

**Abstract:** The purpose of this form is to collect information from individuals on what Independent Study courses they wish to enroll in. This form lists the courses available through FEMA's

Independent Study Program and collections information from individuals so that these courses can be mailed to them.

**Affected Public:** Individuals or households.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:** 2,493.

FEMA form	Number of respondents (A)	Frequency of response (B)	Hours per response (C)	Annual burden hours (A × B × C)
95-23 .....	187,000	1	2 minutes .....	2,493
Total .....	187,000	1	2 minutes .....	2,493

**Estimated Cost to Respondents:** 37 cents per respondent. The total annual burden cost for this collection of information to respondents includes a 37 cent stamp per respondent × 74,800 respondents = \$27,676. No additional cost to the respondent has been identified since about 60% or 112,200 respondents use the Internet to enroll in EMI Independent Study courses, and the estimated hour burden is minimal.

**Estimated Cost to the Agency:** The FEMA Independent Study program costs \$80,784 annually to administer. This includes processing applications, grading exams, issuing course completion certificates, mailing course materials and handling student inquiries. Also, the annual printing cost to reprint course materials is approximately \$70,000. Therefore, the total costs to the Agency for this program is \$150,784.

**Comments:** Written comments are solicited to (a) Evaluate whether the proposed data collection is necessary for the proper performance of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) 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 responses. Comments must be received on or before May 3, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons should submit written comments to Muriel B. Anderson, Chief, Records Management Branch, FEMA, at 500 C Street, SW., Room 316, Washington, DC 20472 or e-mail address [InformationCollections@dhs.gov](mailto:InformationCollections@dhs.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Vilma Schifano-Milmoe, Contract Officer's Technical Representative/ Training Specialist, Independent Study Program, Emergency Management Institute, FEMA, at 301-443-2057. You may contact Ms. Anderson for copies of the proposed information collection (see addressee information above).

Dated: February 24, 2004.

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Acting Division Director, Information Resources Management Division, Information Technology Services Directorate.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Fiscal Year 2004 Private Stewardship Grants Program; Revision of Eligibility Requirements, and Proposal Due Date Extension

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice; revision of eligibility requirements, and extension of the due date.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), issued a **Federal Register** notice on January 6, 2004 (69 FR 670), announcing the request for proposals for the fiscal year 2004 Private Stewardship Grants Program (PSGP). We are now revising the eligibility requirements to clarify, and correctly notice, that projects on lands owned by conservation organizations are eligible for funding through the PSGP. We are also extending the due date for submission of project proposals for Federal assistance under the PSGP to March 31, 2004.

**DATES:** Project proposals must be received by the appropriate Regional Office (see Table 1 in **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**) no later than March 31, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** For additional information, contact the Service's Regional Office that has the responsibility for the State or Territory in which the proposed project would occur. The contact information for each Regional Office is listed in Table 1 under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** below. Information on the PSGP is also available from the Branch of State Grants, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Room 420, Arlington, VA 22203, or electronically at [http://endangered.fws.gov/grants/private\\_stewardship.html](http://endangered.fws.gov/grants/private_stewardship.html), or by e-mail from [Privatestewardship@fws.gov](mailto:Privatestewardship@fws.gov).

Send project proposals to the Service's Regional Office that has the responsibility for the State or Territory in which the proposed project would occur (see Table 1 under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The Program Contact in the appropriate Regional Office identified in Table 1 under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**, or Don Morgan, Chief, Branch of State Grants (703/358-2061).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Background**

Congress appropriated \$7.5 million from the Land and Water Conservation Fund in Fiscal Year 2004 for the PSGP. The PSGP provides grants and other assistance on a competitive basis to individuals and groups engaged in private, voluntary conservation efforts that benefit species listed or proposed as endangered or threatened under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act), candidate species, or other at-risk species on private lands within the United States.

