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ADDRESSES: You may mail comments to: Regulatory Affairs Group (630), Bureau of Land Management, Mailstop 401LS, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington, DC 20240.

You may send comments via Internet to: WOCComment@blm.gov. Please include "ATTN: 1004-0114" and your name and return address in your Internet message.

You may deliver comments 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: You may contact Roger A. Haskins on (202) 452-0372 (Commercial or FTS). Persons who use a telecommunication device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) on 1-800-877-8330, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to contact Mr. Haskins.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 5 CFR 1320.12(a) requires that we provide a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning a collection of information to solicit comments on:

(a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper functioning of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(b) The accuracy of our estimate of the information collection burden, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions we use;

(c) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and

(d) Ways to minimize the information collection burden on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

The Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 30 U.S.C. 28f (Public Law 105-277), and the regulations under 43 CFR 3830-3833, 3840-3843, 3850-3852 authorizes BLM to collect information from owners of unpatented claims, mill sites and tunnel sites to manage the general mining law activities on public lands.

BLM uses Form 3830-2 (Maintenance Fee Waiver) to collect the information to waive the \$100 annual maintenance fee that owners of unpatented mining claims, mill sites, and tunnel sites must pay. The owners of unpatented mining claims, mill sites, and tunnel sites must

submit the following information to BLM:

(1) The mining claim names and BLM serial numbers;

(2) A declaration of owning no more than 10 claims or sites;

(3) A declaration of compliance with the assessment work requirements;

(4) The names and addresses of all owners of the claims and sites; and

(5) The owners' signatures.

BLM uses Form 3830-3 (Notice of Intent to Locate A Lode or Placer Mining Claim(s) and/or A Tunnel Site(s) on Lands Patented Under the Stock Raising Homestead Act of 1916, As Amended by the Act of April 16, 1993) to collect information on an applicant who files a notice of intent to locate or explore for a mining claim or tunnel site. The applicant must submit the following information to BLM:

(1) The name and mailing address of the applicant filing the notice of intent to locate or explore for a mining claim or tunnel site;

(2) A legal land description of the lands which the notice of intent will apply;

(3) A brief description of the proposed mineral activities;

(4) A map and legal description of lands subject to mineral exploration;

(5) The name, address, and phone number of the person managing the activities; and

(6) The dates activities will take place. BLM will use all of the information collected on recording claims, annual assessment work, notice of intent to hold, and transfer of interest to:

(1) Determine the number and location of unpatented mining claims, mill sites and tunnel sites located on Federal lands to assist in the surface management of these lands and any minerals found there;

(2) Remove any cloud on the title to those lands due to abandoned mining claims;

(3) Provide information as to the location of active claims; and

(4) Keep informed of transfers of interest and ownership.

Without this information, BLM would not be able to protect the rights of surface and mineral owners; the Government's ability to locate, control, and manage surface disturbance would be compromised; and opportunities for mineral exploration and development would be limited.

Based upon BLM experience administering FLPMA and the general mining laws, the public reporting information collection burden takes eight minutes per response. The respondents are owners of unpatented mining claims, mill sites, and tunnel

sites located on public lands and individuals or organizations who seek to explore for or locate a mining claim. The estimated number of responses per year is 364,000 and the total annual burden is 48,545 hours.

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

Dated: July 30, 2001.

Michael H. Schwartz,
BLM Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Extension of Approved Information Collection, OMB Approved Number 1004-0005

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 requesting the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to extend an existing approval to collect information from individuals who apply for grazing permits or leases or who apply to make changes in grazing use within the terms and conditions of existing permits and leases. BLM uses Form 4130-1 (Grazing Application) to collect information that describes the applicant's desired grazing use under a new grazing permit or lease or that describes the applicant desired changes in grazing use within the terms and conditions of an existing permit or lease. The regulations under 43 CFR 4130 authorize BLM to issue grazing permits or leases to qualified applicants and to authorize changes in grazing use within the terms and conditions of an existing permit or lease.

DATES: You must submit your comments to BLM at the address below on or before October 22, 2001. BLM will not necessarily consider any comments received after the above date.

ADDRESSES: You may mail comments to: Regulatory Affairs Group (630), Bureau of Land Management, Mailstop 401LS, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20240.

