

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.

Information provided will allow public or private accredited nonprofit institutions of higher education granting associate degrees or higher in architecture, urban planning and design, or construction to establish and operate partnerships with and for communities affect by Hurricanes Katrina or Rita or both. Information will enable HUD to select a grantee under a competitive selection process.

DATES: *Comments Due Date:* March 23, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB approval Number (2528-0241) and should be sent to: HUD Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503; fax: 202-395-6974.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Lillian Deitzer, Reports Management Officer, AYO, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410; e-mail Lillian Deitzer at *Lillian_L_Deitzer@HUD.gov* or telephone (202) 708-2374. This is not a toll-free number. Copies of available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Ms. Deitzer.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice informs the public that the Department of Housing and Urban Development has submitted to OMB a request for approval of the information collection described below. This notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affecting agencies concerning the proposed collection of information to: (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information 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 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: Universities Rebuilding America Partnerships: Community Design Program.

OMB Approval Number: 2528-0241.

Form Numbers: SF-424, SF-424-Supplement, HUD-424-CB, SF-LLL, HUD-27300, HUD-2880, HUD-96010.

Description of the Need for the Information and Its Proposed Use: Information provided will allow public or private accredited nonprofit institutions of higher education granting associate degrees or higher in architecture, urban planning and design, or construction to establish and operate partnerships will and for communities affect by Hurricanes Katrina or Rita or both. Information will enable HUD to select a grantee under a competitive selection process.

Frequency of Submission: Semi-annually, Annually.

	Number of respondents	×	Annual responses	×	Hours per response	=	Burden hours
Reporting Burden	20		2.5		44.8		2,240

Total Estimated Burden Hours: 2,240.

Status: Extension of a currently approved collection.

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

Dated: February 13, 2006.

Lillian L. Deitzer,

Departmental Paperwork Reduction Act Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Draft Safe Harbor Agreement and Application for an Enhancement of Survival Permit for the Ocelot in South Texas

AGENCY: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability; receipt of application.

SUMMARY: Environmental Defense, Inc. (ED) (Applicant) has applied to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) for an enhancement of survival permit under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act (Act) of 1973, as amended. The requested permit, which is for a period of 30 years, would authorize the Applicant to issue certificates of inclusion under a Safe Harbor Agreement (SHA) to private landowners who would voluntarily agree to carry out habitat improvements for the Texas ocelot subspecies (*Leopardus pardalis albescens*). We invite the public to review and comment on the permit application and the associated draft SHA.

DATES: To ensure consideration, written comments must be received on or before March 23, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Persons wishing to review the application, draft SHA, or other related documents may obtain a copy by written or telephone request to Robyn Cobb, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, c/o TAMU-CC, 6300 Ocean Drive, USFWS-Unit 5837, Corpus Christi, Texas 78412-5837 (361/994-9005). The

application will also be available for public inspection, by appointment only, during normal business hours (8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) at the Service's Corpus Christi Office. Comments concerning the application, draft SHA, or other related documents should be submitted in writing to the Field Supervisor at the above address. Please refer to permit number TE-117030-0 when submitting comments. All comments received, including names and addresses, will become a part of the official administrative record and may be made available to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robyn Cobb at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Corpus Christi Office, c/o TAMU-CC, 6300 Ocean Drive, USFWS-Unit 5837, Corpus Christi, Texas 78412-5837 (361/994-9005).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The ocelot was listed as endangered throughout its entire range in 1982. However, this action is proposed for the Texas ocelot subspecies, whose range included much of south, central, and east Texas, and into western Louisiana and Arkansas, as well as much of northern Mexico east of

the Sierra Madre Oriental. Habitat can be characterized by dense thornscrub, including a variety of thorny, scrubby vegetation.

Currently, the U.S. population of ocelots is known only from two populations in three counties. The two largest remaining habitat "islands," Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife Refuge (LANWR) and a private ranch in Willacy County, support a combined total of approximately 50 to 100 ocelots. On-going threats to the ocelot include conversion of habitat to agricultural and residential development uses, vehicle strikes, disease, and genetic inbreeding.

