

21SUMM-R and rewrote the instructions to those forms in "plain language" to meet the requirements of the President's June 1, 1998, memorandum. Other changes to the forms and the instructions to the forms are editorial in nature and are designed to increase the respondents' understanding of the forms, instructions to the forms, and what information is required to be submitted with the forms to the districts. The proposed revisions to the RRA forms will be effective in the 2000 water year.

*Draft of a New RRA Form*

We published a proposed rulemaking, 43 CFR Part 428, in the **Federal Register** on November 18, 1998 (63 FR 64154, Nov. 18, 1998), and requested comments on the proposed rule and the information collection to be submitted to us by January 19, 1999. The proposed rulemaking requires farm operators who provide services to more than 960 nonexempt acres westwide, held by a

single trust or legal entity or any combination of trusts and legal entities to submit RRA forms to the district(s) where such land is located. We requested comments from the public on whether to revise an existing RRA form or create a new form for farm operators to prepare.

We anticipate that if the rule is finalized, the districts will be required to provide specific information about declaring farm operators to us annually. We have developed a new Tabulation G to be used with Form 7-21SUMM-C and Form 7-21SUMM-R, and instructions on how to complete the tabulation sheets to accommodate this requirement. We do not believe the estimated burden hours will increase by requiring districts to complete these tabulation sheets since only a few districts should have farm operators in this category. Nevertheless, the tabulation sheets will not be used until after the proposed rule is published as a final rule in the **Federal Register**.

*Title:* Certification Summary Form, Reporting Summary Form for Acreage Limitation, 43 CFR Part 426.

*Abstract:* These forms are to be used by district offices to summarize individual landholder (direct or indirect landowner or lessee) certification and reporting forms as required by the RRA, 43 CFR Part 426, and proposed regulation 43 CFR Part 428. This information allows us to establish water user compliance with Federal reclamation law.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Respondents:* Contracting entities that are subject to the acreage limitation provisions of Federal reclamation law.

*Estimated Total Number of Respondents:* 276.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 1.25.

*Estimated Total Number of Annual Responses:* 345.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 13,800 hours.

*Estimate of Burden for Each Form:*

Form No.	Burden estimate per form (in hours)	Number of respondents	Annual number of responses	Annual burden on respondents (in hours)
7-21SUMM-C and associated tabulation sheets .....	40	222	278	11,120
7-21SUMM-R and associated tabulation sheets .....	40	54	67	2,680

*Comments*

Comments are invited on:

(a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of our functions, including whether the information will have practical use;

(b) The accuracy of our burden estimate for the proposed collection of information;

(c) Ways to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(d) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

We will summarize all comments received to this notice and any comments regarding this information collection received during the comment period for the notice of proposed rulemaking. We will publish that summary in the **Federal Register** when the information collection request is submitted to OMB for review and approval.

Dated: December 18, 1998.

**Alonzo D. Knapp,**

*Acting Director, Program Analysis Office.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Reclamation**

**Notice of Proposed Revisions to a Currently Approved Information Collection**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Reclamation (we, our, or us) intends to submit the following proposed revised information collection to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.): Individual Landholder's Certification and Reporting Forms for Acreage Limitation, 43 CFR Part 426, OMB Control Number: 1006-0005. This information collection is required under the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982 (RRA), Acreage Limitation Rules and Regulations, 43 CFR Part 426, and a proposed rulemaking entitled: Information Requirements for Certain Farm Operations In Excess of 960 Acres and the Eligibility of Certain Formerly Excess Land, 43 CFR Part 428. We request your comments on the revised RRA forms and specific aspects of the information collection.

