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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR–5288–N–01]

Notice of Proposed Information Collection for Public Comment; Disaster Housing Assistance Program-Ike (DHAP-Ike)

AGENCY: Office of Public and Indian Housing, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The proposed information collection requirement described below will be 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.

DATES: *Comments Due Date:* April 27, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name or OMB Control Number and should be sent to: Lillian L. Deitzer, Department Reports Management Officer, ODAM, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Room 4116, Washington, DC 20410–5000; telephone: 202–708–2374, (this is not a toll-free number) or e-mail Ms. Deitzer at Lillian_L_Deitzer@HUD.gov for a copy of the proposed form and other available information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dacia Rogers, Office of Policy, Programs and Legislative Initiatives, PIH, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410; telephone: 202–708–0713 (this is not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department will submit the proposed information collection to OMB for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended). This notice is soliciting comments from members of

the public and affected 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: Disaster Housing Assistance Program-Ike (DHAP-Ike).

OMB Control Number: 2577–0258.

Description of Information Collection: This document provides notice that HUD and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) have executed an Interagency Agreement (IAA) establishing a grant program called the Disaster Housing Assistance Program-Ike (DHAP-Ike), and that the operating requirements for the DHAP-Ike have been issued through HUD Notice. DHAP-Ike is a joint initiative undertaken by HUD and FEMA to provide monthly rent subsidies and case management services for individuals and families displaced by Hurricane Ike and/or Hurricane Gustav who were not receiving housing assistance from HUD.

Agency form number, if applicable: HUD–5251; HUD–5256.

Members of affected public: State, Local or Tribal Government.

Estimation of the total number of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents: The estimated total number of burden hours needed to prepare the information collection is 1,838,520; the number of respondents is 120; the frequency of response for each form varies from quarterly and annually.

Status of the proposed information collection: Extension of a Currently Approved Collection.

Authority: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended.

Dated: February 18, 2009.

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Deputy Assistant Secretary, Policy, Program and Legislative Initiatives.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR–5281–N–14]

Housing Counseling Program

AGENCY: Office of the Chief Information Officer, HUD.

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 allows HUD to contract with organizations that provide tenant and homeowner counseling. Counseling aids tenants and homeowners in improving their housing conditions and in meeting the responsibilities of tenancy and homeownership. HUD-approved agencies can compete for program funds.

DATES: *Comments Due Date:* March 27, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB approval Number (2502–0261) 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, QDAM, 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) 402–8048. 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: Housing Counseling Program.

OMB Approval Number: 2502-0261.
Form Numbers: HUD-9900, HUD-424-CB, HUD-424-CBW, HUD-27300, HUD-2880, HUD-2990, HUD-2991, HUD-96010, HUD-9902, HUD-9908, HUD-9910.

Description of the Need for the Information and its Proposed Use:

Information allows HUD to contract with organizations that provide tenant and homeowner counseling. Counseling aids tenants and homeowners in improving their housing conditions and in meeting the responsibilities of tenancy and homeownership. HUD-approved agencies can compete for program funds.

Frequency of Submission: On occasion, quarterly, monthly, annually.

	Number of respondents	Annual responses	×	Hours per response	=	Burden hours
Reporting Burden	12,450	3.21		0.908		36,320

Total Estimated Burden Hours: 36,320.

Status: Revision of a currently approved collection.

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

Dated: February 18, 2009.

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

[FWS-R1-R-2009-N00006; 1265-0000-10137-S3]

Hakalau Forest National Wildlife Refuge, Hawai'i, HI

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare a comprehensive conservation plan and environmental assessment; announcement of public open house meetings; and request for comments.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service, we) intend to prepare a comprehensive conservation plan (CCP) for the Hakalau Forest National Wildlife Refuge (Refuge), including the Hakalau Forest and the Kona Forest Units. We will also prepare an environmental assessment (EA) to evaluate the effects of various CCP alternatives. This notice also announces public open house meetings; see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for the details. We furnish this notice in compliance with our CCP policy to advise other agencies and the public of our intentions, and to obtain comments

and information on the scope of issues to be considered in the planning process.

DATES: Please provide written comments by March 27, 2009. We will hold public open house meetings on March 3 and 4, 2009, to begin the CCP planning process; see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for dates, times, and locations.

ADDRESSES: Address comments, questions, and requests for further information to Jim Kraus, Refuge Manager, Hakalau Forest National Wildlife Refuge, 60 Nowelo Street, Suite 100; Hilo, HI 96720. Comments may be faxed to the Refuge at (808) 443-2304, or e-mailed to FW1PlanningComments@fws.gov. Include "Hakalau Forest Refuge CCP" in the subject line of the message. Additional information concerning the Refuge is available on the Internet at <http://www.fws.gov/hakalauforest/>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jim Kraus, Refuge Manager, (808) 443-2300.
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: With this notice, we initiate the CCP process for the Hakalau Forest Refuge.

Background

The National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 (Refuge Administration Act), as amended by the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 (16 U.S.C. 668dd-668ee), requires us to develop a CCP for each national wildlife refuge. The purpose of developing a CCP is to provide a refuge manager a 15-year strategy for achieving refuge purposes and contributing toward the mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System (NWRS), consistent with sound principles of fish and wildlife management, conservation, legal mandates, and Service policies. In addition to outlining management direction for conserving wildlife and

their habitats, CCPs identify wildlife-dependent recreation opportunities, including opportunities for wildlife observation, wildlife photography, and environmental education and interpretation.

The Service will prepare an EA to evaluate the environmental effects of CCP alternatives, in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*); NEPA Regulations (40 CFR parts 1500-1508); other appropriate Federal laws and regulations; and our policies and procedures for compliance with those laws and regulations.

Each unit of the NWRS is established for specific purposes. We use these purposes to develop and prioritize management goals and objectives within the NWRS mission, and to guide refuge public uses. The planning process provides opportunities for the public to participate in evaluating our management goals and objectives for conserving important wildlife and its habitat, while providing wildlife-dependent recreation opportunities that are compatible with a refuge's establishing purpose(s) and the mission of the NWRS.

Public Involvement

We will conduct a planning process that will provide opportunities for the public; State and local governments; agencies; Native Hawaiian organizations; and other interest groups to participate. We request input for issues, concerns, ideas, and suggestions for the future management of the Refuge. We will also give the public an opportunity to provide input at open houses to scope issues and concerns. All information provided voluntarily by mail, phone, or at public meetings becomes part of our official public record. We will handle requests for comments received in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, NEPA,