The future existence of the ocelot in south Texas will require a system of interconnected habitat blocks that support sub-populations by enabling interbreeding. The majority of land within the current range of the ocelot in South Texas is privately owned. Therefore, the participation of private landowners is critical to the recovery of this subspecies.

Habitat enhancement activities could cover all, or portions of the following Texas counties: Cameron, Hidalgo, Kenedy, Starr, and Willacy. Habitat enhancement activities could include, but are not limited to, site preparation to facilitate planting and survival of native thornscrub seedlings; planting of native thornscrub seedlings; designing, installing, and maintaining water systems to enhance seedling and sapling survival; and post-planting shredding, prescribed fire, and/or application of herbicides to enhance seedling and sapling survival.

All properties to be enrolled will have a zero baseline. Zero baseline will be any property with less than 50 percent shrub and tree (combined) canopy cover. Properties that exceed 50 percent shrub and tree (combined) canopy cover that are dominated by one species (e.g., huisache (*Acacia smalli*) or honey mesquite (*Prosopis glandulosa*)) may also be enrolled as zero baseline. Enrolled properties that exceed 20 acres in extent can include no more than 10 contiguous acres of optimal habitat. Tewes and Everett (1986) classified optimal habitat as 95 percent or greater canopy cover of the shrub layer (Class A); suboptimal habitat as 75 percent to 95 percent canopy cover (Class B); and inadequate cover was 75 percent or less (Class C).

We provide this notice under section 10(c) of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4371 *et seq.*), and its

implementing regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

Geoffrey L. Haskett,

*Acting Regional Director, Region 2,
Albuquerque, New Mexico.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AK964-1410-HY-P; F-14844-A]

Alaska Native Claims Selection

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, DOI.

ACTION: Notice of decision approving lands for conveyance.

SUMMARY: As required by 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that an appealable decision approving lands for conveyance pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act will be issued to AHTNA, Incorporated (Successor in Interest to Cantwell Yedatene Na Corporation). The lands are located in T. 18 S., R. 7 W., Fairbanks Meridian, in the vicinity of Cantwell, Alaska, and contain approximately 160 acres. Notice of the decision will also be published four times in the *Fairbanks Daily News-Miner*.

DATES: The time limits for filing an appeal are:

1. Any party claiming a property interest which is adversely affected by the decision shall have until March 23, 2006 to file an appeal.

2. Parties receiving service of the decision by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal.

Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR part 4, subpart E, shall be deemed to have waived their rights.

ADDRESSES: A copy of this decision may be obtained from: Bureau of Land Management, Alaska State Office, 222 West Seventh Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7599.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:

Dina Torres, by phone at (907) 271-3248, or by e-mail at Dina_Torres@ak.blm.gov. Persons who use a telecommunication device (TTD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8330, 24

hours a day, seven days a week, to contact Mrs. Torres.

Dina L. Torres,

Land Law Examiner, Branch of Adjudication II.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AK964-1410-HY-P; F-14893-B2.]

Alaska Native Claims Selection

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, DOI

ACTION: Notice of decision approving lands for conveyance

SUMMARY: As required by 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that an appealable decision approving lands for conveyance pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act will be issued to Mary's Igloo Native Corporation. The lands are located in T. 2 S., R. 29 W., and T. 5 S., R. 30 W., Kateel River Meridian, Alaska, in the vicinity of Mary's Igloo, Alaska, and containing 7,758.50 acres. Notice of the decision will also be published four times in the *Nome Nugget*.

DATES: The time limits for filing an appeal are:

1. Any party claiming a property interest which is adversely affected by the decision shall have until March 23, 2006 to file an appeal.

2. Parties receiving service of the decision by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal.

Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR part 4, Subpart E, shall be deemed to have waived their rights.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the decision may be obtained from: Bureau of Land Management, Alaska State Office, 222 West Seventh Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7599.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:

John Leaf, by phone at (907) 271-3283. Persons who use a telecommunication device (TTD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8330, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to contact Mr. Leaf.

John Leaf,

Land Law Examiner, Branch of Adjudication II.

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