

**ACTION:** 30-Day notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment upon this proposed revision of a currently approved collection of information. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the information collection notice is published in the **Federal Register** to obtain comments regarding the nature of the information collection, the categories of respondents, the estimated burden (*i.e.* the time, effort, and resources used by the respondents to respond), the estimated cost to the respondent, and the actual information collection instruments.

**DATES:** Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for 30 days until October 11, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time, must be submitted via the Federal eRulemaking Portal website at <http://www.regulations.gov> under e-Docket ID number USCIS–2006–0028. All submissions received must include the OMB Control Number 1615–0001 in the body of the letter, the agency name and Docket ID USCIS–2006–0028.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** USCIS, Office of Policy and Strategy, Regulatory Coordination Division, Samantha Deshommès, Chief, telephone number (240) 721–3000 (This is not a toll-free number. Comments are not accepted via telephone message). Please note contact information provided here is solely for questions regarding this notice. It is not for individual case status inquiries. Applicants seeking information about the status of their individual cases can check Case Status Online, available at the USCIS website at <https://www.uscis.gov>, or call the USCIS Contact Center at 800–375–5283 (TTY 800–767–1833).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Comments**

The information collection notice was previously published in the **Federal Register** on June 12, 2023, at 88 FR 38084, allowing for a 60-day public comment period. USCIS did not receive any comments in connection with the 60-day notice.

You may access the information collection instrument with instructions or additional information by visiting the Federal eRulemaking Portal site at:

<https://www.regulations.gov> and entering USCIS–2006–0028 in the search box. The comments submitted to USCIS via this method are visible to the Office of Management and Budget and comply with the requirements of 5 CFR 1320.12(c). All submissions will be posted, without change, to the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>, and will include any personal information you provide. Therefore, submitting this information makes it public. You may wish to consider limiting the amount of personal information that you provide in any voluntary submission you make to DHS. DHS may withhold information provided in comments from public viewing that it determines may impact the privacy of an individual or is offensive. For additional information, please read the Privacy Act notice that is available via the link in the footer of <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies should address one or more of the following four points:

- (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, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- (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, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of responses.

**Overview of This Information Collection**

(1) *Type of Information Collection:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Petition for Alien Fiancé(e).

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the DHS sponsoring the collection:* I–129F; USCIS.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Primary: Individuals or households. Form I–129F must be filed with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) by a citizen of the

United States to petition for an alien spouse, fiancé(e), or child.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* The estimated total number of respondents for the information collection I–129F is 48,533 and the estimated hour burden per response is 3.12 hours; The estimated total number of respondents for the information collection of Biometrics is 48,533 and the estimated hour burden per response is 1.17 hours.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* The total estimated annual hour burden associated with this collection is 204,047 hours.

(7) *An estimate of the total public burden (in cost) associated with the collection:* The estimated total annual cost burden associated with this collection of information is \$8,865,825.

Dated: August 28, 2023.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Fish and Wildlife Service**

[FWS–R8–NWRS–2023–N050;  
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**San Luis and Merced National Wildlife Refuges and Grasslands Wildlife Management Area, CA; Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan/Environmental Assessment**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** We, the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce the availability of a draft comprehensive conservation plan (CCP) and draft environmental assessment (EA) for San Luis and Merced National Wildlife Refuges and the Grasslands Wildlife Management Area (collectively, the refuges) for review and comment. The draft CCP/EA, prepared under the National Wildlife Refuge Improvement Act of 1997, and in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, describes how the Service proposes to manage the refuges for the next 15 years. Draft compatibility determinations for multiple existing and

proposed uses, a revised hunt plan, and a visitor services plan are also available for review and public comment. We invite comment from the public and local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies.

**DATES:** To ensure consideration, we must receive your written comments by October 26, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** *Accessing Documents:* You may obtain electronic copies of the draft CCP/EA, the revised hunt plan, the visitor services plan, and the draft compatibility determinations on San Luis Refuge's website, at <https://www.fws.gov/refuge/san-luis/what-we-do>. Hard copies of the draft CCP/EA may be viewed in person during regular business hours, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, at San Luis NWR Complex Headquarters, 7376 S Wolfen Road, Los Banos, CA 93635.

*Submitting Comments:* Please submit comments by only one of the following methods.

