

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service ArcGIS Online (AGOL) Platform

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), are proposing a new information collection in use without an Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before April 28, 2022.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting 'Currently under Review--Open for Public Comments' or by using the search function. Please provide a copy of your comments to the Service Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, MS: PRB (JAO/3W), 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041-3803 (mail); or by email to [Info\\_Coll@fws.gov](mailto:Info_Coll@fws.gov). Please reference '1018-AGOL' in the subject line of your comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Madonna L. Baucum, Service Information Collection Clearance Officer, by email at [Info\\_Coll@fws.gov](mailto:Info_Coll@fws.gov), or by telephone at (703) 358-2503. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA, 44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.) and its implementing regulations at 5 CFR 1320, all information collections require approval under the PRA. We may not conduct or sponsor and you are not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

On September 30, 2021, we published in the Federal Register (86 FR 54230) a notice of our intent to request that OMB approve this information collection. In that notice, we solicited comments for 60 days, ending on November 29, 2021. In an effort to increase public awareness of, and participation in, our public commenting processes associated with information collection requests, the Service also published the Federal Register notice on <https://www.regulations.gov> (Docket FWS-HQ-IRTM-2021-0110) to provide the public with an additional method to submit comments (in addition to the typical [Info\\_Coll@fws.gov](mailto:Info_Coll@fws.gov) email and U.S. mail submission methods). We did not receive any comments in response to that notice.

As part of our continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burdens, we invite the public and other Federal agencies to comment on new, proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand our information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format.

We are especially interested in public comment addressing the following:

- (1) Whether or not the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether or not the information will have practical utility;
- (2) The accuracy of our estimate of the burden for this collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- (3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- (4) How might the agency 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 technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of response.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this ICR. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment--including your personal identifying information--may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Abstract: The Service collects and maintains necessary geospatial data to meet our mission in accordance with the following authorities:

- Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006, as amended (31 U.S.C. 6101);
- Geospatial Data Act of 2018 (43 U.S.C. chapter 46, 2801-2811);
- National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act of 1995

(Pub. L. 104-113);  
Open, Public, Electronic, and Necessary (OPEN) Government  
Data Act (44 U.S.C. 3506(b) (6));  
Title II of the Foundations for Evidence-Based  
Policymaking Act of 2018 (Pub. L. 115-435);  
OMB Circular A-16, ``Coordination of Geographic  
Information and Related Spatial Data Activities'';  
OMB Circular A-119, ``Federal Participation in the  
Development and Use of Voluntary Consensus Standards

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and in Conformity Assessment Activities''; and  
OMB Circular A-130, ``Managing Information as a Strategic  
Resource.''

Geospatial data identify and depict geographic locations,  
boundaries, and characteristics of features on the surface of the  
earth. Geospatial data includes geographic coordinates (e.g., latitude  
and longitude) to identify the location of earth's features, and data  
associated to geographic locations (e.g., land survey data and land  
cover type data). The Service's organizational ArcGIS online program  
(AGOL), accessed at <https://fws.maps.arcgis.com>, is an easy place to  
share data with the public and partners, as well as internally among  
Service staff. It can also be used to build and deploy mobile-enabled  
online maps, applications, and services for geographic information  
systems (GIS) users and non-GIS users alike. Sensitive data is  
restricted from public access via an internal-facing intranet version  
of AGOL. Moreover, because the system contains only controlled  
unclassified information (CUI) that would be designated as low impact  
under the Federal Information Security Act (FISMA; 2002), no personally  
identifiable information (PII) is allowed within the system.

The AGOL platform enables the Service to effectively manage  
geospatial data resources and technology to successfully deliver  
geospatial services in support of the Service's mission. Data collected  
through AGOL enables improved visualization, analysis,  
interoperability, modeling, sharing, and decision support. The benefits  
include increased accuracy, increased productivity, and more efficient  
information management and application support.

