

the Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute for review by OMB. These admission forms are useful in determining program eligibility of American Indian and Alaska Native students for educational services. The forms have been changed to include a Paperwork Reduction Act and Public Burden statements, a Privacy Act statement, and an Effects of Non Disclosure statement.

These forms are utilized pursuant to Blood Quantum Act, Public Law 99-228; the Snyder Act, Chapter 115, Public Law 67-85; and, the Indian Appropriations of the 48th Congress, Chapter 180, page 91, For Support of Schools, July 4, 1884.

II. Request for Comments

A notice announcing the emergency clearance and requesting comments was published on April 23, 2002 (67 FR 19770). There were no comments received regarding that notice, however, 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 agencies' estimate of the burden (including the hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions 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.

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.

All written comments will be available for public inspection in Room 3512 of the Main Interior Building, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC, from 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. EST, Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. If you wish to have your name or address withheld from public view, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. We will honor your request to the extent allowed by law.

We will not request nor sponsor a collection of information, and you need not respond to such a request, if there is no valid Office of Management and Budget Control Number.

III. Data

Title: Applications for Admission to Haskell Indian Nations University and to Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute.

OMB approval number: 1076-0114.

Type of Review: Renewal.

Description: These eligibility application forms are mandatory in determining a student's eligibility for educational services. This collection is at no cost to the public.

Total Number of Respondents: 2,281.

Total Number of Annual responses: 3,943.

Total Annual Burden hours: 15 minutes per response \times 3,943 annual responses = 986 hours.

Dated: August 23, 2002.

Neal A. McCaleb,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Intent To Prepare a Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Associated Environmental Assessment for the Aransas National Wildlife Refuge Complex in Aransas, Refugio, and Calhoun Counties, Texas

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to prepare a Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Associated Environmental Assessment for the Aransas National Wildlife Refuge Complex.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) intends to gather information necessary to prepare a Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) and

environmental documents pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and its implementing regulations, for the Aransas National Wildlife Refuge Complex (ANWRC) headquartered near Austwell, Texas. The ANWRC is located in Aransas, Refugio and Calhoun Counties and includes the Matagorda Island Unit.

The Service is issuing this Notice in compliance with the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 668dd *et seq.*):

(1) To advise other agencies, organizations and the public of our intentions, and

(2) To obtain suggestions and information on the scope of issues to be considered in the planning process.

DATES: Special mailings, newspaper articles, postings, and media announcements will inform people of opportunities for written input throughout the CCP planning process. Refuge fact sheets will be made available at local libraries in the surrounding communities. This notice of intent/public scoping process will continue until October 29, 2002. Written comments submitted by mail or e-mail should be postmarked by that date to ensure consideration. Comments mailed after that date will be considered to the extent practical. Inquire at the following address for future dates of planning activity and due dates for comments.

ADDRESSES: Address comments and requests for more information to: Charles Holbrook, Refuge Manager, Aransas NWRC, CCP-Project, PO Box 100, Austwell, TX 77950, phone:(361) 286-3559, fax: (361) 286-3722.

Information concerning this Refuge may be also found at the following website: <http://southwest.fws.gov>.

Comments submitted via E-mail should be addressed to Bernice Jackson at bernice_jackson@fws.gov or Felipe Prieto at felipe_prieto@fws.gov. Additionally, you may hand-deliver comments to Mr. Holbrook, Mrs. Jackson or Mr. Prieto at Aransas National Wildlife Refuge, 7 miles southeast of Austwell, Texas on FM 2040. Our practice is to make comments, including names and addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from the rulemaking record, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carol Torrez, Division of Planning, PO Box 1306, Albuquerque, NM 87103-1306.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 requires that all lands within the National Wildlife Refuge System (NWRS) be managed in accordance with an approved CCP. The CCP guides management decisions and identifies refuge goals, long-range objectives and strategies for achieving refuge purposes. Each Refuge in the NWRS has specific purposes for which it was established. Those purposes are used to develop and prioritize management goals and objectives within the National Wildlife Refuge System mission and to guide which public uses will occur on a given refuge.