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include "ATTN: 1004-0005" and your name and return address in your Internet message.

You may deliver comments 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: You may contact Ken Visser on (202) 452-7743 (Commercial or FTS). Persons who use a telecommunication device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) on 1-800-877-8330, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to contact Mr. Visser.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 5 CFR 1320.12(a) requires that we provide a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning a collection of information to solicit comments on:

(a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper functioning of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(b) The accuracy of our estimates of the information collection burden, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions we use;

(c) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and

(d) Ways to minimize the information collection burden on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

The regulations under 43 CFR 4130 authorize BLM to issue grazing permits or leases to applicants who apply to have their livestock graze on public lands. BLM administers the livestock grazing program consistent with land-use plans, multiple-use objectives, sustained yield, environmental values, economic considerations, and other factors. To do so, BLM requests information from the permittees and lessees to authorize livestock grazing use on the public lands and to amend annual authorized grazing use levels.

BLM will use Form 4130-1 to collect the following information:

(1) The name and number of the grazing allotment to verify the authorized location;

(2) The number of livestock;

(3) Periods of use for billing purposes to calculate grazing use fees;

(4) To record brands to verify ownership;

(5) To determine reasons for any nonuse of the grazing allotment;

(6) To determine if the use applied for is within the authorized level of use;

(7) To determine if the use applied for is consistent with multiple-use objectives; and

(8) To develop the appropriate terms and conditions under 43 CFR 4130.3-1 and 4130.3-2.

BLM uses this information also for various grazing administrative purposes depending on the nature of the application. These purposes include:

(1) To identify the applicant;

(2) To determine if the requested terms and conditions of grazing use are consistent with regulations and applicable land use plan or activity plan management guidance;

(3) To determine if the livestock brands are recorded to the applicant;

(4) To develop the appropriate terms and conditions under 43 CFR 4130.3-1 and 4130.3-2;

(5) To consider modifying terms and conditions of grazing use under 43 CFR 4130.3;

(6) To consider changes to grazing use within terms and conditions of the existing permit or lease under 43 CFR 4130.4(b); and

(7) To determine the forage amount requested and the grazing fees due for use.

Based upon BLM experience and recent tabulations of activity, we process approximately 6,000 applications each year. The public reporting information collection burden takes 20 minutes to complete. The estimated number of responses per year is 6,000 and the total annual burden is 2,000 hours.

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

Dated: August 3, 2001.

Michael H. Schwartz,

BLM Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Public Land Closures; Temporary Closure of Designated Areas of the Pryor Mountain National Wild Horse Range in the Southeastern Portion of Carbon County, Montana and the Northern Portion of Big Horn County, Wyoming, to Public Access, Use, or Occupancy

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Montana, Billings Field Office, Interior.

SUMMARY: Notice is served that designated areas of the Pryor Mountain National Wild Horse Range will be closed to all unauthorized persons.

DATES: Rotating closures will be in effect from on, or about, September 10, 2001, 0001 AM MDT through the conclusion of the gather operation, anticipated to conclude September 30, 2001 6:00 PM MDT depending on the weather and success of gather and adoption operations.

Discussion of the Closure

This closure is necessary to ensure the safety and welfare of all participants and observers for this gather, and to protect the wild horses as a natural resource on public lands. Efforts will be made to avoid time periods, such as weekends, of heavier anticipated use of the range. The helicopter contractor is available to work on weekends, however, and this may be necessary due to temporary weather shutdowns, or other unforeseen circumstances. This will be the second time that helicopters are used as the primary tool for herding horses into the Britton Springs Corral facility on the Pryor Mountain National Wild Horse Range. In order to operate the aircraft in a safe and effective manner, and based on experience gained in the 1997 gather, it is necessary to close the affected areas to all public use during actual herding operations. The wild horses are separated into social groups that occupy three fairly distinct geographic areas of the range including Sykes Ridge, Burnt Timber Ridge, and the Dry Head/Layout Creek portions of the Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area. Gather operations will be selective and will focus on one geographic area at a time. Normal aircraft operations will probably conclude in the early afternoon of each day of operations, following which the affected areas will be opened until the next aircraft operational period. Detailed information may be obtained