

Written comments and recommendations concerning the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of this notice to: Daniel J. Chenok, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10236, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: January 6, 1998.

Richard Kopanda,

Executive Officer, SAMHSA.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Request To Extend Approval of Information Collection, OMB Number 1004-0042

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is announcing its intention to request renewal of an existing approval to collect certain information from those individuals requesting to adopt a wild horse or burro. BLM needs this information to determine whether or not individuals are qualified to provide humane care and proper treatment, including proper transportation, feeding and handling, to an adopted wild horse or burro.

DATES: Comments on the proposed collection must be received by March 13, 1998 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: *Comments may be mailed to:* Regulatory Affairs Group (WO-630), Bureau of Land Management, 1849 C St., NW., Mail Stop 401 LS, Washington, DC 20240. *Comments may be sent by Internet to:* WoComment@wo.blm.gov. Please submit comments as an ASCII file to avoid using special characters and any form of encryption. Please also include "Attn: 1004-0042" and your name and address in your internet message. If you do not receive a confirmation from the system that we have received your message, contact us directly at (202) 452-5030. You may hand deliver comments to BLM at 1620 L St., NW., Room 401, Washington, DC.

Comments will be available for review at the L Street address during regular business hours, 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.,

Monday through Friday, except holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Carole Smith, (202) 452-0367.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with 5 CFR 1320.12(a), BLM is required to provide a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning a collection of information contained in a published current rule on (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the clarity, quality and utility of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to 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. BLM will receive and analyze any comments sent in response to this notice and include them with its request for approval from the Office of Management and Budget under 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

Section 3(b)(2)(B) of the Wild Free-Roaming Horse and Burro Act requires that BLM provide healthy excess animals for adoption by individuals that the Secretary determines are qualified to provide humane care and proper treatment. The implementing regulations are found at 43 CFR Subpart 4750—Private Maintenance. Individuals must inform BLM of their interest and willingness to adopt. The adoption application requirement provides individuals with a mechanism to inform BLM of their interest and to submit their credentials for determining their qualifications.

The Application for Adoption of Wild Horse(s) and Burros(s), Form 4710-10, is required by the Wild Horse and Burro Regulations at 43 CFR 4750.3. BLM uses the form to determine an individual's qualifications for providing humane treatment and care for wild horses and burros. The application form requires that the applicant furnish the following information: (1) Applicant's name, address and telephone number; (2) applicant's social security number; (3) applicant's birth date; (4) an indication of the number and species of animals that the applicant wishes to adopt; (5) a map to whether the adopted wild horse and/or burro will be located; (6) questions about whether the applicant

understands the restrictions related to adopting an animal; (7) information requested about the physical characteristics of the site where the animal(s) will be kept; (8) information about whether more than four untitled animals will be kept at that location; (9) information about whether someone will select, transport, or care for the animals; and (10) whether the applicant has ever been convicted of abuse or inhumane treatment of animals, violation of the Act or the regulations.

BLM uses the information to determine whether individuals are qualified to provide humane care and proper treatment to one or more adopted wild horses or burros. When BLM approves the application and the individual completes a Private Maintenance and Care Agreement, the individual may adopt up to four wild horses or burros at one time. The information, which is required by law, is a voluntary, non-recurring submission necessary to receive a benefit. There is no other source for the required information, and failure to furnish the required information will result in the applicant's not being able to adopt a wild horse or burro.

The collection of information is short, simple and not inconvenient to the applicant. Valuable dialogue normally occurs during the approval process when BLM conducts an interview with the applicant to ensure that the applicant understands the obligations and prohibited acts and that the adopter is knowledgeable about horses and burros or has access to assistance from a knowledgeable individual. Based on BLM's experience in administering the activities described above, the public reporting burden is estimated 10 minutes per response. The estimated number of respondents is 30,000 per year, for a total estimated burden of 5,000 hours to read the instructions, gather and supply the information and send the applications to BLM.

Any interested member of the public may request and obtain, without charge, a copy of Form 4710-10, the Adoption Form, by contacting the person identified under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Dated: January 6, 1998.

Carole Smith,

Bureau of Land Management, Information Collection Officer.

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