

the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) the Fish and Wildlife Service authorized the requested permit subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

Documents and other information submitted for these applications are available for review by any party who submits a written request to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Rm 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203. Phone (703) 358-2104 or Fax (703) 358-2281.

Dated: July 30, 1999.

Pamela Hall,

Acting Chief, Branch of Permits, Office of Management Authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Submission of Paperwork Reduction Act Requests to Office of Management and Budget

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces that the Information Collection Requests for the Tribal Colleges and Universities Annual Report Form, OMB No. 1076-0105, the Tribal Colleges and Universities Grant Application Form, OMB No. 1076-0018, and Higher Education Grant Program Annual Report Form, OMB No. 1076-0106 have been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for approval under the provision of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C., Chapter 25).

DATES: Submit your comments and suggestions on or before September 7, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent directly to Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior, Room 10102, 7225 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503. Send a copy of your comments to: Garry R. Martin, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Office of Indian Education Programs, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington, DC 20240-0001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Copies of the information collection may be obtained by contacting Garry R. Martin at 202-208-3478.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Abstract

The information collection is necessary to assess the need for tribally controlled community college programs and the Higher Education Grant Program in accordance with 25 CFR part 41. A request for comments regarding the information collection forms for 1076-0018 and 1076-0105 was published in the **Federal Register** on January 22, 1998 (63 FR 3333-3341). The request for comments for 1076-0106 was published in the **Federal Register** on February 24, 1998 (63 FR 9241-9242).

No comments were received pertaining to the Tribally Controlled Community College Grant Application, OMB No. 1076-0018. One response from tribal organization representing tribal colleges and universities contained six responses from various tribal institutions. After careful consideration of the responses, specific changes in the collection of information were made to eliminate duplication of information and to reduce the burden of reporting by the institutions. Specific changes regarding section 1 were rewritten and placed in section 5 entitled, "Current Funds Revenue By Source." Data tables involving the collection of revenue by sources and grant expenditures tables were reformatted for easier use. A total of three respondents provided six comments during the comment period for the higher education programs, 1076-0106. One comment was favorable to the streamlined annual report form and remarked that it will make reporting a more efficient process. One respondent observed that part-time student data was utilized in the collection of information and that it was misleading as funding is for full time students. The Bureau considered this comment and has decided to remove the reference to part-time students from the data collection. The respondent also commented that the information requested in the Graduate Listing portion has never been utilized by employment agencies which negates the need to maintain such a specific database. The Bureau will continue requesting the number of graduates but will no longer request specific information concerning the individual graduate. The respondent also commented that there is no need for the Financial Profile as it may be detrimental to higher education funding. The Bureau considered this comment and will retain this section for comparing specific educational funding programs to financial aid programs frequently used by most college

students applying for educational grants and loans. One respondent commented that the reporting period should be based upon the fiscal year of each individual contract; also that the length of time to gather and maintain data for completion is more than three hours. The Bureau considered these comments and contend that the time frame in reporting data reflects an academic period instead of a specific fiscal year and will continue using a reporting period that is consistent with institutional enrollments. The Bureau acknowledges that in some extenuating circumstances the data gathering may exceed the time as estimated; however, because of changes to the form and the lack of other comments concerning time, the Bureau will maintain the estimated burden of three hours to compile this information.

Request for Comments

Comments are invited on (a) Whether the collections of information are 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 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 the information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

The Office of Management and Budget has up to 60 days to approve or disapprove the information collection but may respond after 30 days; therefore, comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted to that office within 30 days in order to assure their maximum consideration.

Title: Tribally Controlled Community College Grant Application Form.

OMB approval number: 1076-018.

Frequency: Annual.

Description of respondents: Tribal colleges and universities.

Estimated completion time: 3 hours.

Annual responses: 25.

Annual burden hours: 75.

Title: Tribally Controlled Community College Annual Report Form.

OMB approval number: 1076-0105.

Frequency: Annual.

Description of respondents: Tribal college and universities.

Estimated completion time: 3 hours.

Annual responses: 25.

Annual burden hours: 75.

Title: Bureau of Indian Affairs Higher Education Grant Program Annual Report Form.

OMB approval number: 1076-0106.

Frequency: Annual.

Description of respondents: Higher Education Grant program contractors.

Estimated completion time: 3 hours.

Annual responses: 125.

Annual burden hours: 375.

Dated: July 9, 1999.

