

average time of 40 hours for an applicant to supply the requested information. Based on the estimated 55 applications the BLM receives annually and the average time of 40 hours it takes an applicant to supply the requested information, the total annual burden is collectively 2,200 hours.

Any interested member of the public may request and obtain, without charge, a copy of the R&PP application (Form 2740-1) by contacting the person identified under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments will also become part of the public record.

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**Carole Smith,**

*BLM Information Collection Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[WO-350-1430-PE-01-24 1A]

#### Extension of Currently Approved Information Collection; OMB Approval Number 1004-0029

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

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**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 for the collection of information from those persons who submit a Color-of-Title Application (Form No. 2540-1) to apply for public lands under a color-of-title claim. The BLM uses the information to determine if the applicant is eligible to acquire public lands under the relevant statutes.

**DATES:** Comments on the proposed information collection must be received by May 19, 2000, to be considered.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be mailed to: Regulatory Management Team (420), Bureau of Land Management, 1849 C Street NW, Room 401 LS, Washington, D.C. 20240.

Comments may be sent via Internet to: [WOCComments@blm.gov](mailto:WOCComments@blm.gov). Please include "Attn: 1004-0029" and your name and return address in your Internet address. Comments may be hand delivered to the Bureau of Land Management Administrative Record, Room 401, L Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20036.

Comments will be available for public review at the L Street address during regular business hours (7:45 am to 4:15 pm, Monday through Friday).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Alzata L. Ransom, Lands and Realty Group, 202-452-7772.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with 5 CFR 1320.12(a), the BLM is required to provide 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning a collection of information contained in published current rules 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 on 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.

The Color-of-Title Act of December 22, 1928 (45 Stat. 1069), as amended by the Act of July 28, 1953 (67 Stat. 227), (U.S.C. 1068-1068b), was passed by Congress to provide for transferring legal title to the public lands from the United States to eligible individuals, groups, or corporations who have a valid color-of-title claim. The regulations in 43 CFR 2540 provide guidelines and procedures to file a color-of-title claim. These regulations were adopted on June 13, 1970 (35 FR 9592).

Any individual, group, or corporation who has evidence giving the appearance of having title to public lands which are administered by the BLM and legal title to the lands remains vested in the United States may file a color-of-title application with the BLM District Office where the lands are located.

The two claims recognized by the Act are referred to as Class 1 and Class 2. A Class 1 claim is one which has been held in good faith and peaceful, adverse possession by a claimant, his ancestors or grantors, under claim or color-of-title for a minimum of 20 years, on which valuable improvements have been placed, or on which some part of the land has been reduced to cultivation under claim or color-of-title, and upon which the claimant or predecessors in interest have placed valuable

improvements, or on which some part of the land has been reduced to cultivation. A Class 2 claim is one which has been held in good faith and peaceful, adverse possession by a claimant, his ancestors or grantors, under claim or color-of-title for the period commencing not later than January 1, 1901, to the date of application, during which time they have paid taxes levied on the land by State and local governmental units. A claim is not held in good faith where held with knowledge that the land is owned by the United States. A claim is not held in peaceful, adverse possession where it was initiated while the land was withdrawn or reserved for federal purposes.

The information collected on Color-of-Title Application Form No. 2540-1 is required by the regulations in 43 CFR 2540 to process requests to acquire legal title to the public lands under the provisions of the Act of December 22, 1928, as amended by the Act of July 28, 1953. If you believe you have a valid color-of-title claim you may file an application with the BLM Office having responsibility for the public lands you desire to acquire legal to. The following information is collected on the form: (1) Applicant's name; (2) applicant's address; (3) applicant's area code and phone number; (4) legal description of the lands claimed; (5) type of application (class 1, class 2, or both); (6) record titleholder declaration and explanation; (7) description and copy of the written document the title is based on (deed, will, court order, etc.); (8) date the applicant learned about the title problems; (9) source of information from which the applicant learned about the title problems; (10) name, address, and phone number of the title examiner and date of examination; (11) total purchase price of the property, estimated value of structural and cultural improvements on the date of purchase, estimated value of existing structural and cultural improvements added since the date of purchase, and the amount received for forest products sold since the date of purchase; (12) cultivation statement; (13) calendar years the lands have been cultivated, and the number of acres cultivated; (14) list of improvements to the property; (15) mineral estate information; (16) \$10 filing fee; and (17) date of application, and signature of applicant.

After receiving your application, BLM will analyze the information on your application, conduct an on-site field examination of the lands, and prepare reports. The BLM will approve your application if you meet the requirements of a Class 1 or Class 2

claim or reject your application if your do not meet the requirements of a Class 1 or Class 2 claim. Class 2 claims are discretionary and may be rejected if the public interest in retention of the lands clearly outweighs the interest of the applicant.

