SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 7209 of IRTPA, as amended, provides that upon full implementation, U.S., Bermudian, and Canadian citizens, and Mexican nationals would be required to present a passport or such alternative documents as the Secretary of Homeland Security designates as satisfactorily establishing identity and citizenship upon entering the United States.

In a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) published in the Federal Register on June 26, 2007 (72 FR 35088), DHS and the Department of State (DOS) described the second phase of a joint plan, known as WHTI, to implement these new requirements. The NPRM proposed the specific documents that U.S. citizens and nonimmigrant aliens from Canada, Bermuda, and Mexico would be required to present when entering the U.S. at sea and land ports-of-entry from Western Hemisphere countries.

DHS and CBP have analyzed the potential impacts on the human environment of several alternate ways of implementing WHTI at sea and land ports-of-entry based on technological and operational considerations as part of the decision-making process. The impact analysis in the Final PEA and FONSI focuses primarily on the effects of implementing WHTI at land ports-of-entry because the land environment is the most sensitive to the proposed document and technological changes associated with implementation of WHTI.

Four technological and operational alternatives to meet the requirements to define and process secure, standardized travel documents under WHTI are analyzed in the PEA. The four alternatives are: (1) No-Action Alternative: maintain the status quo; (2) Standardized Documents Alternative: accept a limited number of document categories for admission at all sea or land ports-of-entry (LPOEs); (3) MRZ Alternative: Accept standardized documents that contain a Machine Readable Zone (MRZ); and (4) RFID Alternative: Accept standardized documents that contain Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) technology and an MRZ, for the use of RFID-enabled readers at the busiest LPOEs and MRZ at all LPOEs. As described in the PEA, air quality and noise are the primary resource areas that have the most potential to be affected by implementation of WHTI. However, no significant environmental impacts to these resources or any other human or natural environments from the implementation of any of the WHTI alternatives are anticipated.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Office of the Secretary
Native Hawaiian Organization Notification List

AGENCY: Office of Hawaiian Relations, Office of the Secretary, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Creation of a Native Hawaiian Organization Notification List to be maintained by the U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of Hawaiian Relations.

SUMMARY: The Office of Hawaiian Relations (OHR), within the Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI), has developed criteria for establishment of a Native Hawaiian Organization Notification List (Notification List). The purpose of the Notification List is to provide the DOI officials with a tool to help satisfy their statutory notification obligations under such laws as the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), and the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA). It is also the intent of the Office of Hawaiian Relations to make available to other Federal agency officials this mechanism to assist them with their reasonable and good faith efforts to identify Native Hawaiian organizations that are to be notified or consulted with when required by statute or when otherwise desired by the agency.

The Native Hawaiian Organization Notification List is voluntary, and Native Hawaiian organizations are not required to participate in the Notification List. However, it is anticipated that Federal agencies will rely on this list.

The placement of an organization on the Notification List shall not be construed as recognition by the Federal Government that the organization is a governmental, tribal, or other similar type entity.

The placement of an organization on the Notification List is not intended to and does not confer any substantive or procedural right, benefit, or privilege enforceable at law or in equity, which is not otherwise available to the organization by law, by any party against the United States, its agencies or instrumentalities, its officers or employees, or any other person.

The Notification List is created as a convenience for the U.S. Government and Native Hawaiian organizations. It does not provide a basis for legal action against the U.S. Government.

2. How Does a Native Hawaiian Organization Apply To Be on the Native Hawaiian Organization Notification List?

a. An organization must certify in writing to OHR the following:

i. The organization serves and represents the interests of Native Hawaiians;

ii. The organization has as a primary and stated purpose the provision of services to Native Hawaiians;

iii. The organization has expertise in Native Hawaiian affairs;

iv. The organization would like to be placed on the Notification List.

b. The certification must be signed and dated by the organization’s governing body and include a valid U.S. mailing address where the organization wants notifications to be sent.

c. The request may also include the organization’s topical and geographic areas of interest.

d. If the certification from the organization is incomplete, the organization may not be listed.

e. It is a violation of Federal law to make false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements to the Federal Government.
3. How Long Does Registration on the Notification List Last?

Placement on the list is valid for five years. Placement automatically expires at the end of five years, measured from the date the organization was placed on the Notification List or last had its membership renewed, whichever is more recent. The OHR will notify the organization at the last listed address of the need to renew their membership on the Notification List.

