

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Fish and Wildlife Service (We) will submit the collection of information described below to OMB for approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: You must submit comments on or before January 14, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Send your comments on this information collection requirement to Hope Grey, Service Information Collection Clearance Officer, Fish and Wildlife Service, MS 222-ARLSQ, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22203 (mail); *Hope_Grey@fws.gov* (e-mail); or (703) 358-2269 (fax).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request a copy of the information collection requirements or explanatory material, contact Hope Grey at the addresses above or by telephone at (703) 358-2482.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Management and Budget regulations at 5 CFR 1320, which implement provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13), require that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (see 5 CFR 1320.8(d)). We plan to submit a request to OMB to renew approval of the collection of information for the Conservation Order for Control of Mid-Continent Light Geese. The current OMB Control Number for this information collection is 1018-0103, which expires March 31, 2005. We are requesting a 3-year term of approval for this information collection activity. Federal agencies may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

The number of light geese (lesser snow and Ross' geese) in the mid-continent region has nearly quadrupled during the past several decades due to a decline in adult mortality and an increase in winter survival. Lesser snow and Ross' geese are referred to as light geese because of their light coloration as opposed to dark geese such as white-fronted or Canada Geese. Because of their feeding activity, light geese have become seriously injurious to their habitat as well as to habitat important to other migratory birds. This poses a serious threat to the short- and long-term health and status of some migratory bird populations. We believe that the number of light geese in the mid-continent region has exceeded long-term sustainable levels for their arctic and subarctic breeding habitats

and that the populations must be reduced. 50 CFR 21 provides authority for the management of overabundant mid-continent light geese.

Light geese in the mid-continent region are separated into two different populations for management purposes. Lesser snow and Ross' geese that primarily migrate through North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Iowa, and Missouri, and winter in Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and eastern, central, and southern Texas and other Gulf States are referred to as the mid-continent population of light geese. Lesser snow and Ross' geese that primarily migrate through Montana, Wyoming, and Colorado and winter in New Mexico, northwestern Texas, and Chihuahua, Mexico, are referred to as Western Central Flyway population of light geese.

States that participate in the light geese conservation order must inform and brief all participants on the requirements in 50 CFR 21.60 and conservation order conditions that apply to the implementation of light geese control measures. Participating States must collect information on the number of birds taken during control efforts, the methods by which they were taken, and the date on which they were taken. We use this information to administer the conservation order and, particularly, to monitor the effectiveness of control strategies and to protect migratory birds. Each participating State must submit an annual report by August 30 of each year summarizing the activities it conducted. We contacted some participating States to estimate the burden hours for this information collection.

Title of Collection: Conservation Order for Control of Mid-Continent Light Geese, 50 CFR 21.60.

OMB Control Number: 1018-0103.

Form Number: None.

Frequency of Collection: Annually.

Description of Respondents: States participating in the conservation order.

Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,776.

Total Annual Responses: 24.

We invite comments concerning this submission on (1) whether or not the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of our migratory bird management functions, including whether or not the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents. The information collections in this program are part of a

system of record covered by the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552(a)).

Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home addresses from the record, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. There may also be limited circumstances in which we would withhold a respondent's identity from the administrative record, as allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this clearly at the beginning of your comment. We will not consider anonymous comments. We generally make all submissions from organizations or businesses and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses available for public inspection in their entirety.

Dated: November 1, 2004.

Hope Grey,

*Information Collection Clearance Officer,
Fish and Wildlife Service.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces that the Information Collection Request for Adult Education Annual Report Form OMB #1076-0120 requires renewal. The current Adult Education Annual Report Form OMB #1076-0120, with no appreciable changes, will be submitted after the comment period to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The Bureau is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before January 14, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Comments are to be mailed to Edward Parisian, Director, Office of Indian Education Programs, Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 1849 C St., NW., Mail Stop 3609-MIB, Washington, DC 20240, or hand delivered to room 3623 at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Garry Martin, Bureau of Indian Affairs,
202-208-3478.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The information collection is necessary to assess the need for adult education programs in accordance with 25 CFR part 46, subpart A, sections 46.20 Program Requirements and 46.30 Records and Reporting Requirements of the Adult Education Program.

II. Method of Collection

The Adult Education Program regulations under 25 CFR part 46, subpart 46, contain the program requirements which govern the program. Information collected from the contractors will be used for administrative planning, setting long- and short-term goals, and analyzing and monitoring the use of funds.