Kevin Gover,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WY-020-1220-00-0208]

Seasonal Closure of Public Land in the Bald Ridge Area, Park County, Wyoming, Cody Field Office, Wyoming

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of seasonal closure.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given to extend the emergency seasonal closure of the Bald Ridge area that was published in the **Federal Register** Vol. 61 No. 62 on Friday, March 29, 1996. The Bald Ridge area located south of the Clarks Fork of the Yellowstone River and west and north of Hogan Reservoir of Park County, Wyoming on public land administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Cody Field Office, is closed from December 15 through April 30 of each winter and spring season to all use (such as hiking, horseback riding, mountain bike riding, crosscountry skiing, and all motorized use) except specifically authorized activities. This action is being taken for resource protection of essential wintering habitat for elk and mule deer. No access into this area will be allowed unless permitted by the Authorized Officer (BLM Cody Field Manager).

EFFECTIVE DATES: This emergency seasonal closure was effective March 18, 1996 and will remain in effect until modified or rescinded by the Authorized Officer.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dennis Saville, Wildlife Biologist or Michael Blymyer, Field Manager, Cody Field Office, P.O. Box 518, 1002 Blackburn Avenue, Cody, Wyoming 82414-0518. Telephone (307)-587-2216.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Cody Field Office is responsible for the management of essential wildlife habitat in the Bald Ridge area of the Absaroka Front and other crucial habitat areas located throughout the Bighorn Basin. These essential habitat areas and

management thereof are covered under the Cody Resource Management Plan (RMP), which was signed on November 8, 1990. "Seasonal restrictions will be applied as appropriate to surface-disturbing and disruptive activities and land uses on big game crucial habitat, including winter ranges and elk calving areas." (Cody RMP, p. 40).

The Bald Ridge area is crucial wintering habitat for big game. Increasing visitor activity, such as horseback riding, hiking and antler hunting has caused unacceptable impacts to the wintering elk and deer herds. These activities are stressing game animals during a period when the animals are most susceptible to stress-related health affects that could cause death. These activities also force the herds to be displaced from their crucial winter habitat. The Cody Field Office has completed the Travel Management Environmental Assessment for the Bald Ridge area and has determined that this closure is necessary to address these concerns.

The following described BLM-administered lands south of the Clarks Fork of the Yellowstone River and west of Hogan Reservoir are included in this seasonal closure: T. 56 N., R. 103 W., sections 7, 8, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, and 33 from the west end of Hogan Reservoir. Hogan Reservoir remains open for fishing and nonmotorized travel within 100 yards of the reservoir's high-water line. Authority for closure and restriction orders is provided under 43 CFR subpart 8341.2 (a and b), 8364.1, 8372.0-7, 8372.1-2. Violations of this closure are punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000 and (or) imprisonment not to exceed 12 months.

Dated: July 21, 1999.

Michael Blymyer,

Cody Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WY-020-1220-00-0208]

Closure of Certain Roads and Trails on Public Land in the Rattlesnake Mountain Area, Park County, Wyoming, Cody Field Office, Wyoming

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of closure.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that effective July 20, 1999, some roads and

trails on public land administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Cody Field Office, will be closed to all motorized travel. These roads and trails are located in the Rattlesnake Mountain area south and west of Trail Creek. As of the effective date, only designated roads are available for use. All roads and trails not designated are closed to motorized use. Designated access roads include the main trunk road on top of Rattlesnake Mountain (BLM #1207) and the BLM portion of the existing trail on the southeast face of Rattlesnake Mountain. Access to the Rattlesnake main trunk road from Monument Hill road (County 7UH) is subject to an easement through private lands which provides public access for timber related purposes only (such as firewood removal or timber harvest). A BLM firewood cutting permit allows motorized vehicle access to this area for firewood removal only. Motorized travel on the southeast face trail is restricted to All Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) with wheelbase lengths less than 60 inches, 6 inches or more tread width on each tire, and 5 pounds or less air pressure in each tire. All other roads and trails are open to foot and horseback travel and other forms of nonmotorized travel (such as mountain bike riding). Additional roads and trails may be temporarily opened to motorized travel for timber and firewood sales. This motorized vehicle use will be managed as stated in 43 CFR 8341.1(a-h). Limited motorized use of nondesignated roads may be allowed for certain permitted uses (such as Right-of-Way [ROW] holders and grazing permittees). Travel by snow machines will be allowed whenever there is adequate snow cover. This applies to all public land administered by the BLM on Rattlesnake Mountain, unless administratively restricted for the protection of wintering big game herds. As stated in the decision record of the Rattlesnake Mountain Travel Management Environmental Assessment (WY-017-EA6-038). "This decision can be modified within the original scope of this analysis, without further notice if determined by the authorized officer that changes in adjacent land ownership, new data acquisition, or public access needs dictate a revision of this decision."

EFFECTIVE DATES: This closure will be effective July 20, 1999 and will remain in effect until modified or rescinded by the Authorized Officer.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tom Hare, Cody Assistant Field Manager or Michael Blymyer, Cody Field Manager, P.O. Box 518, 1002 Blackburn Avenue,