On January 6, 2004, we published in the **Federal Register** (69 FR 670) a notice announcing the request for proposals for the fiscal year 2004 PSGP. In that notice, we advised potential applicants that a complete program announcement and request for proposals could be accessed by visiting Grants.gov ([www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov)). Within the

complete program announcement and request for proposals (Notice of Availability of Federal Assistance), potential applicants were provided with a set of minimum eligibility criteria. One of the eligibility criteria could be read to exclude projects on lands owned by conservation organizations from eligibility for funding under the PSGP. We are now revising the eligibility requirements to clarify, and correctly notice, that projects on lands owned by conservation organizations are eligible for funding through the PSGP. Specifically, section III (Eligibility Information), part 3 (Other), item 2, is revised now to read as follows: "The project must be on land that is privately owned and must entail new or changed management that benefits the target

species. That is, the projects we seek to support should reflect new starts and should not fund management efforts already in place or ongoing."

The January 6, 2004, notice also stated that project proposals must be received by the appropriate Regional Office within 60 days of the notice. Due to the need to revise and clarify the eligibility criteria, and due to substantial interest by the public in participating in this program, we are now extending the due date for submission of project proposals for Federal assistance under the Private Stewardship Grants Program (PSGP) to March 31, 2004.

#### How To Apply for a PSGP Grant

A complete program announcement and request for proposals may be

accessed by visiting Grants.gov ([www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov)). Grants.gov is the new single point of entry for posting Federal Government grant and other assistance opportunities. Potential applicants for the PSGP may access program overview information, the full text of the announcement, and the application package for this request for proposals by accessing Grants.gov and then using the FIND utility ("Find Grant Opportunities," or <http://fedgrants.gov/grants/servlet/SearchServlet/>) to access this information. Potential applicants may use the FIND utility by searching for the PSGP either by entering the title "Private Stewardship Grants Program" or by using the PSGP's Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number of 15.632.

TABLE 1.—WHERE TO SEND PROJECT PROPOSALS AND LIST OF REGIONAL CONTACTS

Service region	States or territory where the project will occur	Where to send your PSGP project proposal	Regional PSGP contact and phone number
Region 1 .....	Hawaii, Idaho, Oregon, Washington, American Samoa, Guam, and Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.	Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Eastside Federal Complex, 911 NE. 11th Avenue, Portland, OR 97232-4181.	Heather Hollis (503/231-6241)
Region 1 .....	California and Nevada .....	Office Manager, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Federal Building, 2800 Cottage Way, Room W-2606, Sacramento, CA 95825-1846.	Michael Fris (916/414-6464)
Region 2 .....	Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas	Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 500 Gold Avenue, SW., Room 4012, Albuquerque, NM 87102.	Mike McCollum (817/277-1100)
Region 3 .....	Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, and Wisconsin.	Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Bishop Henry Whipple Federal Building, One Federal Drive, Fort Snelling, MN 55111-4056.	Peter Fasbender (612/713-5343)
Region 4 .....	Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.	Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1875 Century Boulevard, Suite 200, Atlanta, GA 30345.	Mike Gantt (404/679-7081)
Region 5 .....	Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, and West Virginia.	Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 300 Westgate Center Drive, Hadley, MA 01035-9589.	Diane Lynch (413/253-8628)
Region 6 .....	Colorado, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming.	Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 25486, Denver Federal Center, Denver, CO 80225-0486.	Pat Mehlhop (303/236-7400 ext. 225)
Region 7 .....	Alaska .....	Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1011 East Tudor Road, Anchorage, AK 99503-6199.	Michael Roy (907/786-3925)

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**Craig Manson,**

*Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Geological Survey

#### Request for Public Comments on Proposed Information Collection To Be Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for Review Under the Paperwork Reduction Act

The proposed information collection described below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget

for approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). Copies of the proposed collection of information may be obtained by contacting the Bureau's clearance officer at the phone number listed below. Comments and suggestions on the proposal should be made within 60 days directly to the Bureau clearance officer, U.S. Geological Survey, 807 National Center, 12201 Sunrise Valley