III. Data

Title of the Collection of Information:
Bureau of Indian Affairs Adult
Education Program Annual Report
Form.

OMB Control Number: 1076-0120;
Expiration Date: January 31, 2005.

Type of Review: Renewal of a
currently-approved information
collection.

*Summary of the Collection of
Information:* The collection of
information provides pertinent data
concerning the adult education
programs.

*Description of the need for the
information and proposed use of the
information:* Submission of this
information is necessary to assess the
need for adult education programs. The
information is needed for the utilization
and management of program resources
to provide education opportunities for
adult American Indians and Alaska
Natives to complete high school
requirements, and to gain new skills and
knowledge for individual student self
enhancement. The information collected
with the annual report will be used by
the Bureau or tribally controlled
programs for fiscal accountability and
appropriate direct services
documentation. The results of the data
are used for administrative planning.

Affected Entities: Tribal adult
education contractors.

Estimated number of respondents: 70.
Respondents are tribal adult education
program administrators.

Proposed frequency of responses:
Annually.

Burden: The estimate of total annual
reporting and recordkeeping burden that
will result from the collection of

information: Reporting 4 hours per
response x 70 respondents = 280 hours.

Estimated Annual Costs: \$5,040.00 (4
hours x 70 x \$18.00 = salary dollars).
Cost for recordkeeping and auditing is
part of their costs for administering this
program under Tribal Priority
Allocation activity of the tribal budget.

IV. Request for Comments

The Department of the Interior invites
comments on:

(a) Whether the collection of
information is necessary for the proper
performance of the functions of the
agency, including whether the
information will have practical utility;

(b) The accuracy of the agency's
estimate of the burden (including the
hours and cost) of the proposed
collection of information, including the
validity of the methodology and
assumption used;

(c) Ways to enhance the quality,
utility, and clarity of the information to
be collected; and

(d) Ways to minimize the burden of
the collection of information on those
who are to respond, including through
the use of appropriate automated,
electronic, mechanical, or other
collection techniques or other forms of
information technology.

Burden means the total time, effort, or
financial resources expended by persons
to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose
or provide information to or for a
Federal agency. This includes the time
needed to review instructions; to
develop, acquire, install and utilize
technology and systems for the purpose
of collecting, validating, and verifying
information, processing and
maintaining information, and disclosing
and providing information, to search
data sources, to complete and review
the collection of information; and to
transmit or otherwise disclose the
information.

It is our policy to make all comments
available to the public for review at the
location listed in the **ADDRESSES** section,
Room 3623, during the hours of 8 a.m.
to 4:30 p.m., e.s.t., Monday through
Friday, except for legal holidays. If you
wish to have your name and/or address
withheld, you must state this
prominently at the beginning of your
comments. We will honor your request
according to the requirements of the
law. All comments from organizations
or representatives will be available for
review. We may withhold comments
from review for other reasons.

Comments submitted in response to
this notice will be summarized and/or
included in the request for OMB
approval of this information collection;

they also will become a matter of public
record.

An agency may not conduct or
sponsor, and a person is not required to
respond to a collection of information,
unless it displays a currently valid
Office of Management and Budget
control number.

Dated: November 5, 2004.

David W. Anderson,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

**Proposed Agency Information
Collection Activities; Comment
Request**

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs,
Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Indian Affairs
(BIA) is seeking comments in
preparation for renewal of the Indian
Child Welfare Annual Report form. The
information collected will aid the BIA
in fulfilling requirements of law. This
renewal meets the requirements of the
Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Submit comments on or before
January 14, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should
be sent directly to Larry Blair, Bureau of
Indian Affairs, Office of Tribal Services,
Division of Human Services, 1951
Constitution Avenue, NW., Mail Stop
320-SIB, Washington, DC 20240.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Interested persons may obtain copies of
the information collection requests
without charge by contacting Mr. Larry
Blair, (202) 513-7621, Facsimile number
(202) 208-2648.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The information collection required
by the use of this form is necessary to
comply with Public Law 95-608, The
Indian Child Welfare Act, and as
codified in 25 CFR Part 23, Indian Child
Welfare Act (ICWA). This information is
collected through the use of a
consolidated caseload form by tribal
Indian Child Welfare Act program
directors who are the providers of the
ICWA services. The information is used
to determine the extent of service needs
in local Indian communities, assessment
of the Indian Child Welfare Act program
effectiveness, and to provide data for the
annual program budget justification.