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Transfer Agent's responsibilities to maintain P&I and Escrow funds to pay securities holders.  
*Form Number:* HUD-11708, 11709, 11709-A, 11715 and 11720.

*Respondents:* Business or Other For-Profit and the Federal Government.  
*Frequency of Submission:* Annually.  
*Reporting Burden:*

	Number of respondents	×	Frequency of response	×	Hours per response	=	Burden hours
Information Collection .....	556		1		.07		39

*Total Estimated Burden Hours:* 39.  
*Status:* Extension.  
*Contact:* Sonya K. Suarez, HUD, (202) 708-2772, Joseph F. Lackey, Jr., OMB, (202) 395-7316  
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**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

[Docket No. FR-4441-N-38]

**Submission for OMB Review: Commitment To Guarantee Mortgage-Backed Securities**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration, HUD.  
**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This form is used by Ginnie Mae's issuers to apply for commitment authority to guarantee mortgage-backed securities.

**DATES:** Comments Due Date: August 26, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB approval number (2503-0001) and should be sent to: Joseph F. Lackey, Jr., OMB Desk Officer, Office of

Management and Budget, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Wayne Eddins, Reports Management Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, Southwest, Washington, DC 20410, 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 names and telephone numbers of an agency official familiar with the proposal and of the OMB Desk officer for the Department.

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

Dated: July 20, 1999.

**David S. Cristy,**  
*Director, IRM Policy and Management Division.*

**Notice of Submission of Proposed Information Collection to OMB**

*Title of Proposal:* Commitment to Guarantee Mortgage-Backed Securities.

*Office:* Government National Mortgage Association.

*OMB Approval Number:* 2503-0001.

*Description of the Need For The Information and Its Proposed Use:* This form is used by Ginnie Mae's issuers to apply for commitment authority to guarantee mortgage-backed securities.

*Form Number:* HUD-11704.

*Respondents:* Business or Other For-Profit and the Federal Government.

*Frequency of Submission:* Quarterly.  
*Reporting Burden:*

	Number of respondents	×	Frequency of responses	×	Hours per response	=	Burden hours
HUD-11704 .....	625		4		.25		2,496

*Total Estimated Burden Hours:* 2,496.  
*Status:* Extension.  
*Contact:* Sonya K. Suarez, HUD, (202) 708-2772, Joseph F. Lackey, Jr., OMB, (202) 395-7316  
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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Fish and Wildlife Service**

**Notice of intent To prepare Comprehensive Conservation Plans for Lower Suwannee and Cedar Keys National Wildlife Refuges**

**SUMMARY:** This notice advises the public that the Fish and Wildlife Service, Southeast Region, intends to gather information necessary to prepare comprehensive conservation plans and environmental documents (environmental assessments) for Lower

Suwannee National Wildlife Refuge in Dixie and Levy Counties, Florida, and Cedar Keys National Wildlife Refuge in Levy County, Florida. The Service is furnishing this notice in compliance with Service comprehensive conservation planning policy and the National Environmental Policy Act and implementing regulations.

Public scoping meetings will be held in the near future for both of these refuges. An announcement of the meeting will appear in the **Federal Register**.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments and requests for information concerning either refuge may be addressed to: Refuge Manager, Lower Suwannee National Wildlife Refuge, 16450 NW 31st Place, Chiefland, Florida 32626-4874.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** It is the policy of the Fish and Wildlife Service to have all lands within the National Wildlife Refuge System managed in accordance with an approved comprehensive conservation plan. The plan guides management decisions and identifies refuge goals, objectives, and strategies for achieving refuge purposes. Public input into this planning process is encouraged. The plan will provide other agencies and the public with a clear understanding of the desired conditions of the refuge and how the Service will implement management strategies. Some of the issues to be addressed in the plan include the following:

- (a) Public use management;
- (b) Habitat management;
- (c) Wildlife population management; and
- (d) Cultural resource identification and protection.

Alternatives that address the issues and management strategies associated with these topics will be included in the environmental documents. A separate plan will be prepared for each refuge.

