

Affairs, to verify the membership list and to develop with the tribe a plan and budget for the implementation of the Assistant Secretary's decision and the provision of services to the members of the Samish Tribal Organization. The notice was published in the Federal Register on April 9, 1996 (61 FR 15825).

The notice indicated that two tribes had requested that the Secretary direct the Assistant Secretary to reconsider her decision and that the Secretary was considering whether he had authority to direct the Assistant Secretary to reconsider and, if he had that authority, whether he should direct her to reconsider. The notice also indicated that the Samish Tribal Organization has not requested administrative reconsideration of the Assistant Secretary's determination to acknowledge its existence as an Indian tribe but had filed suit seeking to require a reinstatement verbatim of the Administrative Law Judge's recommended decision and findings of fact. Lastly, the notice stated that the determination would be effective 60 days after the date on which the notice appeared in the Federal Register, or June 8, unless the Secretary of the Interior requested a reconsideration by the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs pursuant to 25 CFR § 83.10(a)-(c).

On April 26, 1996, the Secretary responded in writing to the two requests for reconsideration. He concluded that there were significant questions as to his authority to grant the requests because of the unique terms and circumstances of the remand from the District Court which governed the Assistant Secretary's determination. The Secretary noted that, in accordance with the district court's remand to the Department, the Assistant Secretary's determination did not resolve the nature and extent of the treaty rights, if any, of the Samish Tribal Organization so the treaty rights of the tribes requesting reconsideration were not affected by the determination. The Secretary concluded that the Assistant Secretary's determination should be deemed final agency action and effective April 26, 1996. Accordingly, he directed that this notice be published.

Dated: May 20, 1996.

Ada E. Deer,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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OMB Approval Number 1004-0162

Information Collection Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for Review Under the Paperwork Reduction Act

The proposed renewal for the collection of information listed below has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). On March 5, 1996, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) published a notice in the Federal Register (61 FR 8638) requesting comments on the collection. The comment period ended May 5, 1996. No comments were received. Copies of the proposed collection of information and related forms and explanatory material may be obtained by contacting the Bureau's Clearance Officer at the phone number listed below. Comments and suggestions on the requirement should be made directly to the Bureau Clearance Officer and to the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project (1004-0162), Washington, DC 20503, telephone (202) 395-7340.

Title: Oil and Gas Geophysical Exploration Operations (43 CFR 3151).

OMB Approval Number: 1004-0162.

Abstract: Respondents supply information which will be used to determine procedures for conducting oil and gas geophysical exploration operations on public lands. The information supplied allows the Bureau of Land Management to determine that geophysical exploration operation activities are conducted in a manner consistent with the regulations, local use plans and environmental assessments in compliance with the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 as amended.

Form Numbers: 3150-4, 3150-5.

Frequency: On occasion.

Description of Respondents: Oil and gas exploration and drilling companies.

Estimated Completion Time: Form 3150-4—1 hour; Form 3150-5—1/3 hour.

Annual Responses: 1200.

Annual Burden Hours: 800.

Bureau Clearance Officer: Wendy Spencer (303) 236-6642.

Dated: May 10, 1996.

Patrick W. Boyd,

Acting Chief, Regulatory Management Team.

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OMB Approval Number 1004-0169

Information Collection Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for Review Under the Paperwork Reduction Act

The proposed collection of information listed below has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) On February 14, 1996, BLM published a notice in the Federal Register (61 FR 5797) requesting comment on this proposed collection. The comment period ended on April 15, 1996. BLM received one comment from the public in response to that notice. Copies of the proposed collection of information and related forms and explanatory material may be obtained by contacting the BLM clearance officer at the telephone number listed below. Comments and suggestions on the requirement should be made within 30 days directly to the BLM clearance officer and to the Office of Management and Budget, Interior Department Desk Officer (1004-0169), Washington, D.C., 20503, telephone (202) 395-7340.

Title: Use and Occupancy and under the Mining Laws (43 CFR 3715).

OMB approval number: 1004-0169.

Abstract: The Bureau of Land Management is proposing to renew the approval of an information collection for a new rule at 43 CFR 3715. That rule will manage use and occupancy on unpatented mining claims. It sets out the restrictions on use and occupancy of unpatented mining claims and mill sites on Federal lands and to provide field managers with the tools necessary to manage occupancy and use. The final rule would define those activities that are related to prospecting, mining, or processing operations and uses reasonably incident thereto. The rule would establish conditions for determining whether these criteria are met, procedures for initiation of occupancy, standards for the use or occupancy, prohibited acts, procedures for inspection and enforcement, and procedures for recognizing and managing existing occupancies. It would also provide for penalties and appeals procedures. The rules only apply to public land under the administration of the Bureau of Land Management.

Bureau Form Number: None.

Frequency: Once.

Description of respondents: Respondents may range from an