Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, and as part of our continuing efforts to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, we invite the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on this IC.

DATES: To ensure that your comments are considered, we must receive them on or before August 31, 2015.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on this information collection to the Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Geological Survey, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive MS 807, Reston, VA 20192 (mail); (703) 648-7197 (fax); or gs-info_collections@usgs.gov (email). Please reference “Information Collection 1028–NEW, Assessing Public Views of Waterfowl-Related Topics to Inform the North American Waterfowl Management Plan” in all correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Holly Miller, Social Scientist, at (970) 226-9133 or millerh@usgs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The North American Waterfowl Management Plan (NAWMP) is an international agreement signed by the United States Secretary of the Interior, the Canadian Minister of the Environment, and the Mexican Secretary of the Environment and Natural Resources. NAWMP lays out a strategy to restore waterfowl populations in North America through habitat protection, restoration, and enhancement. The 2012 revised goals of NAWMP focused for the first time on people as well as waterfowl and their habitats. Specifically, the plan states that “The needs and desires of people [as they relate to waterfowl] must be clearly understood and explicitly addressed” and calls for more human dimensions research with waterfowl hunters, viewers, and the general public. The plan recognizes the interconnectedness of waterfowl, their habitat, and stakeholders. Without human dimensions information, NAWMP objectives may not reflect stakeholder and societal values, and management and policy decisions may lead to actions that could be either irrelevant or counter to stakeholder and societal expectations.

To meet the goals set forth in the 2012 NAWMP revision, the NAWMP Human Dimensions Working Group has asked the USGS to conduct a mail survey to assess the general public’s awareness and perceptions of waterfowl and wetlands, as well as measure participation in recreational activities, conservation behaviors, how people obtain information on nature-related issues, and demographics. Demographics collected on the survey will include voluntarily provided personally identifiable information (PII) such as gender, education, income, and race/ethnicity. Additionally, a representative sample of names and mailing addresses from the general public will be purchased from a survey sampling company which uses publically available information to construct sample lists.

To protect the confidentiality and privacy of survey respondents, the voluntarily provided PII from the survey will not be associated with any respondent’s name or mailing address at any time and will only be analyzed and reported in aggregate. All files containing PII will be password-protected, housed on secure USGS servers, and only accessible to the research team.

PII collected on the survey will be used to understand if any segments of the American public hold differing views on waterfowl and waterfowl-related topics. For example, there may be differences in awareness and perceptions of waterfowl and wetlands or in participation in recreational activities between men and women. This will enable waterfowl managers and policymakers to better understand and be more responsive to the varied stakeholders they are serving. The data from the survey will be aggregated and statistically analyzed and the results will be published in publically available USGS reports.

The USGS Ecosystems Mission Area is conducting this effort as it aligns with their mission to “work with others to provide the scientific understanding and technologies needed to support the sound management and conservation of our Nation’s biological resources.” Specifically, the Ecosystems Mission Area “enters into partnerships with scientific collaborators to produce high-quality scientific information and partnerships with the users of scientific information to ensure this information’s relevance and application to real problems.”

II. Data

OMB Control Number: 1028–NEW.
Title: Assessing Public Views of Waterfowl-Related Topics to Inform the North American Waterfowl Management Plan.
Type of Request: New information collection.
Affected Public: General public.
Respondent's Obligation: None.
Participation is voluntary.

Frequency of Collection: One time only.
Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 1,200.
Estimated Total Number of Annual Responses: 1,200.
Estimated Time per Response: 20 minutes.
Estimated Annual Burden Hours: 400.
Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping "Non-Hour Cost" Burden: None.

Public Disclosure Statement: The PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501, et seq.) provides that an agency may not conduct or sponsor and you are not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number and current expiration date.

III. Request for Comments

We are soliciting comments as to: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the agency to perform its duties, including whether the information is useful; (b) the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) how to minimize the burden on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Please note that the comments submitted in response to this notice are a matter of public record. Before including your personal mailing address, phone number, email address, or other personally identifiable information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment, including your personally identifiable information, may be made publically available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personally identifiable information from public view, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Dated: May 24, 2015.
David Hamilton,
Fort Collins Science Center Director.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Indian Affairs
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Indian Gaming
AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.
SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) is seeking comments on the renewal of Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the collection of information titled "Reindeer in Alaska," authorized by OMB Control Number 1076-0047. This information collection expires September 30, 2015.