**DATES:** Your written comments must be received on or before March 5, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** You may send written comments to the Bureau of Reclamation, Attention: D-5200, PO Box 25007, Denver, CO 80225-0007.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** You may request copies of the proposed revised forms by writing to the above address or by contacting Marilyn Rehfeld at: (303) 445-2899.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Changes to the RRA forms and the instructions to those forms.*

We made a few changes to the current RRA forms and rewrote the instructions to those forms in "plain language" to meet the requirements of the President's June 1, 1998, memorandum. Other changes to the forms and the instructions to the forms are editorial in nature and are designed to increase the respondents' understanding of the forms, instructions to the forms, and what information is required to be submitted with the forms to the districts. The proposed revisions to the RRA forms will be included starting in the 2000 water year.

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on November 18, 1998 (63 FR 64154, Nov. 18, 1998), and requested comments on the proposed rule and the information collection to be submitted to us by January 19, 1999. The proposed rulemaking requires farm operators who provide services to more than 960 nonexempt acres westwide, held by a single trust or legal entity or any combination of trusts and legal entities to submit RRA forms to the district(s) where such land is located. We requested comments from the public on whether to revise an existing RRA form or create a new form for farm operators to prepare.

Just in case, if the rule is finalized and it is determined that farm operators will be required to submit a separate form, we have prepared a draft of this form for review and comment (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**). We have included the estimated burden for the

draft farm operator form (Form 7-21FARMOP) in this notice. Farm operators are not required to submit an RRA form to their district until the proposed rulemaking is published as a final rule in the **Federal Register**.

*Title:* Individual Landholder's Certification and Reporting Forms for Acreage Limitation, 43 CFR Part 426.

*Abstract:* This information collection requires certain landholders to complete forms demonstrating their compliance with the acreage limitation provisions of Federal reclamation law. These forms are submitted to districts who use the information to establish each landholder's status with respect to landownership limitations, full-cost pricing thresholds, lease requirements, and other provisions of Federal reclamation law. All landholders whose entire westwide landholdings total 40 acres or less are exempt from the

requirement to submit RRA forms. Landholders who are "qualified recipients" have RRA forms submittal thresholds of 80 acres or 240 acres depending on the district's RRA forms submittal threshold category where the land is held.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Respondents:* Landholders (direct or indirect landowners or lessees) and farm operators of certain lands in Bureau of Reclamation projects, whose landholdings exceed specified RRA forms submittal thresholds.

*Estimated Total Number of Respondents:* 19,202.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 1.02.

*Estimated Total Number of Annual Responses:* 19,586.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 14,829 hours.

Estimate of Burden for Each Form:

Form no.	Burden estimate per form (in minutes)	Number of respondents	Annual number of responses	Annual burden on respondents (in hours)
Form 7-2180 .....	60	5,358	5,465	5,465
Form 7-2180EZ .....	45	537	548	411
Form 7-2181 .....	78	1,758	1,793	2,331
Form 7-2184 .....	45	40	41	31
Form 7-2190 .....	60	1,910	1,948	1,948
Form 7-2190EZ .....	45	113	115	86
Form 7-2191 .....	78	891	909	1,182
Form 7-2194 .....	45	4	4	3
Form 7-21PE .....	66	205	209	230
Form 7-21TRUST .....	60	1,331	1,358	1,358
Form 7-21VERIFY .....	12	6,452	6,581	1,316
Form 7-21FC .....	30	243	248	124
Form 7-21XS .....	30	164	167	84
Form 7-21FARMOP .....	78	196	200	260

**Comments**

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Reclamation**

**Notice of Intent To Prepare a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement to the 1996 Final Supplement to the Final Environmental Statement for the Animas-La Plata Project and Announcement of Public Scoping Meetings**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement to the 1996 Final Supplement to the Final Environmental Statement and Announcement of Public Scoping Meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation), announces its intent to prepare a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS) to the 1996 Final Supplement to the Final Environmental Statement for the Animas-La Plata Project (ALP) pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended.

This DSEIS will evaluate the environmental impacts of the Administration Proposal, which was announced on August 11, 1998, for Final Implementation of the Colorado Ute Settlement Act. At the heart of the proposal is a modified ALP which is limited to a smaller dam and reservoir