In addition to collecting name and contact information, additional  
comments about the submission, and photographs (optional), we collect  
the following types of data from our partners through AGOL to improve  
our online maps, web-mapping applications, and story maps (data  
collected is specific to a particular project; we will not collect all  
data types below with each submission):

Road crossing data, to include data such as location data,  
global positioning system (GPS) coordinates, stream name and stream  
flow, road name, structure type and quantity, road surface type and  
condition, issues present at crossing, and name and contact.

Stream crossing data, to include data such as location/  
description, GPS coordinates, crossing type, structures/barriers,  
inlet/outlet information, and stream flow type and condition.

Conservation project data, to include data such as project  
title and description, partner names and contact information, start and  
end dates for project, whether project is new or updated, cost of  
project, relevant website information, geographical location of  
project, project species data, project strategy (e.g., protect habitat,  
reduce human conflicts, climate change, etc.), and links to project  
reports.

Reporting locations and/or status of Service assets (such  
as trails, roads, gates, etc.), invasive species, dead animals, trash  
on public lands, and possible hazards.

Observations of wildlife occurrences, including location,  
species, observer, counts, and other physical characteristics of  
interest.

Vegetation monitoring data, which would include the  
condition of the resource, abundance, lifeform, and more.

We use the information collected from our partners to support  
critical geospatial services for Service programs/functions, such as:

#### Endangered Species and Fisheries & Habitat Conservation

Monitoring the extent and status of wetlands for  
management, research, policy development, education, and planning  
through the National Wetlands Inventory (<https://www.fws.gov/wetlands/>  
).

Performing natural resources damage assessments (NRDAs),  
including evaluating exposure of trust species to toxic spills.

Proposing, designating, and informing the public about  
critical habitat for threatened and endangered (T&E) species,  
delivering official species lists, and undertaking consultations under  
section 7 of the Endangered Species Act.

Providing information about sensitive resources (T&E  
species, Refuges, critical habitat) within the vicinity of a proposed  
project.

Conducting large-scale, multidisciplinary, multi-species  
analysis for habitat conservation and landscape conservation planning  
and restoration.

Improving fish passage and modeling the effects of barrier  
removal.

#### Migratory Bird Conservation

Conducting bird surveys: Survey design, navigation GPS  
files for airplane pilots, and spatially referenced survey data.

Assessing habitat conditions and monitoring habitat  
improvement projects in joint ventures.

Conducting research on relationships between bird  
abundance/productivity and habitat quantity and quality, and migration  
movement patterns.

#### National Wildlife Refuge System

Developing alternatives for comprehensive conservation  
plans and supporting National Wildlife Refuge System (System)  
operational activities, including asset management, law enforcement,  
water resources, and fire management.

Mapping realty transactions and land status of Service  
properties and proposed expansions.

Analyzing strategic growth and land acquisition planning  
opportunities for the System.

Conducting biological surveys and managing data, including

inventory and monitoring, invasive species control, and habitat management plans.

Managing Service infrastructure and assets.

Planning, responding, and mitigating impacts from natural disasters such as wildfire, hurricanes, disease outbreaks, and more.

Producing visitor service materials (maps, brochures) for public use and engagement of System lands.

Landscape Conservation Cooperatives

Evaluating, planning, and implementing strategic habitat conservation and adaptive management at the landscape level.

Performing biological planning, conservation design and delivery, monitoring, and research for climate change and other stressors at the landscape level.

Title of Collection: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service ArcGIS Online (AGOL) Platform.

OMB Control Number: 1018-New.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Existing collection in use without an OMB control number.

Respondents/Affected Public: Private sector; State, local, and Tribal governments; and/or foreign governments.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Frequency of Collection: On occasion.

Total Estimated Annual Nonhour Burden Cost: None.

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Requirement	Average number of annual respondents	Average number of responses each	Average number of annual responses	Average completion time per response (hours)	Estimated annual burden hours *
AGOL Online Submissions:					
Private Sector.....	150	5	750	5 min.....	63
Government.....	150	5	750	5 min.....	63
Totals.....	300		1,500		126

\* Rounded.

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