

burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond; including through 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: Maintenance Wage Rate Recommendation, Certification and Survey.

OMB Control Number, if applicable: None.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: Public housing agencies (PHAs) and Tribally-Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) are required to ensure that maintenance laborers and mechanics are paid no less than prevailing wages that are determined or adopted by HUD (section 12(a), U.S. Housing Act of 1937, as amended; section 104(b), Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, as amended). Except that, TDHEs may, at their discretion, implement tribally-determined prevailing maintenance wage rates which would apply in place

of HUD-determined or -adopted wage rates.

HUD determines or adopts a schedule of prevailing maintenance wage rates for each PHA and TDHE (except for those TDHEs that implement tribally-determined prevailing wage rates), annually, coinciding with the agency's fiscal year. In order to ensure that the wage rates are reflective of current economic conditions, HUD requests each PHA and TDHE to submit a recommendation of prevailing wage rates for HUD consideration. PHA and TDHE recommendations may be based on a wide variety of economic indicators including, at the discretion of the PHA or TDHE, the results of a wage survey that the PHA or TDHE may conduct of maintenance employers in their operating jurisdiction. In addition, HUD may conduct a maintenance wage rate survey in the absence of a PHA/ TDHE recommendation or to evaluate a recommendation that has been provided by a PHA or TDHE.

In order to assist PHAs and TDHEs to submit prevailing wage recommendations and, if they choose, to conduct and evaluate the results of a maintenance wage survey, and to assist

HUD personnel in the conduct and evaluation of a maintenance wage survey, HUD proposes to institute three forms: a Maintenance Wage Rate Recommendation and Certification; a Maintenance Wage Rate Survey Summary; and a Survey of Maintenance Wage Rates. PHA or TDHE submission of a recommendation is highly encouraged by HUD. In the absence of an agency recommendation, HUD will issue a prevailing wage rate schedule based upon its own actions which may include a maintenance wage survey conducted by HUD. Participation in any maintenance wage survey conducted by a PHA, TDHE or HUD, is voluntary on the part of maintenance employers. Maintenance wage rate recommendations, survey summaries and survey responses must be retained by PHAs, TDHEs and HUD to document compliance with the statutory labor standards provisions.

Agency form numbers, if applicable: To be assigned.

Estimation of the total number of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response:

Item	Number of respondents	Amount of time required (hours)	Total time required/annum (hours)
Maintenance Wage Rate Recommendation	3,240	4	12,960
Survey Summary	1,640	4	6,560
Survey Form Agency Evaluation	41,000	8	328,000
Survey Form Employer Response	41,000	4	164,000
Record Keeping	3,240	1	3,240
Total Annual Burden			514,760

Status of the proposed information collection: Existing collection in use without an OMB control number.

Authority: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended.

Dated: April 9, 2003.

Frank L. Davis,

Director, Office Departmental Operations and Coordination.

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Department of Housing and Urban Development

[Docket No. FR-4815-N-19]

Notice of Submission of Proposed Information Collection to OMB: American Housing Survey (AHS)—2003 National Sample

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.

DATES: *Comments Due Date:* May 21, 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 (2528-0017) 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 be obtained from Mr. Eddins.

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: American Housing Survey (AHS)—2003 National Sample.
OMB Approval Number: 2528–0017.

Form Numbers: AHS–26, AHS–27, AHS–28.

Description of the Need for the Information and its Proposed Use: The 2003 AHS–N is a longitudinal study that provides a periodic measure on the quality, availability, and cost of housing for the nation. The study also provides information on demographic and other characteristics of the occupants. Federal and local agencies use AHS data to evaluate housing issues.

Respondents: Individuals or households.

Frequency of Submission: On occasion, Biannually, Reinterview.

	Number of respondents	Annual responses	×	Hours per response	=	Burden hours
Reporting Burden	63,387	0.8		0.6		35,169

Total Estimated Burden Hours: 35,169.

Status: Revision of a currently approved collection.

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

Dated: April 11, 2003.

Wayne Eddins,

*Departmental Reports Management Officer,
Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; 5-Year Review of the Marbled Murrelet and the Northern Spotted Owl

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of review.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, announce a 5-year review of the marbled murrelet (*Brachyramphus marmoratus marmoratus*) and the northern spotted owl (*Strix occidentalis caurina*) under section 4(c)(2)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). The purpose of the review is to ensure that the classification of species' as threatened or endangered on the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants (List) are accurate.

The 5-year review is an assessment of the best scientific and commercial data available at the time of the review. Therefore, we are requesting submission

of any new information (best scientific and commercial data) on the marbled murrelet and the northern spotted owl since their original listings in 1992 and 1990, respectively. If the present classification of these species is not consistent with the best scientific and commercial information available, we may, at the conclusion of this review, initiate a separate action to propose changes to the List accordingly.

DATES: To allow us adequate time to conduct this review, we must receive your information no later than June 20, 2003. However, we will continue to accept new information about any listed species at any time.

ADDRESSES: Submit information to the Field Office Supervisor, Attention Owl and Murrelet 5-year Review, Oregon Fish and Wildlife Office, 2600 SE. 98th Avenue, Suite 100, Portland, Oregon 97266. Information received in response to this notice and review results will be available for public inspection by appointment, during normal business hours, at the above address. New information regarding the northern spotted owl may be sent electronically to *owl_information@r1.fws.gov*. New information regarding the marbled murrelet may be sent electronically to *murrelet_information@r1.fws.gov*.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For the marbled murrelet, contact Lee Folliard at the above address, or at 503/231–6179. For the northern spotted owl, contact Robin Bown at the above address, or at 503/231–6179.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Why Is a 5-year Review Conducted?

Section 4(c)(2)(A) of the Act requires that we conduct a review of listed

species at least once every 5 years. We are then, under section 4(c)(2)(B) and the provisions of subsection (a) and (b), to determine, on the basis of such a review, whether or not any species should be removed from the List (delisted), or reclassified from endangered to threatened, or threatened to endangered. Our regulations at 50 CFR 424.21 require that we publish a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing those species currently under active review. This notice announces our active review of the marbled murrelet and northern spotted owl.

The 5-year review considers all new information available at the time of the review. This review will consider the best scientific and commercial data that has become available since the current listing determination or most recent status review, such as:

- A. Species biology including, but not limited to, population trends, distribution, abundance, and demographics, and genetics;
- B. Habitat conditions including, but not limited to, amount, distribution, and suitability;
- C. Conservation measures that have been implemented that benefit the species;
- D. Threat status and trends (see five factors under heading “How do we determine whether a species is endangered or threatened?”);
- E. Other new information, data, or corrections including, but not limited to, taxonomic or nomenclatural changes, identification of erroneous information contained in the List, and improved analytical methods.