

within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice.

ADDRESSES: Written data or comments should be submitted to the Chief, Endangered Species, Ecological Services, Fish and Wildlife Service, 911 NE 11th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97232-4181; Fax: (503) 231-6243. Please refer to the respective permit number for each application when submitting comments. All comments received, including names and addresses, will become part of the official administrative record and may be made available to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act, by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents within 20 days of the date of publication of this notice to the address above; telephone: (503) 231-2063. Please refer to the respective permit number for each application when requesting copies of documents.

Dated: April 18, 2001.

Rowan W. Gould,
Regional Director, Region 1, Portland, Oregon
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Bolsa Chica Lowland Restoration Project Final Environmental Impact Statement/Report

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) announces the availability of a final environmental impact statement/report (FEIS/R) for the Bolsa Chica Lowland Restoration Project, Orange County, California.

DATES: A 30-day review period will follow the Environmental Protection Agency's notice of availability of the FEIS/R on April 27, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Public reading copies of the FEIS/R will be available for review at: Huntington Beach Central Library, 7111 Talbert, Huntington Beach, California

Garden Grove County Regional Library,
11200 Stanford, Garden Grove,
California

Fountain Valley Branch Library, 17635
Los Alamos, Fountain Valley,
California

Seal Beach Branch Library, 707 Electric
Ave., Seal Beach, California

Fish and Wildlife Service, 2730 Loker
Ave. West, Carlsbad, California

Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District,
711 Wilshire Blvd., 14th floor, Los
Angeles, California

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jack Fancher, Coastal Program Coordinator, Fish and Wildlife Service, 2730 Loker Ave. West, Carlsbad, California 92008. Phone (760) 431-9440 or Pam Castens, Corps of Engineers, P.O. Box 532711, Los Angeles, California 90053-2325. Phone (213) 452-3851.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This FEIS/R has been prepared and is being circulated in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The Fish and Wildlife Service and the Corps of Engineers are NEPA co-lead agencies, cooperating with six other State and Federal agencies on implementation of the proposed plan. This project involves the proposal to implement a comprehensive habitat restoration plan with a public access component for an approximately 1,300-acre area known as the Bolsa Chica Lowlands. The project site is in the western Orange County, California, next to the City of Huntington Beach, Pacific Coast Highway and Bolsa Chica State Beach.

Major components of this planning effort are: (1) Restoration of full tidal influence through new inlet and bridge construction and expansion of the wetland's tidal prism by dredging, (2) creation and enhancement of aquatic habitats and intertidal wetlands, (3) creation of nesting and feeding areas for threatened and endangered birds, (4) preservation of nontidal wetlands, and (5) phased removal of oil extraction facilities from the wetlands area. It is anticipated that tidal restoration would be accomplished primarily by the Fish and Wildlife Service and partners. The Final EIS/R analyzes six project alternatives including other inlet locations and flood channel alignments. The lead agencies indicate a preference for the downcoast or southerly inlet location and no flood channel realignment.

Dated: April 17, 2001.

Steve Thompson,
*Acting Manager, California-Nevada Office,
Fish and Wildlife Service.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Proposed Information Collection Under the Paperwork Reduction Act; Comment Request

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of reinstatement.

SUMMARY: This notice announces that the Information Collection Requests for the Bureau of Indian Affairs Higher Education Grant Program Annual Report Form, OMB No. 1076-0106, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs Higher Education Grant Program Application, OMB No. 1076-0101 require reinstatement. The proposed information collection requirements, with no appreciable changes, described below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 25) after the public has an opportunity to comment on these proposals.

DATES: Submit your comments and suggestions on or before June 26, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be mailed or hand delivered to Garry R. Martin, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Office of Indian Education Programs, 1849 C Street NW, Room 3526-MIB, 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. Comments can be reviewed at the location listed in the **ADDRESSES** section between the hours of 8 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Abstract

The information collection is necessary to request applications for this program and to assess the need for this program as required by 25 CFR 40.

Request for Comments

Comments are invited on (a) whether these information collections 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 estimate of the burden (hours and cost) of the 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 the information on the respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Please note that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. Each proposed information collection contains the following: Type of Review requested; e.g., new, revision, extension, reinstatement, existing; Title; Summary of collection; Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; respondents and frequency of collection; Reporting and/or Record keeping burden.

Type of Review: Reinstatement.

Title: Higher Education Grant Program Annual Report Form.