The BLM estimates that approximately 37 applications (Form 2540-1) are received annually. Based on the BLM's experience in processing an application, it will take an average of 15 minutes for an applicant to supply the requested information. Based on the estimated 37 applications the BLM receives annually and the average time of 15 minutes it takes an applicant to supply the requested information, the total annual burden is collectively 9 hours.

Any interested member of the public may request and obtain, without charge, a copy of Conveyances Affecting Color or Claim of Title Form 2540-1 by contacting any BLM Office or the person identified under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

All responses to the notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments will also become part of the public record.

Dated: March 15, 2000.

**Carole Smith,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[CO-200-1430-EU] COC-57547, COC-63624

#### Notice of Realty Action

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Realty Action.

**SUMMARY:** The following public lands in Boulder and Prowers County have been examined and found suitable for classification for lease or conveyance under the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 *et seq.*)

COC-57547: The Town of Ward, proposes to include the following lands in the development of a recreational and wildlife reserve area:

#### Sixth Principal Meridian

T. 1 N., R. 73 W.,

Sec. 1, Public lands south and west of Brainard Lake Road, excluding that portion of the Johanna Lode, MS 12731, that is in conflict with the unpatented Warrior Lode mining claim

Sec. 12, lots 1, 3, 4, 9 and a portion of lot 2

Consisting of approximately 166.23 acres.

COC-63624: Colorado Division of Wildlife proposes to include the following lands in the X-Y Ranch State Wildlife Area:

#### Sixth Principal Meridian

T. 22 S., R. 43 W.,

Sec. 31, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$

T. 23 S., R. 43 W.,

Sec. 4, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$

Sec. 5, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$

Sec. 10, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$

Sec. 14, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$

Sec. 24, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$

Consisting of approximately 320 acres.

The lands are not needed for Federal purposes. Lease or conveyance for recreational use is consistent with current BLM land use planning and would be in the public interest.

Upon publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the lands in Prowers County will be segregated from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the general mining laws, except for lease or conveyance under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act. The lands in Boulder County are currently segregated under COC-63637, dated February 10, 2000.

**DATES:** Interested parties may submit comments regarding the proposed lease/conveyance or classification of the lands before April 21, 2000. Reference the applicable serial number in all correspondence. In the absence of any adverse comments, the classification will become effective May 19, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Bureau of Land Management, Canon City District, P.O. Box 2200, Canon City, Colorado 81215-2200.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** COC-57547: Jan Fackrell, Realty Specialist at 719-269-8525. COC-63624: Dave Hallock, Realty Specialist at 719-269-8536.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Classification comments—interested parties may submit comments involving the suitability of the land for the purposes stated. Comments on the classification are restricted to whether the land is physically suited for the proposal, whether the use will maximize future use or uses of the land, whether the use is consistent with local planning and zoning, or if the use is consistent with State and Federal programs.

Application comments—interested parties may submit comments regarding the specific use proposed in the application and plan of development, whether the BLM followed proper administrative procedures in reaching the decision, or any other factor not

directly related to the suitability of the land for the proposals.

This action is in response to applications by the Town of Ward and Colorado Division of Wildlife. Lease of the lands will not be authorized until after the classification becomes effective. Lease or patent of the lands for recreational or public purpose use would be subject to the following terms, conditions, and reservations:

1. Provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act and to all applicable regulations of the Secretary of the Interior.

2. All valid existing rights documented on the official public land records at the time of lease/patent issuance.

3. All minerals shall be reserved to the United States, together with the right to prospect for, mine, and remove the minerals.

4. Any other reservations that the authorized officer determines appropriate to ensure public access and proper management of Federal lands and interests therein.

**Donnie R. Sparks,**

*Field Office Manager.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Reclamation

#### CALFED Bay-Delta Program Policy Group

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

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The CALFED Bay-Delta Program Policy Group will meet on April 19, 2000. The agenda for the Policy Group meeting will include discussion of the CALFED Long-Term Water Management Strategy Evaluation Framework and the Preferred Program Alternative in the Final Programmatic EIS/R. This meeting is open to the public. Interested persons may make oral statements to be CALFED Bay-Delta Program Policy Group or may file written statements for consideration.

**DATES:** The CALFED Bay-Delta Program Policy Group meeting will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 19, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** This meeting will meet at The Sacramento Convention Center, 1400 J Street, Room 302-303, Sacramento, CA 95814.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mary Selkirk, CALFED Bay-Delta