DATES: Submit comments on or before August 31, 2015.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on the information collection to David Edington, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Office of Trust Services, 1849 C Street NW., MS-4637-MIB, Washington, DC 20240; email: David.Edington@bia.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Edington, phone: (202) 513-0886.

I. Abstract

The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) is seeking renewal of the approval for the information collection conducted under 25 CFR part 243, Reindeer in Alaska, which is used to monitor and regulate the possession and use of Alaskan reindeer by non-Natives in Alaska. The information to be provided includes an applicant's name and address, and where an applicant will keep the reindeer. The applicant must fill out an application for a permit to get a reindeer for any purpose, and is required to report on the status of reindeer annually or when a change occurs, including changes prior to the date of the annual report. This information collection utilizes four forms. This renewal request does not include any changes to the burden hours.

II. Request for Comments

The BIA requests your comments on this collection concerning: (a) The necessity of this information collection for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (hours and cost) of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) Ways we could enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) Ways we could minimize the burden of the collection of the information on the respondents.

Please note that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and an individual need not respond to, a collection of information unless it has a valid OMB Control Number.

It is our policy to make all comments available to the public for review at the location listed in the ADDRESSES section. Before including your address, phone number, email address or other personally identifiable information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 1076-0047.
Title: Reindeer in Alaska, 25 CFR 243.
Brief Description of Collection: There are four forms associated with this information collection: Sale Permit for Alaska Reindeer, Sale Report for Alaska Reindeer, Special Use Permit for Alaska Reindeer, and Special Use Reindeer Report. Responses are required to obtain or retain a benefit.

Type of Review: Extension without change of currently approved collection.

Respondents: Non-Natives who wish to possess Alaskan reindeer.
Number of Respondents: 18 per year, on average (8 respondents for the Sale Permit for Alaska Reindeer, 8 respondents for the Sale Report Form for Alaska Reindeer, 1 respondent for the Special Use Permit for Alaskan Reindeer, and 1 respondent for the Special Use Reindeer Report).

Frequency of Response: Once a year, on average.

Estimated Time per Response: 5 minutes for the Sale Permit and Report forms; and 10 minutes for the Special Use Permit and Report forms, on average.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 2 hours.
Estimated Total Annual Non-Hour Dollar Cost: $10.00.

Elizabeth K. Appel,
Director, Office of Regulatory Affairs and Collaborative Action—Indian Affairs.

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MAY 29 2015

The Honorable Maria Lopez
Chairperson, Hoh Indian Tribe
P.O. Box 2196
Forks, Washington 98331

Dear Chairperson Lopez:

On April 14, 2015, the Department of the Interior received the Amendment to the Tribal-State Compact (Amendment) between the Hoh Indian Tribe (Tribe), and the State of Washington (State) providing for the conduct of class III gaming activities by the Tribe.

We have completed our review of the Amendment submitted by the Tribe, and the State, and conclude that they do not violate that Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA), any other provision of Federal law that does not relate to jurisdiction over gaming on Indian lands, or the trust obligations of the United States to Indians. See 25 U.S.C. § 2710 (d)(8)(B). Therefore, pursuant to my delegated authority and Section 11 of IGRA, I approve the Amendments. See 25 U.S.C. § 2710(d)(8)(A). The Amendments shall take effect when the notice of this approval is published in the Federal Register. See 25 U.S.C. § 2710 (d)(3)(B).

A similar letter has been sent to the Honorable Jay Inslee, Governor of the State of Washington.

Sincerely,

Kevin K. Washburn
Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs
THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE TRIBAL-STATE COMPACT
FOR CLASS III GAMING BETWEEN
THE HOH INDIAN TRIBE AND THE STATE OF WASHINGTON


WHEREAS, the Class III Gaming Compact executed by the State and the Tribe, as well any amendments thereto, were approved by the Secretary of the Interior and are in full force and effect (hereinafter referred to as the “Compact”); and

WHEREAS, the State and Tribe subsequently conducted additional negotiations in accordance with the provisions of IGRA and the terms of the Compact; and

WHEREAS, the State and Tribe have agreed to certain changes to the Compact, including certain provisions found within Appendix X2, and agreed to incorporate an optional Addendum to that Appendix,

NOW, THEREFORE, the Compact shall be, and is hereby amended as follows:

1. Add Compact Section III.

Q. Acceptance of Electronic Benefits Cards From the State of Washington.

The Tribe shall ensure that all cash dispensing outlets, including without limitation, automated teller machines (ATM) and point of sale machines located within the Tribe’s Gaming Facility or Facilities, shall not accept Electronic Benefits Cards.

