

facilities communities would no longer need to collect or maintain occupancy/age verification information for purposes of the "55 or older" housing exemption.

The information collection requirements contained in §§ 100.306 and 100.307 of the HOPA Final Rule are necessary to satisfy the criteria for the "55 and older" housing exemption under the HOPA. The information required under the Act, the HOPA, and the HOPA Final Rule will be collected in the normal course of business in connection with the sale, rental or occupancy of dwelling units situated in qualified senior housing facilities or communities. The statutory and regulatory requirement to publish and adhere to age verification policies and procedures for current and prospective occupants is the usual and customary practice of the senior housing industry. The procedures for verifying the ages of current residents may require an initial occupancy survey, and periodic reviews and updates of existing age verification records for each occupied dwelling unit. The creation of such records should occur in the normal course of sale or rental transactions and should require minimal time.

Three types of information would be collected under the HOPA Final Rule. A housing provider's operating rules, policies and procedures are not privileged or confidential in nature, because such information must be disclosed to current and prospective residents, and to residential real estate professionals. Under §§ 100.307(i) of the HOPA Final Rule, a summary of the occupancy survey results must be made available for public inspection. This summary need not contain confidential information about residents; it may simply indicate the total number of dwelling units occupied by persons 55 years of age or older. The supporting age verification records may contain some private information; however, such information would be protected from disclosure unless the facility or community claims the "55 or older" housing exemption as a defense to a jurisdictional familial status discrimination complaint filed with HUD. HUD's Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity will only require a housing provider to disclose such information when HUD investigates a jurisdictional familial status discrimination complaint, and the housing provider claims the "55 or older" housing exemption as an affirmative defense to the complaint.

Agency form number(s), if applicable: None.

Members of affected public: Both the HOPA and the HOPA Final Rule require that small businesses and other small entities that operate housing intended for occupancy by persons 55 years of age or older must routinely collect and update age verification information necessary to meet the eligibility criteria for the "55 or older" housing exemption. The recordkeeping requirements are the responsibility of the housing provider that wishes to qualify for the exemption.

Estimation of the total numbers of hours needed to prepare the information collection including the number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response: The information collection requirements of the HOPA Final Rule are the responsibility of the housing facility or community that claims eligibility for the "55 or older" housing exemption provided under the HOPA. Since the HOPA does not require HUD certification or registration for "55 or older" communities or facilities, it is difficult to estimate the number of housing facilities and communities that intend to collect this information in order to qualify for the exemption. When the HOPA Proposed Rule was published for public comment in January 1997, HUD estimated that approximately 1,000 facilities or communities would seek the exemption. HUD also estimated that the occupancy/age verification data would require routine updating with each new housing transaction within the facility or community, and that the number of such transactions per year might vary significantly depending on the size and nature of the facility or community. HUD estimated the average number of housing transactions per year at "10 per community." HUD concluded that the publication of policies and procedures " * * * is likely to be a one-time event and in most cases will require no additional burden beyond what is done in the normal course of business. The estimated total annual burden for the three collections is 5,500 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: January 26, 2006.

Jon L. Gant,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5041-N-02]

Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Comment Request; Request for Termination of Multifamily Mortgage Insurance

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing, 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:* April 4, 2006.

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: Lillian Deitzer, Reports Management Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., L'Enfant Building, Room 8202, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 708-5221 (this is not a toll-free number) for copies of the proposed forms and other available information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kimberly R. Munson, Office of Asset Management, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Room 6168, Washington, DC 20410, telephone number (202) 708-3730 ext. 5122 (this is not a toll-free number).

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: Request for Termination of Multifamily Mortgage Insurance.

OMB Control Number, if applicable: 2502-0416.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: The information collected is used to notify HUD that the mortgagor and mortgagee mutually agree to terminate the HUD multifamily mortgage insurance.

Agency form numbers, if applicable: HUD-9807.

Estimation of the total number of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response: The total number of respondents is estimated to be 500; the frequency of responses is 1; the estimated time to prepare form is approximately 7 minutes, and the total annual burden hours requested are 60.

Status of the proposed information collection: This is an extension of a currently approved information collection.

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

Dated: January 27, 2006.

Frank L. Davis,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5045-N-05]

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 February 3, 2006.

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: January 27, 2006.

Mark R. Johnston,

Acting Deputy Assistant, Secretary for Special Needs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Final Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Impact Statement for the Driftless Area National Wildlife Refuge: Allamakee, Clayton, Clinton, Delaware, Dubuque, Fayette, Howard, Jackson, Jones and Winneshiek Counties, IA; Fillmore, Houston, Olmstead, Wabasha and Winona Counties, MN; Crawford, Grant, Monroe, Richland, Sauk and Vernon Counties, Wisconsin; and Jo Daviess County, IL

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announces that the Final Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Driftless Area National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) in Illinois, Iowa, and Wisconsin is available.

The CCP 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, and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. Goals and objectives in the CCP describe how the agency intends to manage the refuge over the next 15 years.

DATES: A Record of Decision may be signed no sooner than 30 days after

publication of this notice (40 CFR 1506.10(b)(2)).

ADDRESSES: Copies of the Final CCP/EIS may be viewed at Driftless Area National Wildlife Refuge Headquarters and at the following libraries: Decorah Public Library, Decorah, Elkader Public Library, Elkader, Carnegie-Stout Public Library, Dubuque, and McGregor Public Library, McGregor in Iowa and McIntosh Memorial Library, Viroqua, Wisconsin. You may access and download a copy via the planning Web site (<http://www.fws.gov/midwest/planning/DriftlessArea>) or you may obtain a copy on compact disk by contacting: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Conservation Planning, Bishop Henry Whipple Federal Building, 1 Federal Drive, Fort Snelling, Minnesota 55111 (1-800-247-1247, extension 5429) or Driftless Area National Wildlife Refuge, P.O. Box 460, McGregor, Iowa 52157 (563-873-3423).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Cathy Henry at 563-873-3423.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Driftless Area National Wildlife Refuge was established in 1989 to protect habitat for the threatened northern monkshood plant and endangered Iowa Pleistocene snail. The Refuge was authorized to acquire land in eight counties of northeast Iowa, northwest Illinois, and southwest Wisconsin. The Refuge is situated within the driftless geologic land form, an area never glaciated or missed by the most recent glacial advance.

Refuge land conservation focuses on conservation of algific (cold producing) talus slope systems, a landform/habitat feature unique to karst terrain that provides cold microclimate required by northern monkshood, Pleistocene snails, and other glacial relict species. Refuge land conservation consists of acquisition and management easements. Driftless Area NWR now consists of 781 acres within nine units in four northeastern Iowa counties. The Final CCP/EIS preferred alternative proposes conservation of additional lands (through fee title purchase from willing sellers, or other means, such as management easements) in the counties initially authorized, and proposes conservation of suitable habitat in five additional counties in Iowa, four additional counties in Wisconsin, and five counties in Minnesota. Additional information gained about the target species since listing, and the listing of Leedy's roseroot, which occupies similar habitat in southeast Minnesota, indicate the need to increase the geographic area of conservation.