

Interior to issue leases for development of Federal oil and gas and geothermal resources. The Act of August 7, 1947 (Mineral Leasing Act of Acquired Lands) authorizes the Secretary to lease lands acquired by the United States (30 U.S.C. 341–359). The Department of the Interior Appropriations Act of 1981 (42 U.S.C. 6508) provides for the competitive leasing of lands for oil and gas in the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska (NPPRA). The Attorney General's Opinion of April 2, 1941 (40 Opinion of Attorney General 41) provides the basis under which the Secretary issues certain leases for lands being drained of mineral resources. The Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 (40 U.S.C. 471 *et seq.*) provides the authority for leasing lands acquired from the General Services Administration.

Assignor/transferor submits Form 3000–3, Assignment of Record Title Interest In A lease for Oil and Gas or Geothermal Resources, and Form 3000–3A, Transfer of Operating Rights (Sublease) In A Lease for Oil and Gas or Geothermal Resources, to transfer interest in oil and gas or geothermal leases by assignment of record title or transfer operating rights (sublease) in oil and gas or geothermal leases under the regulations at 43 CFR 3106, 3135, and 3216. These regulations outline the procedures for assigning record title interest and transferring operating rights in a lease to explore for, develop, and produce oil and gas and geothermal resources.

The assignor/transferor provides the required information to comply with the regulations in order to process the assignments of record title interest or transfer of operating rights (sublease) in a lease for oil and gas or geothermal resources. The assignor/transferor submits the required information to BLM for approval under 30 U.S.C. 187a and the regulations at 43 CFR 3106, 3135, and 3216.

BLM uses the information submitted by the assignor/transferor to identify the interest ownership that is assigned or transferred and the qualifications of the assignor/transferee. BLM determines if the assignor/transferee is qualified to obtain the interest sought and ensures the assignor/transferee does not exceed statutory acreage limitations.

Based on BLM's experience administering the activities described above, we estimate it takes 30 minutes per response to complete the required information. The respondents include individuals, small businesses, and large corporations. The frequency of response is annual. We estimate 60,000 responses

per year and a total annual burden of 30,000 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: February 3, 2003.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[WO–220–1020–PM–24 1A]

#### Extension of Approved Information Collection, OMB Control Number 1004–0051

**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 certain information from permittees and lessees on the actual grazing use by their livestock. BLM uses Form 4130–5, Actual Grazing Use Report, to collect this information. This information allows BLM to compute fees for the amount of forage authorized grazing livestock consume by area and period.

**DATES:** You must submit your comments to BLM at the address below on or before April 8, 2003. BLM will not necessarily consider any comments received after the above date.

**ADDRESSES:** You may mail comments to: Bureau of Land Management, (WO–630), Eastern States Office, 7450 Boston Blvd., Springfield, Virginia 22153.

You may send comments via Internet to: [WOCComment@blm.gov](mailto:WOCComment@blm.gov). Please include “ATTN: 1004–0051” 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.

All 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 telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service at 1–800–877–8330, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to contact Mr. Visser.

**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 in 43 CFR part 4130 to solicit comments on:

(a) Whether the proposed 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 burden of the information collection 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 Taylor Grazing Act (TGA) of 1934 (43 U.S.C. 315, 315 *et seq.*), the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.*), and the Public Rangelands Improvement Act (PRIA) of 1978 (43 U.S.C. 1901 *et seq.*) provide the authority for the BLM to administer the livestock grazing program consistent with land-use plans, multiple-use objectives, sustained yield, environmental values, economic considerations, and other factors. BLM administers the grazing program, generally, by issuing grazing permits or leases that specify allowable livestock use by location, number and period. BLM recognizes that to sustain and conserve resources, minor annual adjustments of grazing terms and conditions as specified on a multi-year term permit or lease are needed to balance actual grazing use with available forage and water. Therefore, rather than relying solely upon the terms and conditions of the permit or lease as a record of the use made during any one year, BLM can require permittees or lessees to submit information that more accurately reflects the grazing use. Sections 3 and 15 of the TGA and the regulation at 43 CFR 4130.3–2(d) provide that BLM may require permittees or lessees to furnish a record of their actual grazing use. The regulation (43 CFR 4130.8–1(e)) provides for a grazing fee payment after the grazing season under specified

circumstances. Lessees or permittees submit grazing use information on the Form 4130-5, Actual Grazing Use Report.

