

Although CH2M Hill will prepare the Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report, the Service will be responsible for the scope and content of the Environmental Impact Statement, and the City and County will be responsible for the scope and content of the Environmental Impact Report.

The Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report will consider the proposed action (issuance of section 10(a)(1)(B) Endangered Species Act permits to the City and Sutter County), and a reasonable range of alternatives as summarized below. Plan components related to the court's ruling that will be addressed, include the following:

1. The Plan's mitigation fee structure, mitigation land ratio, and rice farming best management practices;

2. The viability of the Plan if fewer than all of the three jurisdictions with land in the basin participate in the Plan with respect to mitigation fees, the quality and location of habitat that would be lost and preserved under the Plan, and the impacts to the covered species and their habitats;

3. Analysis of the species and the quality, quantity and location of habitat within each jurisdiction;

4. Analysis of the effect on giant garter snakes if the Plan's goals of large, connected blocks of reserve lands cannot be met, and the design of a process to be built into the plan to assure its habitat goals are achieved;

5. Analysis of the midcourse review procedure incorporated into the plan to respond to new information and address implementation issues if the City (or Sutter County) is the only permittee; and

6. Analysis of the effectiveness of the monitoring and adaptive management provisions of the Plan if the City (or Sutter County) is the sole permittee.

Potential alternatives may include a decreased development alternative, an increased mitigation ratio alternative, and a No Action alternative. Under the No Action alternative, the Service would not issue section 10(a)(1)(B) permits to the City and Sutter County in the Natomas Basin.

Environmental review of the revised Plan will be conducted in accordance with the requirements of the 1969 National Environmental Policy Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), National Policy Act regulations (40 CFR parts 1500-1508), other applicable regulations, and Service procedures for compliance with those regulations. This notice is being furnished in accordance with section 1501.7 of the National Environmental Policy Act to obtain

suggestions and information from other agencies and the public on the scope of issues to be addressed in the Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report.

Comments and participation in the scoping process are hereby solicited. The 1997 Plan, upon which the revised Plan is based, was subject to extensive public review. However, because of likely changes in the Plan, including addition of the benefits of the "No Surprises" regulation (63 FR 8859) and the Services' "Five-Point Policy" (65 FR 35242), additional public review and input is being sought.

The primary purpose of the scoping process is to identify, rather than to debate, significant issues related to the proposed action. Interested persons are encouraged to provide comments on the scope of issues and alternatives to be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Extension of Approved Information Collection, OMB Number 1004-0182

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 an existing approval to collect certain information from Alaska Natives interested in conducting reindeer grazing activities on BLM administered lands. This information allows BLM to begin the assessment of the compatibility of reindeer grazing on public lands with multiple-use objectives (43 CFR 4300).

DATES: You must submit your comments to BLM at the appropriate address below on or before February 16, 2001. BLM will not necessarily consider any comments received after the above date.

ADDRESSES: Comment may be mailed to: Regulatory Affairs Group (630), Bureau of Land Management, 1849 C Street NW, Room 401LS, Washington, DC 20240.

Comments may be sent via Internet to: WOCComment@blm.gov. Please include "ATTN: 1004-0182" 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: Larry Field, BLM Northern Field Office, on (907) 474-2343 (Commercial or FTS). Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8330, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to contact Mr. Field.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 5 CFR 1320.12(a) requires BLM to provide 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning a collection of information contained in regulations found in 43 CFR 2812 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. BLM will receive and analyze any comments sent in response to this notice and include them with its request for approval from the Office of Management and Budget under 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

The Act of September 1, 1937 (50 Stat. 900; 25 U.S.C. 500 *et seq.*) authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to manage the reindeer industry in Alaska to maintain a self-sustaining industry for Natives of Alaska. The Act also authorizes the Secretary to issue permits to those Natives for grazing reindeer on public lands. The implementing regulations at 43 CFR 4300 authorize Alaska Natives to apply to BLM for permits to graze reindeer and to construct improvements on the land.

