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To: Field Managers

From: Deputy State Director, Resource Services

Subject: Call for Fish and Wildlife Information, FY 1999 DD: 1-19-00

Attached is a copy of WO-IM-2000-057 transmitting FY 1999 Annual Request for Fish, Wildlife, Plant and Threatened and Endangered Species information.

You are requested to provide the following information (see Attachment) pertaining to your Resource Area and to submit your response electronically: Section A. FW-Related Economic/Recreational Data Elements; Section B. ESA Compliance/Species Conservation; Section C. Accomplishments (Narrative); and Section D. Recreational Fisheries Accomplishments. Other information and tables being requested by Washington Office will be completed by the State Office. Send your submission via Lotus Notes to Lee Upham, Colorado State Office (CO-932). You must use the specific guidelines and narrative format, as provided in the WO-IM-2000-057 instructions.

If you have questions or need additional clarification, please call Lee Upham at 303-239-3723 or Jay Thompson at 303-239-3724.

Signed by
Frank Salwerowicz
Deputy State Director,
Resource Services

Authenticated by
Don Snow
EMS Operator

Attachments

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
Washington, D.C. 20240

December 23, 1999

In Reply Refer To:
6500 (230)P

EMS TRANSMISSION 12/27/99
Instruction Memorandum No. 2000-057
Expires: 9/30/2001

To: ADs and AFOs

From: Director Subject: Call for Fish and Wildlife Data DD: 1/21/2000

This memorandum transmits the FY 2000 Annual Request for Fish, Wildlife, and Special Status Species Data (Attachments 1-3) from the Fish, Wildlife and Forests Group (WO-230). As a result of the budget re-engineering process this year, less information is being requested than in previous years. We have attempted to not duplicate requests for information that will be collected in conjunction with the budget process this fiscal year. No further requests for fish and wildlife information on a national scope will be issued in FY 2000.

The National Training Center (NTC), the National Applied Resource Science Center (NARSC) and all BLM State Offices are required to submit information. Information in the appropriate format, as outlined in Attachment 1, includes economic/recreational data elements, special status species information, actual and planned accomplishments and budget information. In addition, the centers are asked to submit descriptions of customers or audiences served or benefitted.

The data requested here will be used to supply information needed for the Threatened and Endangered Species Expenditures Report to Congress, the Annual Fish and Wildlife Report, the Accomplishment Report for the National Recreational Fishing Coordination Council, the BLM Annual Report, and needs assessments by outside groups. The information we are requesting is extremely useful for providing information to the public, Congress and our partners.

Information requested in this memorandum should be consolidated and sent by State Offices to WO-230 in WordPerfect narratives and tables via Lotus Notes. Providing the information in electronic format increases efficiency and avoids mailing delays. Electronic narratives can more easily be compiled, and the data is easier to analyze and incorporate into other documents.

State Offices should compile Field Office data and edit submissions for completeness and compliance with instructions (see attachments). The due date for this information is January 21, 2000.

Please direct questions and responses to Eric Lawton (Eric_Lawton@blm.gov). Eric may be reached by phone at 202- 452-7760.

Signed by:
 Henri R. Bisson
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Authenticated by:
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Modified Instructions and Information Requested for the WO Reports for Fish, Wildlife, and Special Status Species.

A. FW-Related Economic/Recreational Data Elements

FW-Related Economic/Recreational Data Elements	
Description	Field Office Response
Number of Developed Boat Ramps	
Number of Developed Fishing Sites	
Number of R&PP Shooting Ranges	
Number of Fish and Wildlife Visitor Sites/Centers	
Number of Hunter Assistance Programs	
Number of Hunting/Fishing Maps and/or Brochures	
Number of Watchable Wildlife Sites	

B. ESA Compliance/Species Conservation

ESA Compliance/Species Conservation	
Description	Field Office Response
Number of Recovery Actions Being Implemented in FY99	
Number of Completed Biological Assessments for FY99	

Developed Conservation Strategies/Agreements and Status

Names of Documents for FY99	Under Development	Completed	Being Implemented
(Add as many rows as necessary)			

List Names of Recovery Plans Developed and Names of Team Member in FY99

(Add as many lines as necessary)

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- 5.

C. Accomplishments (Narratives)

Please provide narratives describing major fish, wildlife, plant, and Special Status Species Accomplishments in Fiscal Year 1999 by Field Office. This information is used to develop the Annual Fish and Wildlife Accomplishments Report, other reports, briefing papers, brochures, etc. To use it efficiently, the WO staff must be able to search it quickly to locate information, therefore it needs to be in a standard format. Please follow the guidelines below.

