

The Plan would be implemented by a Joint Powers Authority which would be advised by a Technical Advisory Committee including representatives from the Fish and Wildlife Service, California Department of Fish and Game, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, among others. Additional assistance will be provided to the Joint Powers Authority by conservation, agricultural, and business interests, and other stakeholders in the County.

Funding for the Plan is anticipated to be provided by multiple sources including development fees (to fund 67 percent of the Plan); local, state and federal funding sources (16 percent of Plan funding); Plan-generated income (e.g., through lease revenues—approximately 5 percent of funding); conservation bank revenues (2 percent); and revolving funds (10 percent).

The draft Impact Statement/Report considers five alternatives, including the Proposed Action and the No-Action Alternatives. Under the No-Action Alternative, landowners within the County would continue to apply for individual incidental take permits on a case-by-case basis, resulting in piecemeal planning that would establish isolated patches of mitigation land scattered throughout the County. This could result in cumulatively significant adverse impacts to those species which would benefit from larger tracts of interconnected habitats.

Under the Reduced Land Acquisition/Increased Preserve Enhancement Alternative, mitigation would focus on habitat enhancement which could interfere substantially with agricultural activities, creating significant adverse impact to agricultural productivity in the County. This alternative would have questionable benefits to the covered species because habitat enhancement is unpredictable and may be unsuccessful.

Under the No Wetlands Coverage Alternative, landowners within the County would continue to apply for individual permits pursuant to the Federal Clean Water Act, resulting in piecemeal planning. Mitigation lands would consist of smaller and more widely scattered habitat blocks than would occur with the Proposed Action, resulting in cumulatively significant adverse impacts to those wetland-dependent species which would benefit from larger tracts of interconnected habitats.

Under the Preserve Location Outside of the County Alternative, significantly less habitat within the County would be preserved than with the Proposed Action, adversely impacting some covered species by creating gaps in the species' range and potentially

disrupting the genetic integrity of some populations. This alternative could also adversely impact relatively immobile species that are unable to relocate to distant newly created habitats.

The California Department of Fish and Game intends to use this draft Impact Statement/Report and the Plan as a basis for issuing state permits for incidental take equivalent to the actions described above.

In addition, under a separate action, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers may use this draft Impact Report/Statement and the Plan as a basis for developing a programmatic general permit pursuant to section 404(e) of the Federal Clean Water Act [33 CFR 322.2(f) and 323.2(h)] in consultation with the Environmental Protection Agency covering Waters of the United States for the San Joaquin County Multi-Species Habitat Conservation and Open Space Plan covered activities conducted on jurisdictional lands. In conjunction, these documents will be used by the California State Water Resources Control Board or Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board to consider the issuance of a water quality certification or waiver pursuant to section 401 of the Federal Clean Water Act after issuance of the programmatic section 404(e) general permit.

This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(a) of the Endangered Species Act and Fish and Wildlife Service regulations for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (40 CFR 1506.6).

Dated: September 22, 1999.

**Elizabeth H. Stevens,**

*Deputy Manager, Region 1, California/Nevada Operations Office, Sacramento, California.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) the Department of the Interior is seeking extension of an Information Collection Request (ICR) for grantees participating in the Pub. L. 102-477 program, OMB# 1076-0135. The Department invites public comments on the subject proposal described below.

**DATES:** Submit written comments regarding this proposal on or before November 30, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instructions should be directed to Lynn Forcia, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW, MS 4640-MIB, Washington, DC 20240, and 202-219-5270 (This is not a toll-free number).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: I.**

**Abstract:** The information collection is needed to document satisfactory compliance with statutory requirements of the various integrated programs. Pub. L. 102-477 authorizes tribal governments to integrate federally funded employment, training and related services programs into a single, coordinated, comprehensive service delivery plan. Funding agencies include the Department of the Interior, Department of Labor, and the Department of Health and Human Services. The Bureau of Indian Affairs is statutorily required to serve as the lead agency. Section 11 of this Act requires that the Secretary of the Interior make available a single universal report format which shall be used by a tribal government to report on integrated activities and expenditures undertaken. The Bureau of Indian Affairs shares the information collected from these reports with the Department of Labor and Department of Health and Human Services.

