

be prepared in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act and the California Environmental Quality Act. Although URS Corporation will prepare the EIS/EIR, the Service will be responsible for the scope and content of the document for National Environmental Policy Act purposes, and the County will be responsible for the scope and content of the document for California Environmental Quality Act purposes.

The EIS/EIR will consider the proposed action (issuance of section 10(a)(1)(B) Endangered Species Act permits), and a reasonable range of alternatives. Potential alternatives may include a compensation ratio unique to each of the three zones for habitat disturbance, assigning a relative conservation credit value per acre within each habitat zone, and a no action alternative. Under the compensation ratio alternative, the Red Zone lands would have a compensation ratio of 9:1; the Green Zone, 6:1; and the White Zone, 3:1. Compensation, in the form of habitat protection, would be in place prior to impacts. Under the conservation credit value alternative, a compensation ratio of not more than 3:1, based on conservation credits, would be used to determine compensatory requirements. Credits would be generated by the permanent preservation of habitat, restoration, granting of conservation easements, and other measures. The value of the credits and the amount of required compensation would be based on the conservation value of the land preserved and impacted, respectively. Under the no action alternative, the Service would not issue section 10(a)(1)(B) permits.

Potentially significant impacts on biological resources, land use, air quality, water quality, mineral resources (oil and gas), water resources (treatment, storage, and conveyance systems), and economics could occur directly or indirectly with implementation of the proposed action and alternatives. Land development could cause incidental take of federally listed species for which the Plan proposes to provide a method of compensation that could achieve protection of covered species through habitat conservation. Also, the proposed Habitat Zones could potentially influence development patterns and associated land use decisions, oil and gas activities, and development of water systems within the affected area. For all potentially significant impacts, the EIS/EIR will identify mitigation measures where feasible.

Environmental review of the 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.*), its implementing 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 EIS/EIR. We invite written comments from interested parties to ensure that the full range of issues related to the permit requests are addressed and that all significant issues are identified. All comments received, including names and addresses, will become part of the official administrative record and may be made available to the public.

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 EIS/EIR.

Dated: October 24, 2002.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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OMB Approval Number 1004–0187; Information Collection Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget Under the Paperwork Reduction Act

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has submitted a request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) to extend the currently approved information collection listed below. On August 7, 2002, the BLM published a notice in the **Federal Register** (67 FR 51291) requesting comment on this information collection. The comment period ended on October 7, 2002. BLM received no comments. You may obtain copies of the collection of information and related forms and explanatory material by contacting the BLM Information Collection Clearance Officer at the telephone number listed below.

the OMB must 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 (1004–0187), Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Washington, DC 20503. Please provide a copy of your comments to the Bureau Information Collection Clearance Officer (WO–630), Bureau of Land Management, Eastern States Office, 7450 Boston Blvd., Springfield, Virginia 22153.

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 BLM, including whether the information will have practical utility;
2. The accuracy of the 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, methanical, or other forms of information technology.

Title: Social Security Number/Taxpayer Identification Number Request.

OMB Approval Number: 1004–0187.

Bureau Form Number: 1372–6.

Abstract: We require the information to identify individuals or entity who do business with the BLM and to determine debt collection. We also collect this information for use by the Treasury Department to collect debts from individuals or entities who are 180 days or more late in payments owed the Federal Government.

Frequency: Once.

Description of Respondents: Those entities who do business with BLM which include licensees, permittees, lessees, and contract holders. Individuals who pay one-time recreation fees are not affected.

Estimated Completion Time: 1 minute.

Annual Responses: 5,000.

Application Fee Per Response: \$0.

Annual Burden Hours: 83.

Bureau Clearance Officer: Michael Schwartz, (202) 452–5033.

Dated: October 18, 2002.

Michael H. Schwartz,

Bureau of Land Management, Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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