4. How Will DOI Manage and Provide Public Notification of the List?

a. The DOI will maintain the Native Hawaiian Organization Notification List and will periodically update it.
   i. The OHR will publish on the DOI Web site the names and contact information of the listed Native Hawaiian organizations. The information contained therein will be updated periodically.
   ii. Copies of the Notification List and instructions outlining how to become a listed organization will also be available online or may be requested from the OHR.

b. The notification should:
   i. Be sent to the address listed on the Native Hawaiian Organization Notification List;
   ii. Outline the Federal action to take place that will affect Native Hawaiians;
   iii. Provide a point of contact within the acting agency for the Native Hawaiian organization where inquiries may be sent.

c. The information included in the list shall be current contact information, including a valid U.S. mailing address;
   i. A statement that the organization meets the criteria listed in 2(a)(i)–(iii); and
   ii. A statement that it is the official position of the organization to remain on the Notification List.

d. If the information submitted by an organization to update its registration is incomplete, the organization may not remain listed.

e. If an organization does not provide a satisfactory update every five years, registration on the Notification List will automatically expire. Registration automatically expires at the end of two years measured from the date the organization was placed on the Notification List or the date the organization last submitted a written request to remain on the Notification List, whichever is more recent.

5. How Will Listed Native Hawaiian Organizations Be Notified of Federal Actions?

a. Agency officials who are seeking to consult with Native Hawaiian organizations regarding a NAGPRA or NHPA action should notify those Native Hawaiian organizations on the Notification List.

b. The notification should:
   i. Be sent to the address listed on the Native Hawaiian Organization Notification List;
   ii. Outline the Federal action to take place that will affect Native Hawaiians;
   iii. Provide a point of contact within the acting agency for the Native Hawaiian organization where inquiries may be sent.

6. What Must a Listed Native Hawaiian Organization Do in Order To Remain on the Notification List?

a. To remain on the Notification List, Native Hawaiian organizations must submit a written request at least every five years. It is the responsibility of the organization to notify the OHR of changes to its U.S. mailing address.

b. The request to remain on the Notification List must be sent to the DOI, OHR, within 30 days before the organization’s listing expires.

c. The request to remain on the Notification List must include a certification, signed and dated by the organization’s governing body, that includes:

   i. The organization’s current contact information, including a valid U.S. mailing address;
   ii. A statement that the organization meets the criteria listed in 2(a)(i)–(iii); and
   iii. A statement that it is the official position of the organization to remain on the Notification List.

d. If the information submitted by an organization to update its registration is incomplete, the organization may not remain listed.

e. If an organization does not provide a satisfactory update every five years, registration on the Notification List will automatically expire. Registration automatically expires at the end of two years measured from the date the organization was placed on the Notification List or the date the organization last submitted a written request to remain on the Notification List, whichever is more recent.

7. How Does an Organization Voluntarily Remove Its Name From the Notification List?

a. If an organization wants to be removed from the Notification List prior to the automatic expiration date, the organization must send a signed and dated written statement from the organization’s governing body affirmatively requesting removal from the Notification List.

b. After receipt of the removal request, the OHR will remove the organization during the periodic update of the Notification List.


Kaʻimi Kaloi,
Director, Office of Hawaiian Relations.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Introduction: With this notice, we finalize the CCP process for Lacassine National Wildlife Refuge, begun as announced in the Federal Register (68 FR 2566; January 17, 2003). For more about the process, see that notice. We released the Draft CCP and Environmental Assessment (EA) to the public, announcing and requesting comments in a notice of availability in the Federal Register (71 FR 65832; November 9, 2006). Lacassine National Wildlife Refuge, established on December 30, 1937, is one of four refuges that makes up the Southwest Louisiana National Wildlife Refuge Complex. The 34,724-acre refuge is strategically located on the boundary of coastal marshes and agricultural habitats at the southern terminus of the Mississippi and Central Flyways, making the refuge critically important to migratory birds, especially wintering waterfowl.

With this notice, we announce our decision and the availability of the Final CCP/FONSI in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and 16 U.S.C. 668f requirements. We completed a thorough analysis of the environmental, social, and economic considerations, which we included in the Final CCP/FONSI. The FONSI documents the selection of Alternative B, the preferred alternative.

Alternatives and Preferred Alternative: The Draft CCP/EA identified and evaluated three alternatives for managing the refuge over the next 15 years. Alternative A, the no-action alternative, would have continued current management of the refuge. Alternative C would refocus management priority to actively investigating and extending the life/value of Lacassine Pool as a migratory bird sanctuary. We chose Alternative B (maximize refuge management capabilities) as our preferred alternative. This determination was made based on the

Fish and Wildlife Service

Lacassine National Wildlife Refuge

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of the Final Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI).

SUMMARY: We, the Fish and Wildlife Service, announce our decision and the availability of the Final CCP and FONSI for Lacassine National Wildlife Refuge in Cameron and Evangeline Parishes, Louisiana. The CCP was prepared pursuant to the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997, and in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, and describes how the refuge will be managed for the next 15 years.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the CCP/FONSI may be obtained by writing to: Lacassine National Wildlife Refuge, 1428 Highway 27, Bell City, Louisiana 70630; Telephone: 337/598–2216. The CCP/FONSI may also be accessed and downloaded from the Service’s Web site: http://southeast.fws.gov/planning/.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Judy McClendon, Refuge Planner, at the address in the ADDRESSES section or by electronic mail at the following address: Judy.mcclendon@fws.gov.