This is a compilation of data from tribes and tribal organizations that participate in the Bureau of Indian Affairs Higher Education Grant Program. The information is used to account for the funds appropriated for this program.

OMB approval number: 1076–0106.

Frequency: Annually.

Description of respondents: Tribes, Tribal Organizations.

Estimated completion time: 3 hours.

Number of Annual responses: 125.

Annual Burden hours: 375 hours.

Type of Review: Reinstatement.

Title: Higher Education Grant Program Application.

The information is used by the tribe or tribal organization to determine the eligibility of the respondents for this program.

OMB approval number: 1076–0101.

Frequency: Annually.

Description of respondents: Eligible American Indian and Alaska Native students.

Estimated completion time: 1 hour.

Number of Annual responses: 14,000.

Annual Burden hours: 14,000 total hours.

Dated: April 20, 2001.

James H. McDivitt,

Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs (Management).

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

Emergency Closure

AGENCY: Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management.

ACTION: Notice of Closure of Public Lands; Utah. Notice of a emergency closure to motorized vehicles and mountain bikes on a crucial “lek” (strutting and breeding ground) and adjacent habitat area for the greater sage grouse. This area is located west and north of Parowan Gap in Iron County, Utah.

SUMMARY: This notice closes to motorized vehicle and mountain bike use approximately 1,735 acres of public land administered by BLM land located in all or parts of sections 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 17, 20, 21; T. 33 S., R.10 W; SLBM. All public lands including motorized vehicle routes within the area will be closed, except access to a wildlife guzzler located adjacent to the west boundary road in Section 8 will be allowed. The authority for this action is 43 CFR 8341.2.

DATES: This closure is seasonal from March 1st to May 15th each year will begin immediately and remain in effect pending amendment of the land use plan for the Cedar City Field Office area.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Steve Hedges, Bureau of Land Management, 176 East DL Sargent Drive, Cedar City, Utah 84720, telephone (435) 865–3035.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject area is important year long sage grouse habitat and contains a crucial lek or strutting ground, which is considered to be the center of spring breeding activity for resident sage grouse populations. This lek (strutting and breeding ground) has been monitored annually since 1974 by the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (UDWR) and is one of the few remaining active leks in Iron County. The greater sage grouse is listed by Utah BLM and UDWR as a state sensitive species. BLM policy for sensitive species as stated in the 6840 Manual is that they should be managed to ensure that actions funded, authorized, or carried out by the BLM do not contribute to the need to list them as threatened or endangered species. UDWR classifies the sage grouse as a species of special concern with declining populations and limited distributions. As such, it is crucial to protect the lek sites of this species. The area is currently designated as open to OHV use as documented in the Off Road Vehicle Designation and

Implementation Plan for Beaver River Resource Area completed in 1987. The OHV plan also prescribes that BLM monitor ongoing OHV activity and, if necessary, adjust the time, location, or quantity of use. The subject area has received considerable increase in OHV use, extending existing routes, and creating new routes. This activity is having an adverse impact on the sage grouse in that the breeding activities are being disrupted by vehicles driving through the lek during the time which the birds are on the lek. Therefore, BLM is temporarily closing to all vehicle use the area as described above.

Dated: April 9, 2001.

A.J. Meredith,

Field Office Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Implementation of Special Area Permit Fees in Utah

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Utah State Office, Salt Lake City, Utah.

ACTION: Notice of implementation of special area permit fees on public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management in Utah.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that day use and overnight special area permit fees are being charged for all individual (private, non-commercial) users and for guests of commercial users at the areas listed below. Failure to pay fees may result in a fine of up to \$100 added to the initial fee amount.

Paria Canyon–Vermillion Cliffs

Wilderness Area: \$5 per person/per day, \$5 per dog/per day

Westwater Canyon—\$7 per person/per trip

Desolation Canyon—\$18 per person/per trip

San Juan River—Sand Island to Mexican Hat—\$6 per person/per trip; Mexican Hat to Clay Hills—\$12 per person/per trip; Sand Island to Clay Hills—\$18 per person/per trip

Cedar Mesa—Overnight permit \$8 per person/per trip, 7 day pass (day use) \$5 per person, Single day (day use) pass \$2 per person, Seasonal day use pass \$20 per person

The implementation of special area permit fees is effective immediately for the areas listed as required on a year-round or seasonal basis under the above listed permit systems.