

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Proposed Extension of Information Collection; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Office of American Indian Trust, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces that the Department of the Interior is requesting comments on information collection, "Evaluation of the Performance of Trust Functions Performed by Tribes under Self Governance Compacts" currently cleared under OMB Number 1076-0146. This extension request seeks public comment as required by regulation at 5 CFR 1320.5(a)(1)(iv).

Specifically, the Department of the Interior invites comments by the public on: Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have a practical use; the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; ways to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the information to be collected; and minimizing the burden of collection on those who are to respond.

**DATES:** Written comments on this collection of information will be accepted on or before January 5, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Further information may be secured from, and comments should be sent to: United States Department of the Interior, Office of American Indian Trust, 1849 C Street, NW, MS 2472 MIB, Washington, DC, Attention Elizabeth Lohah Homer, Director.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Respondents:** For the 1998 funding year there are 63 respondents.

**Burden:** There is no preliminary work nor is any follow-up work required of the respondents. There are no forms to complete. The annual hour burden is calculated by the amount of time that the reviewer spends at each program site interviewing the respondents and collecting file information. The time required ranges from 4 person/hours to 80 person/hours. Based on the size and complexity of the current programs, the average hours spent for each annual evaluation is estimated at 24 person/hours.  $63 \times 24 = 1,512$  person/hours per year for the collection of information.

Dated: October 30, 1998.

**Kevin Gover,**

*Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Indian Affairs****Indian Gaming**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Approved Tribal-State Compact.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Section 11 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988, Pub. L. 100-497, 25 U.S.C. 2710, the Secretary of the Interior shall publish, in the **Federal Register**, notice of approved Tribal-State Compacts for the purpose of engaging in Class III (casino) gambling on Indian reservations. The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, through his delegated authority, has approved the Tribal-State Gaming Compact between the State of California and the Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians, which was executed on August 24, 1998.

**DATES:** This action is effective November 6, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** George T. Skibine, Director, Indian Gaming Management Staff, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Washington, D.C. 20240, (202) 219-4066.

Dated: October 29, 1998.

**Kevin Gover,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Land Management**

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**Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Conduct Public Scoping Meetings for the Proposed St. Johns, Arizona CO<sub>2</sub>-Helium Project**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent to Prepare an EIS and to Conduct Public Scoping Meetings.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to section 102(20)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508), the BLM,

Socorro Field Office, New Mexico, will be preparing an EIS regarding the proposal to develop a carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) and helium field in Apache County, Arizona, and Catron County, New Mexico. The CO<sub>2</sub>-helium field appears to underlie approximately 500 square miles of private, state, and federal lands. The EIS will identify the potential impacts that the development of a CO<sub>2</sub>-helium field and subsequent activities could have on the environment and identify appropriate measures to mitigate those impacts. A **Federal Register** Notice dated October 2, 1998, announced the intent to prepare the EIS. In this notice, BLM announces public information and scoping meetings for the proposed action and EIS.

**DATES:** BLM's public information and scoping meetings will include: notification of the public, federal, state, tribal, and local agencies of the proposed action; identification by the public of issues to be considered in the EIS, and the solicitation of assistance from the public to identify reasonable alternatives. In addition, the public will have the opportunity to ask questions regarding the proposed project.

The BLM will conduct four public scoping meetings in the area of the project. All of the public meetings will be informal to encourage public attendance and input. The dates, times, and locations for these meetings are as follows:

Date	Location
Monday, December 7, 1998, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.	St. Johns Council Chambers, 245 W. Bursell Street, St. Johns, AZ.
Tuesday, December 8, 1998, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.	Senior Citizens Center, 356 S. Papago Drive, Springerville, AZ.
Wednesday, December 9, 1998, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.	Village Community Center, 4th Street (Across from High School), Reserve, NM.
Thursday, December 10, 1998, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.	Quemado School Highway 60, Quemado, NM.

Also, a press release announcing the meeting dates and times will be submitted to newspapers in each area where the meetings will be held.

**Comments:** Comments on the EIS will be accepted throughout the NEPA process; however, comments specific to this early stage of scoping for the EIS will be accepted until the end of the