The Grazing Lease or Permit Application (Form 4210-1) and the Reindeer Grazing Permit (Form 4132-2)

are designed to record all information required under 43 CFR 4300.20 and 43 CFR 4300.57. BLM uses the information provided by the applicant(s) and permittee(s) to determine whether applicant qualifies to receive a reindeer grazing permit and whether permittee meets the specified terms and conditions of the granted permit.

Based on BLM's experience administering the activities described above, the public reporting burden for the information collected estimates to average 1 hour per application and 15 minutes for the permit. The respondents are Alaska Natives. The frequency of response is once every 5 years for the renewal applications and once per year for the reindeer grazing permits. The estimated number of responses per year totals 18. The estimated total annual burden is 23 hours (5 hours annual burden on permittees and 18 hours to apply for the renewal of existing reindeer grazing permits). BLM specifically requests your comments on its estimate of the amount of time that it takes to prepare a response.

BLM will summarize all responses to this notice and include them in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: December 12, 2000.

Michael Schwartz,

BLM Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[OR-057-1040-PH-GP1-0020]

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

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has submitted the proposed collection of information listed below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) On August 3, 2000, BLM published a notice in the **Federal Register** (65 FR 47796) requesting comment on this proposed collection. The comment period ended on October 2, 2000. 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 to this request within 60 days but may respond after 30 days. For maximum consideration your comments and suggestions on the requirement should be made within 30 days directly to the Office of Management and Budget, Interior Department Desk Officer (1004-NEW), Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Washington, D.C. 20503. Please provide a copy of your comments to the Bureau Clearance Officer (WO-630), 1849 C St., N.W., Mail Stop 401 LS, Washington, D.C. 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: Bureau of Land Management's Program Evaluation for the National Riparian Service Team and Extended Riparian Network, OMB approval number: 1004-NEW.

Abstract: The Bureau of Land Management is proposing a new information collection for the purpose of conducting a program evaluation for the National Riparian Service Team (NRST) and the extended riparian network. The BLM will conduct surveys and interviews of individuals who work within or receive services from the interagency NRST or the extended riparian network. The information will allow the BLM to measure satisfaction and program effectiveness, and comply with the requirements and spirit of the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993 and Executive Order No. 12862. Questions will address the following areas: (1) Satisfaction with the team as a facilitator of cooperative riparian restoration/management; (2) program effectiveness (*e.g.*, on-the-ground implementation and/or achievement of interim steps toward implementation of riparian management strategies; impact of thought process,

PFC as a tool for creating a common vocabulary, for facilitating effective cooperation); and (3) general demographic information.

Bureau Form Number: None.

Frequency: Once every other year (biennial).

Description of Respondents: The respondents will be individuals who work with or receive services from the National Riparian Service Team or the extended riparian network, including: Federal, State, Local and Tribal Government employees; individuals affiliated with non-profit organizations; and members of the general public. Estimated completion time: (survey) 25 minutes/.42 hours per respondent (500 respondents), and (interview) 45 minutes/.75 hours per respondent (40 respondents).

Annual Responses: 540 (biennial).

Filing Fee Per Response: None.

Annual Burden Hours: 250 (biennial).

Bureau Clearance Officer: Michael Schwartz, 202-452-5033.

Dated: October 26, 2000.

Michael Schwartz,

BLM Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[UTU-79203]

Utah—Notice of Invitation To Participate In Coal Exploration Program; Lodestar Energy, Inc.,

Lodestar Energy, Inc. is inviting all qualified parties to participate in its proposed exploration of certain Federal coal deposits in the following described lands in Carbon County, Utah:

T. 13S., R. 7E., SLM, UT
 Sec. 19, E2SE, SWSE, SESW;
 Sec. 20, W2SW;
 Sec. 29, NWNW;
 Sec. 30, E2, NENW.

Containing 640.00 acres.

Any party electing to participate in this exploration program must send written notice of such election to the Bureau of Land Management, Utah State Office, P.O. Box 45155, Salt Lake City, Utah 84145-0155, and to Dave Miller, Lodestar Energy, Inc., White Oak Mine, HC 35 Box 370, Helper, Utah 84526. Such written notice must be received within thirty days after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

Any party wishing to participate in this exploration program must be qualified to hold a lease under the