

Act and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 regulations (40 CFR 1506.6). We will evaluate the application, associated documents, and comments submitted thereon to determine whether the application meets the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act regulations and section 10(a) of the Endangered Species Act. If we determine that those requirements are met, we will issue a permit to the Applicants for the incidental take of the San Joaquin kit fox. Our final permit decision will be made no sooner than 30 days from the date of this notice.

Dated: August 27, 1999.

Elizabeth H. Stevens,

Deputy Manager, California/Nevada Operations Office, Fish and Wildlife Service, Sacramento, California.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WO-320-1330-01-24 1A]

OMB Approval Number 1004-0103; Information Collection Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for Review Under the Paperwork Reduction Act

The proposed collection of information listed below has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*). On April 7, 1999, BLM published a notice in the **Federal Register** (64 FR 16994) requesting comments on this proposed collection. The comment period ended on June 7, 1999. BLM received no comments from the public in response to that notice. Copies of the proposed collection of information and related forms and explanatory material may be obtained by contacting the BLM clearance officer at the telephone number listed below. OMB is required to respond within 60 days but may respond after 30 days. For maximum consideration, your comments and suggestions on the requirement should be sent directly to the Office of Management and Budget, Interior Department Desk Officer (1004-0103), Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Washington, DC 20503, telephone (202) 395-7340. Please provide a copy of your comments to the Bureau Clearance Officer (WO-630), 1849 C St., NW, Mail Stop 401 LS, Washington, DC 20240.

Nature of Comments

We specifically request your comments on the following:

1. Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper functioning of the Bureau of Land Management, including whether the information will have practical utility;
2. The accuracy of BLM's estimate of the burden of collecting the information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
3. The quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and
4. How to minimize the burden of collecting the information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology.

Title: Mineral Materials Disposal.

OMB Clearance No.: 1004-0103.

Abstract: BLM proposes to extend the currently approved collection of information for the disposal through sale of mineral materials, such as sand, gravel, and petrified wood, on public lands. BLM uses the information that applicants provide to: (1) determine if the sale of the mineral materials is in the public interest, (2) mitigate any environmental impacts associated with mineral development, (3) get fair market value for the material sold, and (4) prevent the trespass removal of the resource. The collection also includes a sale contract form, BLM 3600-1.

Bureau Form: 3600-1 (combines forms 3600-4, Contract for Cash Sale of Mineral Materials, Appraised at Less Than \$2,000; and 3600-5, Contract for the Sale of Units of Materials, Appraised at \$2,000 or More)

Frequency: Once or twice per year.

Description of Respondents: Respondents are operators desiring sand, gravel, stone, and other mineral materials from lands under BLM jurisdiction.

Annual Respondents: 2,700.

Annual Responses: 2,800.

Annual Burden Hours: 1,475.

Collection Clearance Officer: Carole Smith, (202) 452-0367.

Dated: August 12, 1999.

Carole J. Smith,

Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CO-700-99-5440-00-C023]

Notice of Availability

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior; Forest Service, Agriculture. **Responsible Officials:** Ann Morgan, State Director, Colorado State Office, Bureau of Land Management, 2850 Youngfield, Denver, CO 80215 and Robert L. Storch, Forest Supervisor, Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests, U.S. Forest Service, 2250 US Hwy 50, Delta, CO 81416.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of North Fork Coal Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) and Notice of Public Hearing and Request for Comments on the DEIS, Maximum Economic Recovery Report, and Fair Market Value; for lease and exploration license applications of Federal coal in Delta and Gunnison Counties, Colorado (COC61209, COC61357, COC61945).

SUMMARY: Pursuant to 40 CFR 1500-1508, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the Forest Service (FS) announce the availability of the North Fork Coal DEIS for the Iron Point and Elk Creek Coal Lease Tracts for competitive leasing and the Iron Point Coal Exploration license for exploration drilling in accordance with 43 CFR 3425 and 3410. The scheduled date and place for a public hearing pursuant to 43 CFR 3425.4 is announced. The purpose of the hearing is to solicit comments on the DEIS and on the fair market value (FMV) and Maximum Economic Recovery (MER) of the proposed lease tract.

DATES: The public hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m. MDT, on October 14, 1999, at the Hotchkiss High School, Hotchkiss, Colorado. To assist the public in formulating their comments, there will also be an informal open house on October 7, 1999, starting at 7:30 p.m. MDT, at the Hotchkiss High School, Hotchkiss, Colorado to answer questions regarding the organization and technical content of the DEIS. Written comments on the DEIS, fair market value and maximum economic recovery will be accepted for 60 days following the date the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) publishes their Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register**. We expect the EPA notice will be published on September 3, 1999. Written comments on the DEIS, fair market value and maximum economic recovery must be received by November 3, 1999.