The planning process will consider many elements, including habitat and wildlife management, habitat protection and acquisition, wilderness preservation, public recreational opportunities, industrial use and cultural resources. Public input into this planning process is essential. The planning process is a way for the Service and the public to evaluate refuge management goals and objectives for the best possible conservation efforts of this important wildlife habitat. Concurrently, this process is also providing for wildlife-dependent recreation opportunities that are compatible with each Refuge's establishing purposes and the mission of the NWRS.

The Aransas National Wildlife Refuge Complex is located in Aransas, Refugio and Calhoun Counties, Texas and encompasses 115,670 acres of coastal prairie, oak woodland and savannah, barrier island and salt and freshwater marshes. The CCP will provide other agencies and the public with a clear understanding of the desired conditions for the Refuge and how the Service will implement management strategies for the conservation and development of these natural resources.

The Service through this notice of intent formally begins the comprehensive conservation planning process for the Aransas National Wildlife Refuge Complex. The Service requests input on any and all issues concerning management or public recreation. Comments regarding the protection of threatened and/or endangered species, migratory birds, native species and their habitats are encouraged. The Service is equally interested in receiving public input in the following areas:

- What makes this Refuge special for you?
- What Refuge projects or activities interest you most?

- What problems or issues do you see affecting management or public use of the Refuge?

- What improvements do you recommend for the Refuge?

- What changes, if any, would you like to see in the management of the Refuge?

The Service has provided the above questions for optional use only. The Planning Team developed these questions to facilitate issues and ideas. Comments received will be used as part of the planning process. Individual comments will not be referenced in our reports or directly responded to.

The Service will continue to solicit information from the public and other agencies via open houses, meetings, and written comments. Special mailings, newspaper releases, and announcements will continue to inform people of the time and place of opportunities for further input to the CCP.

Review of this project will be conducted in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), NEPA Regulations (40 CFR 1500–1508) found at (<http://www.legal.gsa.gov>), other appropriate Federal laws, and Service policies and procedures for compliance with those regulations.

The Service will prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) in accordance with procedures for implementing NEPA found in the Department of the Interior Manual (DM Part 516, Chap 6). The decision to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement instead of an EA is contingent upon the complexity of issues following the scoping phase of the CCP process.

We estimate that the draft environmental documents will be available in summer 2003 for public review and comment.

Dated: July 18, 2002.

H. Dale Hall,

Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of receipt of application for endangered species permit

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

ACTION: Notice of receipt of application for endangered species permit.

SUMMARY: The following applicant has applied for a permit to conduct certain activities with an endangered species. This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

DATES: Written data or comments on this application must be received at the address given below by September 30, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Documents and other information submitted with this application are available for review by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents to the following office within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 300 Westgate Center Drive, Hadley, Massachusetts 01035. Attention: Diane Lynch, Regional Permits Coordinator. Telephone: 413–253–8628; Facsimile: 413–253–8482.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Diane Lynch, Telephone: 413–253–8628; Facsimile: 413–253–8482

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: You are invited to comment on an application received from the Department of Army's, Fort AP Hill, PRT–TE059639–0. The applicant requests authorization to take (collect) entire individuals of three federally listed endangered plants; one individual of *Sarracenia oreophila* (green pitcher plant); two individuals of *Sarracenia rubra* spp. *alabamensis* (Alabama canebrake pitcher plant) and *Sarracenia rubra* spp. *jonesii* (Mountain sweet pitcher plant), from Caroline County, Virginia. These plants are not native to Virginia and were planted by an unauthorized individual within Fort AP Hill's boundaries. The plants will be removed from Fort AP Hill and provided to the Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens, Richmond, Virginia and used as part of an educational display.

Dated: July 29, 2002.

Mamie A. Parker,

Regional Director.

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