**II. Method of Collection:** Pub. L. 102-477 grantees are required to complete annually two single page, one-sided report forms and one narrative report, using five pages of instructions. These replace 166 pages of instructions and applications representing three different agencies and twelve different funded but related programs. We estimate a 95 percent reduction in reporting which is consistent with the Paperwork Reduction Act and goals of the National Performance Review.

The statistical report and narrative report will be used to demonstrate how well a plan was executed in comparison to its proposed goals. This one page, universal report plus narrative satisfies the Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Labor, and the Department of the Interior.

The financial status report will be used to track cash flow, and will allow an analysis of activities versus expenditures and expenditures to approved budget. It is a slightly modified SF-269-A (short form).

These two report forms and the narrative are extremely limited but

satisfy requirements of the Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Labor, and the Department of the Interior. The revised forms reduce the burden on tribal governments by consolidating data collection for employment, training, education, child care and related service programs. The reports are due annually. These forms, developed within a partnership between participating tribes and representatives of all three Federal agencies, standardize terms and definitions, eliminate duplication and reduce frequency of collection.

**Respondents:** Tribes participating in Pub. L. 102-477 will report annually. As of October 1, 1999 we anticipate that there will be 32 grantees participating in the program.

**Burden:** We estimate that completion of the reporting requirements will require 10 hours per year to complete for each grantee. The total hour burden will be 320 hours.

#### Request for Comments

Comments may include:

- (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the bureau, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- (b) The accuracy of the bureau's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- (c) The quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- (d) How to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology.

Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB Control Number and should be sent to Lynn Forcia, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW, MS-4640-MIB, Washington, DC 20240.

All written comments, names and addresses of commentators will be available for public inspection in Room 4644 of the Main Interior Building, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington, DC, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. If you want us to withhold your name and address you must state that prominently at the beginning of your comment. We will honor your request to the extent allowable by law. Please note that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, an information collection request that does not have a valid expiration date.

Dated: September 21, 1999.

**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 amendment to 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 gaming activities on Indian lands. The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, through his delegated authority, has approved the Second Amendment to the Tribal-State Compact for Class III Gaming between the Elwha S'Klallam Indian Tribe and the State of Washington, which was executed on March 16, 1999.

**DATES:** This action is effective October 1, 1999.

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

Dated: September 17, 1999.

**Kevin Gover,**

*Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Availability of the Proposed Plan Amendment Environmental Assessment to the Book Cliffs Resource Area Resource Management Plan

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Utah, Vernal Field Office has completed an Environmental Assessment (EA) and issued a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Proposed Book Cliffs Resource Area Plan Amendment for Black-Footed Ferret Reintroduction into the Coyote

Basin Area, Utah. The proposed plan amendment would allow for the reintroduction of the ferret into the Primary Management Zone (PMZ) of Coyote Basin under the conditions delineated under the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's rule establishing the area as covered by Section 10j of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended. The Coyote Basin PMZ, which is located in Uintah County, Utah, consists of 51,563 acres.

Additionally, the guidelines developed by an interdisciplinary team and described in the Final Proposed Cooperative Plan for the Reintroduction and Management of Black-footed Ferrets in Coyote Basin, Uintah County, Utah would be followed.

**DATES:** The 30 day protest period for the proposed plan amendment will commence with the publication of this notice. Protests must be received on or before November 1, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Protests must be addressed to the Director (W-210), Bureau of Land Management, Attn: Brenda Williams, 1849 C Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20240 within 30 days after the date of publication of this Notice of Availability.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** William Stroh, Wildlife Biologist, Vernal Field Office, at 170 South 500 East, Vernal, Utah 84078, (435) 781-4481. Copies of the proposed plan amendment EA are available for review at the Vernal Field Office or on the internet at <http://www.blm.gov/utah/vernal>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This action is announced pursuant to Section 202(a) of the Federal Land Policy Management Act (1976) and 43 CFR Part 1610. This proposed amendment is subject to protests by any party who has participated in the planning process. Protests must be specific and contain the following information:

- The name, mailing address, phone number, and interest of the person filing the protest.
- A statement of the issue(s) being protested.
- A statement of the part(s) of the proposed amendment being protested and citing pages, paragraphs, maps, etc., of the proposed plan amendment.
- A copy of all documents addressing the issue(s) submitted by the protestor during the planning process or a reference to the date when the protestor discussed the issue(s) for the record.
- A concise statement as to why the protestor believes the BLM State Director is incorrect.