2. Amend Appendix X2, Section 12.1 to:

12.1 Allocation. The Tribe shall be entitled to an Allocation of, and may operate or transfer the ability to operate, up to 1075 Player Terminals (“Allocation”).

3. Amend Appendix X2, Section 13.4, Sub-Sections 13.4.1 to 13.4.5 to:

13.4.1 First Year Regulatory Fees. Upon commencement of operations of a Gaming Operation, the SGA shall make a good faith estimate of the cost of regulating the Tribe’s activities under this Appendix for the remainder of the calendar year.

13.4.2 Cost Allocation. Notwithstanding anything in the Compact to the contrary, the Regulatory Fees for all class III activities under the Compact, including those applicable to the activities described in this Appendix (except for the first year fees set by estimate as provided in Sections 13.4.1), shall be set by determining the cost of regulating the
Tribe’s class III activities using the State’s cost allocation model currently in use as of the effective date of this Amendment.

13.4.3 Billing and Payment. The SGA shall notify the Tribe of the forthcoming Regulatory Fee at least 45 days prior to its becoming due. Regulatory Fees may be paid for an entire year in advance of the date on which the billing year commences (calendar year) or in no more than 12 equal monthly installments, each of which shall be due on the first day of each month, which monthly payments shall commence on the first day of the first month of the billing year, or within 45 days following notification of the amount of the forthcoming year’s Regulatory Fee, whichever is later.

13.4.4 Audit. The SGA shall send the Tribe an annual audited accounting of actual costs on or before April 30th of the following year.

13.4.5 Revisions to State’s Cost Allocation Model. The State may revise its cost allocation model, which shall become effective upon 90 days’ notice to the Tribe. If the Tribe disputes the revised model, the State and Tribe shall meet and confer in an attempt to resolve the matter within 30 days. If the parties cannot resolve the dispute, the dispute resolution provisions set forth in section 13.5 shall apply.

4. Amend Appendix X2, Sections 14.4 and 14.5 to:

14.4 Problem Gambling. Thirteen one-hundredths of one percent (0.13%) of the net win derived from all Class III gaming activities, determined on an annual basis, shall be dedicated to problem gambling education, awareness, and treatment in the State of Washington. Contributions shall be made to governmental, charitable and/or non-profit organizations, which may include the Department of Social and Health Services’ Division of Alcohol and Substance Abuse (DSHS/DASA), that are directly related to helping to reduce problem gambling. The 0.13 percent of net win shall be paid annually, commencing with the conclusion of the Tribe’s first full fiscal year following the date upon which this Appendix becomes effective and shall be paid annually within one year of the close of the Tribe’s fiscal year.

14.5 Smoking Cessation and Prevention. Thirteen one-hundredths of one percent (0.13%) of the net win derived from Tribal Lottery System activities, determined on an annual basis, shall be dedicated to smoking cessation, prevention, education, awareness, and treatment in the State of Washington. Contributions shall be made to governmental, charitable and/or nonprofit organizations that have as a purpose the discouragement of the use of tobacco. However, if the Tribe operates any of its Class III gaming facilities as entirely smoke-free, the Tribe’s smoking cessation contribution shall be reduced proportionally based upon the pro rata number of Tribal Lottery System machines in that non-smoking facility compared to the total number of Tribal Lottery System machines operated by the Tribe. Additionally, it is also agreed that if the Tribe completely prohibits the sale and use of alcohol in all of its Class III gaming facilities, the Tribe shall be entirely excused from making the smoking cessation contribution required by this subsection for as long as the prohibition on the sale and use of alcohol remains in effect.
The 0.13 percent of net win shall be paid annually, commencing with the conclusion of the Tribe’s first full fiscal year following the date upon which this Appendix becomes effective and shall be paid annually within one year of the close of the Tribe’s fiscal year as set forth in section 14.6.3.

5. Incorporate by reference as a fully enforceable part of the Compact:

Appendix X2 Addendum Tribal Lottery System Terminal Allocations, in the form attached hereto.

This Amendment shall take effect upon publication of notice of approval by the United States Secretary of the Interior in the Federal Register in accordance with 25 U.S.C. § 2710(d)(3)(B).

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Hoh Indian Tribe and the State of Washington have executed this Third Amendment to the Compact.