- *Email:* Address comments to [fw8plancomments@fws.gov](mailto:fw8plancomments@fws.gov). Include "San Luis CCP" in the subject line of the message.

- *In-Person Drop off:* You may drop off comments during regular business hours at San Luis NWR Complex Headquarters (address above).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John Kurtz, Conservation Planner, via email at [john\\_kurtz@fws.gov](mailto:john_kurtz@fws.gov), or Chris Harper, San Luis NWR Project Leader, via email at [chris\\_harper@fws.gov](mailto:chris_harper@fws.gov), or by phone at (209) 826-3508.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 (16 U.S.C. 668dd-668ee), which amended the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966, requires the Service to develop a CCP for each national wildlife refuge. The purpose in developing a CCP is to provide refuge managers with a 15-year plan for achieving refuge purposes and contributing toward the mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System, consistent with sound principles of fish and wildlife management, conservation, legal mandates, and our policies. In addition to outlining broad management direction on conserving wildlife and their habitats, CCPs identify wildlife-dependent recreational opportunities available to the public, including opportunities for hunting, fishing, wildlife observation and photography, and environmental education and interpretation. We will review and update the CCP at least every 15 years in accordance with the Improvement Act.

## Introduction

With this notice, we continue the CCP process for San Luis National Wildlife Refuge, Merced National Wildlife Refuge, and Grasslands Wildlife Management Area (collectively, "the refuges"), which we began by publishing a notice of intent in the **Federal Register** on September 8, 2008 (73 FR 52063). We hosted three public scoping meetings, two in Los Banos on September 24, 2008, and one in Merced, on September 25, 2008. In addition to the **Federal Register** notice of intent, our outreach included two planning updates, two initial public scoping meetings, and a CCP web page. The scoping comment period ended on October 23, 2008. Over 100 comments were received at the meetings, via email, and by postal mail. For more about the initial process and the history of the Refuge, see the September 8, 2008, notice.

## Background

The San Luis and Merced National Wildlife Refuges (NWRs) and Grasslands Wildlife Management Area (WMA) are in Merced County, California, adjacent to the communities of Los Banos and Merced. They are situated within the San Joaquin River watershed in the San Joaquin Valley. Along with San Joaquin River National Wildlife Refuge, they make up the San Luis National Wildlife Refuge Complex; however, San Joaquin River National Wildlife Refuge is covered under a separate CCP (2006).

Collectively, San Luis, Merced, and Grasslands contain one of the largest remaining contiguous freshwater wetlands remaining in California, which provides important winter habitat for millions of migratory birds, as well as assemblages of other native wetland- and grassland-dependent wildlife.

The Merced NWR was established in 1951 and consists of 10,262 acres (ac). The San Luis NWR was established in 1967 and consists of 26,878 ac. The Grasslands WMA was established in 1979 and contains more than 190 privately owned parcels under Service conservation easements, totaling approximately 90,000 ac, within an approved acquisition boundary of 230,000 ac. All three areas are part of the Grasslands Ecological Area, which is a 160,000-ac mosaic of Central Valley floor habitats located primarily within Merced County between I-5 and I-99 in the northern San Joaquin Valley, west of a line between Modesto and Fresno.

## Additional Information

The draft CCP/EA, revised hunt plan, visitor services plan and draft

compatibility determinations can be found at <https://www.fws.gov/refuge/san-luis/what-we-do>. The draft CCP includes detailed information about the planning process, history of the refuges, management issues, ecological context, and management opportunities.

## National Environmental Policy Act Compliance

The draft EA was prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA; 43 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*). The draft EA identifies and evaluates three alternatives for managing the refuges for the next 15 years. The alternative that appears to best meet the refuges' purposes is identified as the proposed action. The proposed action is identified based on the analysis presented in the draft CCP/EA, which may be modified following the completion of the public comment period, based on comments received from other agencies, Tribal governments, nongovernmental organizations, or individuals.