BLM uses this information for two specific purposes:

a. *To calculate the fees due for the grazing use completed.* Fees are due the United States when BLM issues a billing notice and must be paid in full prior to grazing use, except when an allotment management plan (AMP) provides for delayed payment and it is incorporated into a grazing permit or lease. In this latter situation, BLM will issue a billing notice based upon the actual grazing use completed at the end of the grazing period or year (43 CFR 4130.8-1(e)). BLM uses the information it collects to bill for grazing use or to make up a part of the allotment monitoring records. The permittee and lessee must keep accurate and current records for the period of time his/her permit or lease covers. The information collected includes allotment and pasture location of the grazing, the date and numbers of livestock permitted on or removed from the range, and the kind or class of livestock grazed.

b. *To obtain information needed to monitor and evaluate livestock grazing use.* The purposes of the information are to determine if adjustments in the amount of use are needed, or if other management actions could achieve the desired effects. Knowledge of actual livestock grazing use is essential in the monitoring and the evaluation of the livestock grazing management program. Information on the specific use is essential for an accurate and complete analysis and evaluation of the effects of livestock grazing during particular periods of time, as interrelated with other factors such as climate, growth characteristics of the vegetation, and utilization levels on the plants.

Without this information, the BLM could not fulfill its legal responsibility to manage uses of the public land as required by law. The required information is only available from the grazing operators. Because the actual grazing use that occurs is not constant from year to year, BLM requires information for each grazing season for which grazing use is sought.

Based on BLM's experience administering the activities described above, we estimate the average public reporting burden to complete the required information is 25 minutes per response. Because of the variations in size and complexity or range livestock operations, some of the 15,000 responses may take a few minutes in one recording session to complete the form, while others may take up to 60

minutes combined through several sessions during the grazing year, with each requiring a few minutes to enter the required data. The respondents include permittees and lessees required to furnish a record of the actual grazing use. The frequency of response is annually. We estimate the number of responses per year is 15,000 and a total annual burden of 6,250 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: February 3, 2003.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

**[WO-250-1231-EB-24 1A]**

#### **Extension of Approved Information Collection, OMB Control Number 1004-0119**

**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 certain information from recreation visitors to areas of the public lands and related waters, where we require special recreation permits. BLM uses Form 8370-1, Special Recreation Application and Permit, to collect this information. This information allows the BLM to authorize requested recreation use and determine appropriate fees. BLM will also use the information to tabulate recreation use data for the annual Federal Recreation Fee Report as required by the Land and Water Conservation Act.

**DATES:** You must submit your comments to BLM at the address below on or before April 8, 2003. BLM will not necessarily consider any comments received after the above date.

**ADDRESSES:** You may mail comments to: Bureau of Land Management, (WO-630), Eastern States Office, 7450 Boston Blvd., Springfield, Virginia 22153.

You may send comments via Internet to: [WOCComment@blm.gov](mailto:WOCComment@blm.gov). Please

include "ATTN: 1004-0119" 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.

All 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 Lee Larson, on (202) 452-5168 (Commercial or FTS). Persons who use a telecommunications 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. Larson.

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

(a) Whether the proposed 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 burden of the information collection 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.

Respondents submit Form 8370-1, Special Recreation Application and Permit, to supply identifying information and data on proposed commercial, competitive, or individual recreation use. This information allows the BLM to authorize requested recreation use and determine appropriate fees. We will also use this information to tabulate recreation use data for the annual Federal Recreation Fee Report as required by the Land and Water Conservation Act.

Based on BLM's experience administering the activities described above, we estimate the public reporting burden for the information collected is 30 minutes per response. The respondents are recreation visitors to areas of the public lands and related waters, where we require special recreation permits. The frequency of response is on occasion. We estimate the number of responses per year is 31,000 and a total annual burden of 15,500 hours.