

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**[Docket No. FR-4565-N-21]****Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Comment Request; Request for Final Endorsement of Credit Instrument****AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for 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:* November 6, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB Control Number and should be sent to: Wayne Eddins, Reports Management Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., L'Enfant Building, Room 8202, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 708-5221 (this is not a toll-free number) for copies of the proposed forms and other available information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael L. McCullough, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410, telephone number (202) 708-3000, (this is not a toll-free number) for copies of the proposed forms and other available information.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department is submitting 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 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 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: Request for Final Endorsement of Credit Instrument.

OMB Control Number, if applicable: 2502-0016.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: 24 CFR 200.100—The credit instrument shall be initially and finally endorsed simultaneously for insurance pursuant to a firm commitment to insure upon completion. Advances of construction funds are to be insured pursuant to a firm commitment of insured advances, initial endorsement of the credit instrument shall occur before disbursement of any mortgage proceeds. After all advances of mortgage proceeds, terms, and conditions of the firm commitment are met to the satisfaction of the Department, HUD, will again endorse the credit instrument. Further, the mortgagor must certify at final endorsement of the loan for mortgage insurance that the property covered by the mortgage is free and clear of all liens other than such mortgage, and that there will be no other outstanding unpaid obligations contracted in connection with the mortgage transaction.

Form HUD-92023 is to request final endorsement of the credit instrument by the Department. It is completed by the mortgagee to indicate the schedule of advances made on the project and the final advance to be disbursed immediately upon final endorsement. The reverse side of the form provides for certifications by the mortgagor and the general contractor that there will not be any outstanding unpaid obligations following receipt of the final advance of mortgage proceeds, except such obligations as may be approved by the Commissioner as to term, form and amount.

Agency form number, if applicable: HUD-92023.

Estimation of the total numbers of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response: The estimated number of respondents is 465, frequency of responses is 1, total annual burden hours requested are 465.

Status of the proposed information collection: Reinstatement without change.

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

Dated: August 30, 2000.

William C. Apgar,

Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**[Docket No. FR-4567-N-02]****Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Comment Request; Ginnie Mae Prospectus**

AGENCY: Office of the President of the Government National Mortgage Association (Ginnie Mae), 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:* November 6, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB Control Number and should be sent to: Sonya Suarez, Government National Mortgage Association, Office of Policy, Planning and Risk Management, Department of Housing & Urban Development, 451-7th Street, SW, Room 6226, Washington, DC 20410.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sonya Suarez, Ginnie Mae, (202) 708-2772 (this is not a toll-free number), for copies of the proposed forms and other available documents.

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).

Through this Notice, the Department 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 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: Ginnie Mae Prospectus.

OMB Control Number, if applicable: 2503-0018.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: These forms are used to provide a standard format for the description of securities for each type of mortgage eligible for inclusion in a mortgage-backed securities pool. The prospectus summarizes the type of security being sold or offered to a prospective buyer.

Agency form numbers, if applicable: HUD 11712, 11712-II, 11717, 11717-II, 1724, 11728, 11728-II, 1731, 1734, 11747, 11747-II, and 11772.

Members of affected public: For-profit business (mortgage industry trade associations, securities companies, accounting firms, law firms, service providers, etc.)

Estimation of the total numbers of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response:

Estimation of total number of hours needed to prepare the information collection is based on the number of respondents multiplied by the frequency of responses.

- (1) 655 respondents \times 48 responses = 31,540 total annual responses
- (2) 31,540 \times .25 hours/response = 7,885 annual burden hours

Status of the proposed information collection: This is a reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

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

Dated: August 11, 2000.

J. Nicholas Shelley,

Acting Vice President for Customer Service.
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ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and notice of public scoping meetings related to the SDCP.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), this notice advises the public that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) intends to prepare an EIS to evaluate the impacts of and alternatives for the possible issuing an incidental take permit, pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act), to Pima County. Pima County proposes to be an applicant for an incidental take permit, through development and implementation of the Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan (SDCP), which will serve as a habitat conservation plan, as required by the Act for issuance of an incidental take permit. The SDCP will provide the measures to minimize and mitigate the effects of the proposed taking on listed and sensitive species and the habitats upon which they depend.

DATES AND ADDRESSES: Written comments on conservation alternatives and issues to be addressed in the EIS are requested by October 23, 2000, and should be sent to Mr. David Harlow, Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 2321 West Royal Palm Road, Suite 103, Phoenix, AZ, 85021 at 602/640-2720. Oral and written comments will also be accepted at the public scoping meetings to be held at the following locations:

October 4, 2000, 3-5 PM, Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum, Gallery, 2021 N. Kinney Road, Tucson, AZ 85743.

October 4, 2000, 6-8 PM, Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum, Gallery, 2021 N. Kinney Road, Tucson, AZ 85743.

For the information of the general public, names and addresses of anyone who comments may and can be disclosed under the Freedom of Information Act.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: *On the EIS, Contact:* Ms. Sherry Barrett, Assistant Field Supervisor, Tucson Suboffice, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 300 West Congress, Room 6J, Tucson, AZ, 85701, at 520/670-4617, or Mr. David Harlow, Field Supervisor, Arizona State Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 2321 West Royal Palm Road, Suite 103, Phoenix, AZ, 85021 at 602/640-2720.

For Further Information on the SDCP, Contact: Mr. Paul Fromer, RECON, 1927 Fifth Avenue, Suite 200, San Diego, California 92101-2358 at 619/308-9333. Information on the purpose, membership, meeting schedules, and documents associated with the SDCP

may be obtained on the Internet at <http://www.co.pima.az.us/cmo/sdcp/index.html>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice advises the public that the Service intends to gather information necessary to determine impacts and formulate alternatives for an EIS related to the potential issuance of an incidental take permit to Pima County, Arizona, and the development and implementation of the SDCP, which will provide measures to minimize and mitigate the effects of the incidental take of federally listed species.

Background

Pima County, Arizona, is home to over 800,000 residents, and the population is expected to reach 1.2 million by the year 2020. The Pima County Board of Supervisors is responsible for the protection of those lands in unincorporated Pima County that are of environmental, cultural, or historic importance. Given Pima County's rapid growth rate, Pima County has recognized the need to balance economic, environmental, and human interests by implementing a regional ecosystem-based multi-species conservation program.

Section 9 of the Act prohibits the "taking" of threatened and endangered species. The Service may, however, under limited circumstances, issue permits to take federally listed and candidate species, incidental to, and not the purpose of, otherwise lawful activities. Regulations governing permits for endangered species are at 50 CFR 17.22. The term "take" under the Act means to harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect, or attempt to engage in any such conduct. The proposed permit would allow approved incidental take outside of proposed preserve lands within the proposed permit boundaries.

Section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Act and regulations at 50 CFR 17.32, contain provisions for issuing incidental take permits to non-federal entities for the take of endangered and threatened species, provided the following criteria are met:

1. The taking will be incidental;
2. The applicant will, to the maximum extent practicable, minimize and mitigate the impacts of such taking;
3. The applicant will ensure that adequate funding for the Plan will be provided;
4. The taking will not appreciably reduce the likelihood of the survival and recovery of the species in the wild; and
5. Any other measures that the Service may require as being necessary

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan (SDCP) for Pima County, Arizona

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