS. The range of issues may be further expanded, based on comments received in response to this notice and at the public scoping meetings.

Public Comment Availability

Comments, including names and addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at all of the mailing addresses shown in the **ADDRESSES** section (except those for the public meetings) during regular business hours, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (unless otherwise shown), Monday through Friday, except holidays. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. We will not, however, consider anonymous comments. All submissions from organizations or businesses and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

Authority

This notice is published in accordance with section 1503.1 of the Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 CFR parts 1500 through 1508) implementing the procedural requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), and the Department of Interior Manual (516 DM 1-6), and is in the exercise of authority delegated to the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by 209 DM 8.

Dated: December 16, 2005.

Michael D. Olsen,

Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) for the Imperial Irrigation District's Desert Southwest Transmission Line Project, California

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of Final Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR).