

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department has submitted the proposal for the collection of information, as described below, to OMB for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). The Notice lists the following information: (1) The title of the information collection proposal; (2) the office of the agency to collect the information; (3) the OMB approval number, if applicable; (4) the description of the need for the information and its proposed use; (5) the agency form number, if applicable; (6) what members of the public will be affected by the proposal; (7) how frequently information submissions will

be required; (8) an estimate of the total number of hours needed to prepare the information submission including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response; (9) whether the proposal is new, an extension, reinstatement, or revision of an information collection requirement; and (10) the name and telephone number of an agency official familiar with the proposal and of the OMB Desk Officer for the Department.

This Notice also lists the following information:

Title of Proposal: American Housing Survey (AHS)—2003 National Sample.
OMB Approval Number: 2528–0017.

Form Numbers: AHS–26, AHS–27, AHS–28.

Description of the Need for the Information and its Proposed Use: The 2003 AHS–N is a longitudinal study that provides a periodic measure on the quality, availability, and cost of housing for the nation. The study also provides information on demographic and other characteristics of the occupants. Federal and local agencies use AHS data to evaluate housing issues.

Respondents: Individuals or households.

Frequency of Submission: On occasion, Biannually, Reinterview.

	Number of respondents	Annual responses	×	Hours per response	=	Burden hours
Reporting Burden	63,387	0.8		0.6		35,169

Total Estimated Burden Hours: 35,169.

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: April 11, 2003.

Wayne Eddins,

*Departmental Reports Management Officer,
Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; 5-Year Review of the Marbled Murrelet and the Northern Spotted Owl

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of review.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, announce a 5-year review of the marbled murrelet (*Brachyramphus marmoratus*) and the northern spotted owl (*Strix occidentalis caurina*) under section 4(c)(2)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). The purpose of the review is to ensure that the classification of species' as threatened or endangered on the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants (List) are accurate.

The 5-year review is an assessment of the best scientific and commercial data available at the time of the review. Therefore, we are requesting submission

of any new information (best scientific and commercial data) on the marbled murrelet and the northern spotted owl since their original listings in 1992 and 1990, respectively. If the present classification of these species is not consistent with the best scientific and commercial information available, we may, at the conclusion of this review, initiate a separate action to propose changes to the List accordingly.

DATES: To allow us adequate time to conduct this review, we must receive your information no later than June 20, 2003. However, we will continue to accept new information about any listed species at any time.

ADDRESSES: Submit information to the Field Office Supervisor, Attention Owl and Murrelet 5-year Review, Oregon Fish and Wildlife Office, 2600 SE. 98th Avenue, Suite 100, Portland, Oregon 97266. Information received in response to this notice and review results will be available for public inspection by appointment, during normal business hours, at the above address. New information regarding the northern spotted owl may be sent electronically to owl_information@r1.fws.gov. New information regarding the marbled murrelet may be sent electronically to murrelet_information@r1.fws.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For the marbled murrelet, contact Lee Folliard at the above address, or at 503/231–6179. For the northern spotted owl, contact Robin Bown at the above address, or at 503/231–6179.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Why Is a 5-year Review Conducted?

Section 4(c)(2)(A) of the Act requires that we conduct a review of listed

species at least once every 5 years. We are then, under section 4(c)(2)(B) and the provisions of subsection (a) and (b), to determine, on the basis of such a review, whether or not any species should be removed from the List (delisted), or reclassified from endangered to threatened, or threatened to endangered. Our regulations at 50 CFR 424.21 require that we publish a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing those species currently under active review. This notice announces our active review of the marbled murrelet and northern spotted owl.

The 5-year review considers all new information available at the time of the review. This review will consider the best scientific and commercial data that has become available since the current listing determination or most recent status review, such as:

A. Species biology including, but not limited to, population trends, distribution, abundance, and demographics, and genetics;

B. Habitat conditions including, but not limited to, amount, distribution, and suitability;

C. Conservation measures that have been implemented that benefit the species;

D. Threat status and trends (see five factors under heading “How do we determine whether a species is endangered or threatened?”);

E. Other new information, data, or corrections including, but not limited to, taxonomic or nomenclatural changes, identification of erroneous information contained in the List, and improved analytical methods.

Why Is the Review Being Conducted for the Owl and Murrelet at This Time?

Conducting a 5-year review for these two species at this time was agreed to in connection with proposed settlement of two lawsuits, *Western Council of Industrial Workers v. Secretary of the Interior*, Civil No. 02-6100-AA (D. Or.) and *American Forest Resource Council v. Secretary of the Interior*, Civil No. 02-6087-AA (D. Or.). These settlement agreements are currently pending consideration by the District Court in Oregon. The 5-year review will consider each species' population status, and the threats to each species. The review will consider information that has become available since the original listing determination, such as: population and

demographic trend data; studies of dispersal and habitat use; genetics and species competition investigations; surveys of habitat amount, quality, and distribution; adequacy of existing regulatory mechanisms; and management and conservation planning information. The 5-year review will assess: (a) Whether new information suggests that the species' population is increasing, declining, or stable; (b) whether existing threats are increasing, the same, reduced, or eliminated; (c) if there are any new threats; and (d) if new information or analysis calls into question any of the conclusions in the original listing determination as to the species' status. The review will also apply this new information to

consideration of the appropriate application of the Policy Regarding the Recognition of Distinct Vertebrate Population Segments (61 FR 4722) to the listed entity, if applicable.

How Are the Marbled Murrelet and the Northern Spotted Owl Currently Listed?

The List is found in 50 CFR 17.11 (wildlife) and 17.12 (plants). However, amendments to the List through final rules are published in the **Federal Register**. The List is also available on our Internet site at <http://endangered.fws.gov/wildlife.html#Species>. In Table 1 below, we provide a summary of the listing information for the marbled murrelet and the northern spotted owl.

TABLE 1.—SUMMARY OF THE LISTING INFORMATION FOR THE MARBLED MURRELET AND THE NORTHERN SPOTTED OWL

Common name	Scientific name	Status	Where listed	Final listing rule
Murrelet, marbled	<i>Brachyramphus marmoratus marmoratus</i> .	Threatened	U.S.A. (CA, OR, WA)	57 FR 45328 (01-Oct-92).
Owl, northern spotted	<i>Strix occidentalis caurina</i> ..	Threatened	All populations throughout range.	55 FR 26114 (26-Jun-90).

Definitions Related to This Notice

The following definitions are provided to assist those persons who contemplate submitting information regarding the species being reviewed:

A. *Species* includes any species or subspecies of fish, wildlife, or plant, and any distinct population segment of any species of vertebrate, which interbreeds when mature.

B. *Distinct Population Segment* is defined in our February 7, 1996, Policy Regarding the Recognition of Distinct Vertebrate Population Segments (61 FR 4722). For a population to be listed under the Act as a distinct vertebrate population segment, three elements are considered: (1) The discreteness of the population segment in relation to the remainder of the species to which it belongs; (2) the significance of the population segment to the species to which it belongs; and (3) the population segment's conservation status in relation to the Act's standards for listing (*i.e.*, is the population segment endangered or threatened?). Distinct population segments of vertebrate species, as well as subspecies of all listed species, may be proposed for separate reclassification or for removal from the list. Any distinct population segment of a vertebrate taxon that was listed prior to the implementation of this policy will be reevaluated on a case-by-case basis as recommendations are made to change the listing status for that distinct population segment. The appropriate

application of the policy will also be considered in the 5-year reviews of the status of listed species required by section 4(c)(2) of the Act.

C. *Endangered* means any species that is in danger of extinction throughout all or a significant portion of its range.

D. *Threatened* means any species that is likely to become an endangered species within the foreseeable future throughout all or a significant portion of its range.

How Do We Determine Whether a Species Is Endangered or Threatened?

Section 4(a)(1) of the Act establishes that we determine whether a species is endangered or threatened based on one or more of the following five factors:

A. The present or threatened destruction, modification, or curtailment of its habitat or range;

B. Overutilization for commercial, recreational, scientific, or educational purposes;

C. Disease or predation;

D. The inadequacy of existing regulatory mechanisms; or

E. Other natural or manmade factors affecting its continued existence. In summary, our determination required under section 4(b)(1) of the Act shall be made on the basis of the best scientific and commercial data available.

What Could Happen As a Result of This Review?

If we find that there is new information concerning the marbled

murrelet or northern spotted owl indicating a change in classification is warranted, we may propose new rules that could do one of the following: (a) Reclassify the species from threatened to endangered; or (b) remove the species from the List.

Any Distinct Population Segment (DPS) of a vertebrate taxon that was listed prior to implementation of the DPS policy will be reevaluated on a case-by-case basis as recommendations are made to change the listing status for that distinct population segment. The appropriate application of the DPS policy will also be considered in the 5-year reviews of the status of listed species required by section 4(c)(2) of the Act.

What Will Happen if No New Information Is Submitted for the Species Under Review?

