

4. How to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology.

Title: Portland and Masonry Cement.

OMB approval number: 1028-0058.

Abstract: Respondents supply the U.S. Geological Survey with data on cement shipments to final customers. This information will be published as monthly reports for use by Government agencies, industry, and the general public.

Bureau form number: 9-3079.

Frequency: Monthly.

Description of respondents:

Manufacturers and importers of portland and masonry cement.

Annual responses: 600.

Annual burden hours: 300.

Bureau clearance officer: John E. Cordyack, Jr., 703-648-7313.

John H. DeYoung, Jr.,

Chief Scientist, Minerals Information Team.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Call for Nominations for Upper Snake River District, Resource Advisory Council

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Resource Advisory Council Call for Nominations.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to solicit public nominations for the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Upper Snake River District (USRD), Resource Advisory Council that have two vacant positions, which expire August 1998. This Council provides advice and recommendations to the BLM USRD on land use planning and management of the public lands within central and eastern Idaho. Public nominations will be considered for 30 days after the publication date of this notice.

The Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) directs the Secretary of the Interior to involve the public in planning and issues related to management of lands administered by BLM. Section 309 of FLPMA directs the Secretary to select 10 to 15 member citizen-based advisory councils that are established and authorized consistent with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). As

required by the FACA, Resource Advisory Council members appointed to the council must be balanced and representative of the various interests concerned with the management of the public lands. The two vacant categories are in Category 1 and Category 2. Category 1 includes holders of federal grazing permits, representatives of energy and mining development, timber industry, off-road vehicle use and developed recreation; Category 2 includes representatives of environmental and resource conservation organizations,

archaeological and historic interests, and wild horse and burro groups. Individuals may nominate themselves or others. Nominees must be residents of the State of Idaho in which the council has jurisdiction. Nominees will be evaluated based on their education, training, and experience of the issues and knowledge of the geographical area of the Council. Nominees should have demonstrated a commitment to collaborative resource decision making. All nominations must be accompanied by letters of reference from represented interests or organizations, a completed background information nomination form, as well as any other information that speaks to the nominee's qualifications.

Simultaneous with this notice, BLM Upper Snake River District will issue press releases providing additional information for submitting nominations and with specifics about the positions available for this council. Nominations for Upper Snake River District Resource Advisory Council should be sent to Debra Kovar, BLM Shoshone Resource Area Office, 400 West F Street, P O Box 2-B, Shoshone, Idaho 83352-1522.

Dated: December 5, 1997.

Tom Dyer,

Area Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Northeast National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska Draft Integrated Activity Plan/Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management.

ACTION: Notice of availability and announcement of public subsistence-related hearing schedule

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management announces the availability

of Northeast National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska Draft Integrated Activity Plan/Environmental Impact Statement (IAP/EIS). The planning area is roughly bounded by the Colville River to the east and south, the Ikpikpuk River to the west and the Beaufort Sea to the north. The IAP/EIS contains five alternatives for a land management plan for the 4.6 million-acre planning area and assessments of each plan's impacts on the surface resources present there. These alternatives provide varying answers to two primary questions. First, will BLM conduct oil and gas lease sales in the planning area and, if so, what lands will be made available for leasing? Second, what protections and enhancements will be implemented for natural and cultural resources and the activities that are based on these resources?

Alternative A calls for no action, or no change from the status quo, and under it no leasing would occur. Alternatives B through E make progressively more land, and more environmentally sensitive land, available to possible leasing. Alternative B makes 43 percent available, Alternative C makes 74 percent available, Alternative D makes 89 percent available and Alternative E makes the entire planning area available. Restrictive stipulations would provide protections for natural and cultural resources under all alternatives, but their number and scope would vary between alternatives.

Alternative A contains the fewest stipulations because it authorizes the fewest activities and entirely precludes leasing. As alternatives B through E make progressively more sensitive lands available for leasing, they also include increasing numbers of protective stipulations. Thus, while Alternative E opens the entire planning area to leasing it also has many specific stipulations whose intent is to ensure that sensitive natural resources are protected.

Some alternatives contain proposals for specially designated areas that would enhance recognition of their values. The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to identify specific lands in the NPR-A as "Special Areas", and there are two previously designated Special Areas within the planning area. Some alternatives recommend that the Pik Dunes, an unusual geologic feature in the planning area with importance for caribou, be added to the existing Teshekpuk Lake Special Area. Some alternatives also contain recommendations that lands along the Ikpikpuk River be designated as a Special Area for their paleontological values.