HOH INDIAN TRIBE

BY: ____________________________

MAY LOPEZ
Chair

DATED: 2/27/15

STATE OF WASHINGTON

BY: ____________________________

JAY INSLEE
Governor

DATED: 4/8/15
Hoh Indian Tribe - State of Washington
Class III Gaming Compact

Appendix X2 Addendum
Tribal Lottery System Terminal Allocations

Section 1. Overview

The Parties executed the Second Amendment to the Tribal-State Compact, known as Appendix X2. Appendix X2 became effective May 31, 2007. This Appendix X2 Addendum further supplements Appendix X2 as follows:

Section 2. Definitions

All terms not defined herein shall have the same definitions as in the Tribe’s Compact and its amendments and appendices.

2.1 “Available for Lease” means a Player Terminal that is part of an Eligible Tribe’s Allocation of Player Terminals and is neither in use in any Eligible Tribe’s Gaming Facility or Facilities, nor leased to another Eligible Tribe.

2.2 “Certification” means a confirmation conducted and signed by an Independent Accounting Firm that states the number of Player Terminals Available for Lease in the State of Washington.

2.3 “Eligible Tribe” means a Washington Tribe that has entered into a compact authorizing operation of a Tribal Lottery System consistent with Appendix X2.

2.4 “Independent Accounting Firm” means a person or firm licensed by the Washington State Board of Accountancy.

Section 3. Increases to Tribe’s Allocation of Player Terminals

3.1 The Tribe’s Allocation of Player Terminals as set forth in Appendix X2 may increase by 50 Player Terminals upon meeting the procedures and conditions set forth in this Addendum.

3.2 The Tribe shall provide the State Gaming Agency with written notice, along with Certification from an Independent Accounting Firm, that there are 500 or fewer Player Terminals Available for Lease among all tribes participating in the Tribal Lottery System under Appendix X2. The Tribe shall derive its notice and Certification from information provided by participants in the plan described in Section 12.2.2 of Appendix X2.

3.3 Upon receipt of the Tribe’s notice, the State Gaming Agency shall review the Certification and verify the Player Terminals Available for Lease in the state. To facilitate the State Gaming Agency’s review and verification process, the Tribe
shall authorize the Independent Accounting Firm to make available for review by
the State Gaming Agency all supporting records used to develop the Certification.

3.4 The State Gaming Agency has 30 days to review, verify, and provide written
notification to the Tribe of the additional Allocation of Player Terminals set forth
in Section 3.1. Any such increase to the Tribe’s Allocation shall become effective
30 days after notification by the State Gaming Agency.

3.5 Such notice by the State Gaming Agency shall for all purposes increase the
Allocation of Player Terminals for the Tribe until such time as, if ever, another
notice and Certification is delivered to the State Gaming Agency for an increase
to the Allocation.

3.6 Except as set forth in Section 3.7, additional increases to the Tribe’s Allocation of
Player Terminals under this Section are limited to one (1) increase per twelve (12)
month period.

3.7 Notwithstanding the limitation set forth in Sections 3.5 and 3.6, if the Tribe, or
another Eligible Tribe, licenses a new Gaming Facility on Tribal Lands that will
operate more than 1,075 Player Terminals at its initial opening, the Tribe may
provide written notification to the State Gaming Agency of such licensure. After
receipt of such notification, the State Gaming Agency has 30 days to review,
concur, and provide written notification to the Tribe that the Tribe’s Allocation of
Player Terminals shall increase by an additional 50 Player Terminals.

3.8 In the event any other Eligible Tribe becomes entitled to an increased Allocation
of Player Terminals under that tribe’s version of Section 3.4 or 3.7, the Tribe shall
be automatically entitled to the same Allocation increase authorized to that other
Washington tribe by its version of Section 3.4 or 3.7 above, and the State shall
provide prompt notification of the increase to the Tribe.

Section 4. Dispute Resolution

4.1 If a dispute arises between the Tribe and the State with respect to the terms and
conditions set forth in this Addendum, including but not limited to the number of
Player Terminals Available for Lease, the State and Tribe shall meet and attempt
to resolve the dispute not later than 30 days prior to the increased Allocation of
Player Terminals going into effect.

4.2 If either party believes, after the meet and confer has commenced, that a
resolution by the parties cannot be achieved, then either or both parties shall be
entitled to have the dispute resolved pursuant to the dispute resolution provisions
of the Compact.