The Lower Suwannee National Wildlife Refuge was established on April 10, 1979, under the authority of the Fish and Wildlife Act to protect the lower Suwannee River ecosystem. The 52,935-acre refuge, which is predominantly wetlands, is bisected by 20 miles of Stephen Foster's famous Suwannee River and includes 26 miles of the Gulf Coast.

The Cedar Keys National Wildlife Refuge was established by Executive Order 5158 on July 16, 1929, as a breeding ground for migratory birds. The refuge supports one of the largest nesting colonies of pelicans, herons, egrets and ibis in north Florida, and consists of 12 islands ranging in size from 1 to 120 acres.

Dated: July 12, 1999.

**Sam D. Hamilton,**

*Regional Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Availability of a Draft Environmental Assessment and Preliminary Finding of No Significant Impact, and Receipt of Applications for an Incidental Take Permit and an Enhancement of Survival Permit for a State-wide Conservation Plan for the Red-Cockaded Woodpecker on Private Lands in the State of Georgia

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior

**ACTION:** Notice

**SUMMARY:** The Georgia Department of Natural Resources (GDNR) (Applicant) has applied for an Incidental Take Permit (ITP) and an Enhancement of Survival Permit (ESP) from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) pursuant to Section 10(a)(1)(B) and Section 10(a)(1)(A), respectively, of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (Act), as amended. The proposed action would involve approval of the Applicant's Conservation Plan (CP) which will be administered by the Applicant to eligible landowners, which is defined in the Applicant's CP, and involves two conservation options termed the Mitigated Incidental Take (MIT) and Safe Harbor Management Agreement (SHMA) options. The subject permits would authorize take of the red-cockaded woodpecker (*Picoides borealis*) (RCW), a federally listed endangered species, on private lands in Georgia that (1) are isolated, remnant groups of RCWs (for ITP issuance) or (2) are new RCW groups created above SHMA baselines (for ESP issuance). Under the authority of the issued permits from the Service, the Applicant would encourage eligible landowners to participate in the two RCW conservation options via "Certificates of Inclusion" (or CI). Eligible landowners can be issued a CI in one or both of the CP's options with the goal to provide landowners with land management flexibility that balances each landowner's economic expectations with RCW conservation and recovery. The proposed taking would be incidental to otherwise lawful activities including typical forest management actions, land development activities, and other actions on private land and other non-federal lands in Georgia. The mitigation and minimization measures outlined in the Applicant's CP to address the effects of the CP to protected species are described further in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below.

This notice advises the public that the Service has opened the comment period on the permit applications, the draft environmental assessment (EA), and the preliminary Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). The permit applications include the Applicant's CP (with appendices). This notice is provided pursuant to Section 10(a) of the Act and National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) regulations (40 CFR 1506.6) and advises the public that the Service has made a preliminary determination that issuing the ITP and ESP is not a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment within the meaning of Section 102(2)(C) of NEPA. The FONSI is based on information contained in the draft EA and CP. The final determination on this action will be made no sooner than 30 days from the date of this notice.

The Service will evaluate the application, associated documents, and comments submitted thereon to determine whether the application meets the requirements of NEPA regulations and Section 10(a) of the Act. If it is determined that the requirements are met, the requested permits will be issued for the incidental take of RCW groups subject to the provisions of the Applicant's CP. The final NEPA and permit determinations will not be completed until after the end of a 30-day comment period and will fully consider all comments received. The Service will also evaluate whether the issuance of the requested permits complies with Section 7 of the Act by conducting an intra-Service Section 7 consultation. The resulting Section 7 biological opinion, in combination with the above types of evaluation requirements, will be used in the final analysis to determine whether or not to issue the requested permits.

**DATES:** Written comments on the permit applications, CP, and draft EA should be sent to the Service's Southeast Regional Office (see **ADDRESSES**) and should be received on or before August 26, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Persons wishing to review the permit applications, CP, draft EA, and preliminary FONSI may obtain a copy by writing the Service's Southeast Regional Office, 1875 Century Boulevard, Suite 200, Atlanta, Georgia 30345 (Attn: Endangered Species Permits), or Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 52560, Fort Benning, Georgia 31995-2560. Documents will also be available for public inspection by appointment during normal business hours at the Regional Office. Written data or comments concerning the permit