- Provide 1-3 accomplishments per Field Office for each of the following seven categories: Plants, Birds, Mammals, Fish/Amphibian, Forestry, and Riparian/Wetland, and Clean Water Action Plan. Where applicable, include a mix of T&E projects within each of these categories showing the variety of work performed. This year's data call includes a new category for Clean Water Action Plan accomplishments. This was a major initiative in FY 99 with over \$1.3 million in additional funding for the fisheries subactivity (1120) that was allocated to the States for specific projects. A similar level of funding is being allocated in FY 2000. In addition, the BLM's Executive Leadership Team (ELT) recently endorsed the development of multi-species conservation strategies for both the Prairie grasslands and the Sagebrush Ecosystem. It would be helpful to indicate those projects that contribute to these efforts. This would include projects designed to restore habitats for special status species tied to these areas, such as the sage grouse, mountain plover or black-tailed prairie dog. Examples of projects may include changing management to improve aquatic/riparian and upland health, completing conservation strategies,

implementing projects that benefit several species.

To aid in consolidating, and/or cutting and pasting, submissions need to be as similar as possible.

- Narratives must be in paragraph form. No indenting or bullets.
- If possible, narratives should be on one subject (e.g. Birds) or related subjects (e.g. Riparian).
- Include the name of the Resource Area(s) or Field Office(s) in each accomplishment.
- Include partner names/acronyms, such as Trout Unlimited or RMEF
- Indicate initiative or strategy plan, (e.g. Seeking Common Ground, Partners in Flight, Watchable Wildlife)
- Provide success stories on positive economic benefit and/or conflict resolution to community and country as a result of fish, wildlife and T&E management activities on BLM.
- Narratives should be clear, concise, and informative. If you did or found something interesting, tell a bit about it. What was the outcome?

Sample FY 1999 Accomplishments Narratives

Riparian/Wetland

In cooperation with Ducks Unlimited (DU), the Big Dry and Powder River Resource Areas completed a five-year strategy to improve and develop wetland habitat for waterfowl and other wetland species. DU provided mapping services valued at \$10,000 (CCS) and a \$5,000 grant from the North American Wetlands Conservation Fund was used for inventory in preparation of this plan.

Mammals

The Lander Resource Area inventoried two caves and 14 mines for bat use in the South Pass Mining District. Seven active maternity sites were located via Anabat technology, and two rare spotted bats were captured for the first time in Wyoming.

Birds

The Royal Gorge Resource Area and the Colorado Natural Heritage Program continued inventory and

monitoring of Mountain plovers in the South Park area where the birds were found in significant numbers during surveys in 1994, 1995, 1996 and 1997. This area increases in importance as additional plovers are found and documented. Approximately 3,500 acres were surveyed in 1999.

D. Recreational Fisheries Accomplishments

Recreational Fishery Resources Conservation Plan

Strategy 1. Conserve, enhance, and restore recreational fisheries habitats and fish stocks, emphasizing self-sustaining fish stocks where feasible.

Project	Partner(s)	Cost (000's)	Acres/Miles Treated
Habitat Improvement			
Habitat Restored or Reestablished for Fish Migration			
Riparian Habitat Restored			
New Areas Opened to Public Fishing			
Habitat Evaluated			
Habitat Under Management Plans			
New Water Rights Obtained			Number

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Strategy 2. Develop and maintain recreational fishing facilities and access.

Project	Partner(s)	Cost (000's)
Facilities Constructed/Rehabilitated*		

*Specifically identify piers, docks, trails to fishing sites, campgrounds and picnic areas at fishing sites, latrines, boat ramps, and projects to improve disability access, etc.

Strategy 3. Promote public education and support for resource conservation and ethics recreational angling, and safety.

Project	Partner(s)	Cost (000's)	Audience and Estimated Number in Audience
Training in Fishing/Aquatic Education Workshops			
New Interpretive Facilities or Brochures			

Strategy 4. Work collaboratively with State and Tribal management partners, industry, anglers, and conservation groups.

Project	Partner(s)	Total Value (000's)	Number of agreements or projects
New Conservation easements or agreements with private land owners			
New Partnership agreements executed to increase recreational fishing opportunities			
Number of Partnership projects completed in FY99			