No changes will be made to the classification of the marbled murrelet or northern spotted owl as a result of this review unless we find that there is new information indicating that such action is warranted. However, we are not limited to reviewing listed species only during a 5-year review. We may review a species at any time, and may initiate reclassification or delisting whenever the best available scientific and commercial information indicates that such action is warranted.

Public Solicitation of New Information:

We request any new information concerning the status of the northern spotted owl and marbled murrelet. New information is considered to be scientific and commercial data that has become available since the time of the species current listing determination or most recent status review. In particular, we are seeking information such as:

A. Species biology including, but not limited to, population trends, distribution, abundance, demographics, and genetics;

B. Habitat conditions including, but not limited to, amount, distribution, and suitability;

C. Conservation measures that have been implemented that benefit the species;

D. Threat status and trends (see five factors under heading "How do we determine whether a species is endangered or threatened?");

E. Other new information, data, or corrections including, but not limited to, taxonomic or nomenclatural changes, identification of erroneous information contained in the List, and improved analytical methods.

Specifically for the owl and murrelet we are interested in new information, analyses, and/or reports for these species that summarize and interpret: demographic or population trends; genetics and competition; habitat amount, use, and distribution; and adequacy of existing regulatory mechanisms, management, and conservation planning. We request this information for all applicable land ownerships within the range of both species.

Information submitted should be supported by documentation such as maps, bibliographic references, methods used to gather and analyze the data, and/or copies of any pertinent publications, reports, or letters by knowledgeable sources.

Authority

This document is published under the authority of the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

Dated: April 2, 2003.

Steve Williams,

Director, Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management**

[CO-934-5700; COC63737]

Notice of Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Leases

Pursuant to the provisions of 30 U.S.C. 188 (d) and (e), and 43 CFR 3108.2-3 (a) and (b)(1), a petition for reinstatement of oil and gas lease COC 63737 for lands in Weld county, Colorado, was timely filed and was accompanied by all the required rentals accruing from the date of termination. The lessee has agreed to the amended lease terms for rentals and royalties at the rate of \$10.00 per acre, or fraction thereof, per year and 16 $\frac{2}{3}$ percent, respectively. The lessee has paid the required \$500 administrative fee and \$166 to reimburse the Department for the cost of this **Federal Register** notice. The lessee has met all the requirements for reinstatement of the lease as set out in section 31 (d) and (e) of the Mineral Lands Leasing Act of 1920 (30 U.S.C. 188), and the Bureau of Land Management is proposing to reinstate lease COC 63737 effective June 1, 2002, subject to the original terms and conditions of the lease and the increased rental and royalty rates cited above.

Beverly A. Derringer,

Chief, Fluid Minerals Adjudication.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management**

[ES-930-03-1310-LAES 47736]

Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Lease, Louisiana

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Proposed reinstatement of terminated oil and gas lease.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of Public Law 97-451, a petition for reinstatement of oil and gas lease, LAES 47736, Cameron Parish, Louisiana, was timely filed and accompanied by all required rentals and royalties. No valid lease has been issued affecting the lands. The lessee has agreed to new lease terms for rental and royalties at rates of \$10 per acre and 12 $\frac{2}{3}$ percent. Payment of \$500 in administrative fees and a \$158 publication fee has been made.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:

Gina Goodwin, Land Law Examiner, BLM Eastern States Office, 7450 Boston Boulevard, Springfield, Virginia 22153 at (703) 440-1534.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Bureau of Land Management is proposing to reinstate the lease effective the date of termination, June 1, 2002, subject to the original terms and conditions of the lease and the increased rental and royalty rates cited above. This is in accordance with section 31(d) and (e) of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended (30 U.S.C. 188 (d) and (e)).

Dated: March 6, 2003.

Michael D. Nedd,

State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management**

[CA-930-01-5410-EQ-B172; CACA 43937]

Conveyance of Mineral Interests in California

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of segregation.

SUMMARY: The mineral interests owned by the United States in the land described in this notice, aggregating 160 acres, are segregated and made unavailable for filings under the general mining laws and the mineral leasing laws to determine the suitability for conveyance of the reserved mineral interest pursuant to section 209 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of October 21, 1976. The mineral interests may be conveyed in whole or in part upon favorable mineral examination. The purpose is to allow consolidation of surface and subsurface of minerals ownership where there are no known mineral values or in those instances where the reservation interferes with or precludes appropriate non-mineral development and such development is a more beneficial use of the land than the mineral development.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kathy Gary, California State Office, Federal Office Building, 2800 Cottage Way, Room W-1834, Sacramento, California 95825, (916) 978-4677.

Serial No. CACA 4393757

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Minerals Reservation—All coal and other minerals.