Under Alternative A (no action alternative), the current management actions, including habitat management, wildlife management, wildlife-oriented recreation opportunities, and environmental education, would be continued on Merced and San Luis NWRs. Habitat and wildlife management activities would include habitat management, with a focus on wetlands for migratory bird use, habitat restoration projects, vernal pool management, grassland management, invasive plant management, wildlife and habitat surveys, and ungulate management. We would continue to offer a wide variety of wildlife-oriented recreation opportunities to the public, including several auto-tour routes; numerous nature trails, and a large recreational waterfowl hunt program, as well as environmental education activities for schools. Existing restoration and management plans would continue to be implemented. For the remaining available acquisition authority in the Grasslands WMA, the Service would seek to acquire additional wildlife conservation easements from willing sellers within the approved acquisition boundary.

Alternative B, which has a wetland wildlife focus, also includes those actions in Alternative A. In addition to those activities occurring in Alternative A, we would seek 28,000 ac-feet of additional water to manage existing and additional wetlands on San Luis and Merced NWRs. The Service would also restore 600 ac of seasonal wetlands and increase the value of these habitats to migratory birds. Under Alternative B,

we would also restore 100 ac of riparian woodlands and 1,700 ac of vernal pool habitat on the Snobird unit of the Merced NWR.

Under Alternative C (proposed action), the Service would manage with a biodiversity focus that would include both wetland and upland habitats for wildlife. We would manage wetland-dependent wildlife and wetland habitats on San Luis and Merced NWRs essentially the same as under Alternative B, except moist soil wetlands (the most common wetland habitat at the Complex) would continue to be managed under an 8-year disturbance cycle. Grassland management activities would increase at the San Luis and Merced NWRs, to focus on providing nesting habitat for migratory birds and other wildlife and suitable grazing/foraging habitat for migratory birds, including geese, cranes and curlew, and on restoring native plants and natural processes to grasslands. Inventory, monitoring, and research programs of natural resources would be expanded. We would shift some of the wildlife easement acquisition authority to fee-title acquisition authority within the Grasslands Wildlife Management Area acquisition boundary to allow greater flexibility for conserving important wildlife habitat (*i.e.*, wetlands, vernal pools). We would expand wildlife observation opportunities by adding an additional riparian focused nature trail, a children's interactive nature exploration area, and an additional boardwalk section. We would also host visitor workshops on wildlife identification/observation and photography. Interpretation and environmental education opportunities would also be improved and expanded.

#### Public Meetings

The locations, dates, and times of public meetings will be listed in a public communications release distributed to the project mailing list and posted on the refuge website at <https://www.fws.gov/refuge/san-luis>.

#### Review and Comment

At the end of the review and comment period for the draft CCP/EA, comments will be analyzed by the Service and addressed in the final CCP/EA. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying 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 view, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

**Kaylee Allen,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Geological Survey

**[GX23GK009970000; OMB Control Number 1028-NEW]**

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Landslide Hazards Risk Reduction Grants Program

**AGENCY:** U.S. Geological Survey, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) is proposing a new information collection.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before November 13, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** Send your comments on this information collection request (ICR) by mail to USGS, Information Collections Clearance Officer, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, MS 159, Reston, VA 20192; or by email to [gs-info\\_collections@usgs.gov](mailto:gs-info_collections@usgs.gov). Please reference OMB Control Number 1028-NEW Landslide Hazards Risk Reduction Grants Program in the subject line of your comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request additional information about this ICR, contact Stephen Slaughter by email at [sslaughter@usgs.gov](mailto:sslaughter@usgs.gov), or by telephone at 720-483-3945. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with the PRA, (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) and 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1), all information collections require approval. We may not conduct or sponsor, nor are you required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

As part of our continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burdens, we invite the public and other Federal agencies to comment on new, proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand our information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format.

We are especially interested in public comment addressing the following:

- (1) Whether or not the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether or not the information will have practical utility;
- (2) The accuracy of our estimate of the burden for this collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- (3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

- (4) How the agency might 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 response.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this ICR. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personally identifiable information (PII) in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your PII—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your PII from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

**Abstract:** USGS Cooperative Landslide Hazard Mapping and Assessment Program priorities reflect the National Landslide Preparedness Act (Public Law 116-323), which supports the mission of the USGS Landslide Hazards Program to reduce loss of lives and property from landslides and improve public safety and community resilience for the Nation. Proposed risk-reduction activities should advance landslide science and communication that underlie the priorities of the National Landslide Preparedness Act by focusing on landslide hazard planning, coordination, education, outreach, mapping, and assessments. The