

activities proven to directly benefit or contribute to species conservation and recovery. Currently acceptable management activities may be modified or eliminated based upon research findings and/or evaluation of the biological costs versus the conservation benefits. The 1985 Red-cockaded Woodpecker Recovery plan is currently undergoing revision to reflect advances in red-cockaded woodpecker management in the last 12 years. All interested agencies, organizations, and individuals are urged to provide comments on the permit applications and NEPA documents. All comments received by the closing date will be considered in finalizing NEPA compliance and permit issuance or denial. The Service will publish a record on its final action in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: July 21, 1999.

H. Dale Hall,

Deputy Regional Director.

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UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

Technology Transfer Act of 1986

AGENCY: United States Geological Survey, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of proposed cooperative research and development agreement (CRADA) negotiations.

SUMMARY: The United States Geological Survey (USGS) is contemplating entering into a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) with Alden Research Laboratory, Inc. to jointly perform environmental hydraulics research at the Conte Anadromous Fish Research Center.

INQUIRES: If any other parties are interested in similar activities with the USGS, please contact: Dr. Mufeed Odeh, 413-863-8994 Ext. 43.

BUREAU CLEARANCE OFFICER: John Cordyack 703-648-7313.

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

Dated: July 14, 1999.

Byron K. Williams,

Acting Chief Biologist

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Extension of Currently Approved Information Collection, OMB Approval Number 1004-0114

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is announcing its intention to request extension of approval to collect certain information from the owners of unpatented mining claims, mill sites, and tunnel sites to allow the BLM to record such claims and sites, determine the land status at the time of location, collect annual maintenance and location fees, process annual waiver from such fees, process annual affidavits of labor or notices of intent to hold a mining claim or site, process requests for deferments from assessment work, process transfers of interest, and generally adjudicate such claims and sites for compliance with the 1872 Mining Law, as amended and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA), as amended. **DATES:** Comments on the proposed information collection must be received by September 27, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to: Regulatory Management Team (420), Bureau of Land Management, 1849 C Street, NW., Room 401 LS, Washington, DC 20240. Comments may be sent via Internet to: WOCComment@blm.gov. Please include "Attn: 1004-0114" 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: Roger A. Haskins, (202) 452-0355, roger_haskins@blm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with 5 CFR 1320.8(d), BLM is required to provide 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning a proposed collection of information 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 of 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 analyze any comments sent in response to this notice and include them with its request for extension of approval from the Office of Management and Budget under 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

Recording Claims

Under sections 314 (a) and (b) of FLPMA (43 U.S.C. 1744), owners of unpatented mining claims, mill sites, and tunnel sites located on federal lands must notify BLM of the location of the claim or site within 90 days after it has been filed under State law. Under the implementing regulations at 43 CFR 3833.1-2, the claim owner must provide the name or number of the claim, the name and address of the claim owner(s), the type of claim, the date of location, and a description of the claim or mineral survey.

Maintenance Fee Waiver

Under 30 U.S.C. 28f (Pub. L. 105-277, 112 Stat. 2681-235), owners of unpatented mining claims, mill sites, and tunnel sites must pay an annual maintenance fee of \$100 per claim or site, unless the fee is waived. The fee is in lieu of the requirement to perform and record annual assessment work. Under BLM's implementing regulations at 43 CFR 3833.1-7, owners of no more than ten mining claims can annually apply for and obtain from BLM a maintenance fee waiver by submitting the following information: (1) The mining claim and names and BLM serial numbers, (2) a declaration of owning no more than ten claims and sites, (3) a declaration of having complied with the assessment work requirements, (4) the names and addresses of all owners of the claims and sites, and (5) the owners' signatures. BLM uses Form 3830-2 to simplify the collection of the required information. Any interested member of the public may request and obtain, without charge, a copy of Form 3830-2 by contacting the person identified under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Annual Assessment Work

Under section 314(a) of FLPMA and 30 U.S.C. 28f, owners of unpatented mining claims, mill sites, and tunnel sites who qualify for a waiver of the