

ecosystem and other habitats at the community level.

If the Conservation Plan is approved by the Service, the Service would authorize incidental take of the coastal California gnatcatcher through the special section 4(d) rule (60 FR 36010) via the Service's issued written concurrence that the Conservation Plan meets the standards set forth in 50 CFR 17.32(b)(2). In addition, the Service, at the request of the County, would simultaneously issue an Endangered Species Act section 10(a)(1)(B) permit. The Conservation Plan, coupled with an implementation agreement, likely would form the basis for issuing an incidental take permit for the cactus wren and orange-throated whiptail lizard, and any additional species proposed for regulatory coverage should these species subsequently be listed.

The proposed agenda for the facilitated public meeting includes a summary of the proposed action, status of and threats to subject species, tentative issues, concerns, opportunities and alternatives. Attendees of the scoping meeting will have an opportunity to discuss the specific coastal sage scrub conservation goals and conservation planning alternatives and other aspects of the proposed Conservation Plan and related Impact Statement/Report. Submittal of independent written comments is encouraged.

This notice is provided as required by the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 USC 1531 *et seq.*, 50 CFR 17.22), and National Environmental Policy Act (40 CFR 1501.7) regulations.

Dated: May 1, 1998.

David J. Wesley,

Acting Regional Director, Region 1, Portland, Oregon.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

Technology Transfer Act of 1986; Cooperative Research and Development Agreement With U.S. Army Topographic Engineering Center, Alexandria, VA and EarthData Technologies, LLC, Hagerstown, MD

AGENCY: Geological Survey, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of proposed Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) negotiations.

SUMMARY: The United States Geological Survey (USGS) is planning to enter into a Cooperative Research and

Development Agreement (CRADA) with the U.S. Army Topographic Engineering Center, Alexandria, Virginia and EarthData Technologies, LLC, Hagerstown, Maryland. The purpose of the CRADA is to jointly research and develop a camera calibration methodology and capability for digital airborne cameras. Any other organization interested in pursuing the possibility of a CRADA for similar kinds of activities should contact the USGS.

ADDRESSES: Inquiries may be addressed to the Acting Chief of Research, U.S. Geological Survey, National Mapping Division, 500 National Center, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia 20192; Telephone (703) 648-4643, facsimile (703) 648-4706; Internet "ebrunson@usgs.gov".

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ernest B. Brunson, address above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is to meet the USGS requirement stipulated in the Survey Manual.

Dated: April 20, 1998.

Richard E. Witmer,

Chief, National Mapping Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Extension of Approved Information Collection, OMB Number 1004-0107

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 an extension of existing approval to collect certain information from respondents identified in 43 CFR 2800 and 2880. This information is in addition to that collected on the Form SF-299, OMB No. 1004-0060, and is necessary for those large complex projects which require a right-of-way. The authorization for such collection is provided by the 2800 and 2880 regulations. On multi-million dollar energy production and transmission projects, and complex communication sites for which a right-of-way is required, information over and above that provided on the application form is required such as construction and other plans; a more detailed map; specific certificates, permits, and approvals from other agencies; and any

other necessary information relative to the completion of the project.

DATES: Comments on the proposed information collection must be received by July 6, 1998 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to: Director (420), Bureau of Land Management, 1849 C Street NW., Room 401LS, Washington, DC 20240.

Comments may be sent via Internet to: WoComment@wo.blm.gov. Please include "Attn: 1004-0107" and your name and return address in your Internet message.

Comments may be hand-delivered to the Bureau of Land Management Administrative Record, Room 401, 1620 L Street, NW., Washington, DC.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Carl C. Gammon, (202) 452-7777.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with 5 CFR 1320.12(a), BLM is required to provide 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning a collection of information contained in a published current rule to solicit comments on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the 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 of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. The BLM will review 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.*

BLM grants rights-of-way on public lands through the authority of Title V of the FLPMA, 90 Stat. 2776, 43 U.S.C. 1761 and the Mineral Leasing Act (MLA) of 1920, as amended, 30 U.S.C. 185. Information in addition to that collected on the right-of-way form (SF-299) is needed for large complex projects. There is no standard form for the collection of this required additional information. The authorization for such collection is provided by the 2800 and