

States with harvest programs for wild and/or cultivated American ginseng include: Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, and Wisconsin.

During the week of February 17, 2003, the Divisions of Scientific Authority and Management Authority hosted an American ginseng workshop in St. Louis, Missouri, with representatives of State and Federal agencies that regulate the plant to discuss the status and management of American ginseng and the CITES export program for the species. The workshop provided an important opportunity for representatives of the States and Federal agencies to work cooperatively to develop recommendations to improve the management and the CITES export program of this plant. In anticipation of this year's and future findings, we are now seeking public input on the wild status, production, and export of American ginseng. In particular, we are most interested in any new information on wild ginseng, and the production and export of wild-simulated and woods-grown American ginseng.

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Dated: March 27, 2003.

Marshall P. Jones Jr.,

Acting Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Submission to OMB for Approval of Tribal Self-Governance Program Information Collection

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Indian Affairs is submitting a request for an extension of an information collection from potential Self-Governance Tribes, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The information collected under OMB Clearance Number 1076-0143 will be used to establish requirements for entry into the pool of qualified applicants for self-governance, to

provide information for awarding planning and negotiation grants, and to meet reporting requirements of the Self-Governance Act.

DATES: Submit comments on or before May 23, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Written comments can be sent to: The Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503. A copy should be sent to William Sinclair, Office of Self-Governance, 1849 C Street, NW., Mail Stop 2548 MIB, Washington, DC 20240.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: You may obtain copies of the information collection request submission and the Federal Register notice by contacting William Sinclair, (202) 219-0244.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The **Federal Register** notice of proposed information collection activities was published in the **Federal Register** on November 27, 2002 (67 FR 70964). No comments were received. You are advised that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information that does not display a valid OMB clearance number. For the Self-Governance collection of information, the response is voluntary, to obtain or retain a benefit, depending upon the parts of the program being addressed.

The Self-Governance program was authorized by the Tribal Self-Governance Act of 1994, Public Law 103-413, as amended. Tribes interested in entering into Self-Governance must submit certain information as required by Public Law 103-413, as amended, to support their admission into Self-Governance. In addition, those tribes and tribal consortia who have entered into self-governance compacts will be requested to submit certain information as described in the negotiated rules published in final form on December 15, 2000 (65 FR 78688). This information will be used to justify a budget request submission on their behalf and to comport with section 405 of the Act that calls for the Secretary to submit an annual report to the Congress.

You may submit comments about the collection to evaluate the following:

(a) The accuracy of the burden hours, including the validity of the methodology used and assumptions made;

(b) The necessity of the information for proper performance of the bureau functions, including its practical utility;

(c) The quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and,

(d) Suggestions to reduce the burden including use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology.

Please submit your comments to the persons listed in the **ADDRESSES** section. Please note that comments, names and addresses of commentators, will be available for public review during regular business hours. If you wish your name and address withheld from the public, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. We will honor your request to the extent allowable by law.

OMB is required to make a decision concerning this information collection request between 30 and 60 days after publication of this document in the **Federal Register**. Therefore, a comment will receive the best consideration by OMB if it is submitted early during this comment period.

Type of review: Renewal.

Title: Tribal Self-Governance

Program—25 CFR 1000.

OMB Control No.: 1076-0143.

Affected Entities: Tribes and tribal consortiums wishing to enter into a self-governance compact.

Size of Respondent Pool: 95.

Number of Annual Responses: 213.

Average Hours per Response: 48 hours.

Yearly Hour Burden: 10,498 hours.

Annual Non-Hourly Burden Cost: \$16,000.

Dated: April 15, 2003.

Aurene M. Martin,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

Notice of Public Meeting: Resource Advisory Council to the Lower Snake River District

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Lower Snake River District Resource Advisory Council (RAC), will meet as indicated below.

DATES: The meeting will be held May 21, 2003 at the Marsing Community

Center, located at 126 Bruneau Highway, Marsing, Idaho, beginning at 9 a.m. Public comment periods will be held after each topic on the agenda. The meeting will adjourn at 5 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: MJ Byrne, Public Affairs Officer and RAC Coordinator, Lower Snake River District, 3948 Development Ave., Boise, ID 83705, Telephone (208) 384-3393.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 15-member Council advises the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Land Management, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with public land management in southwestern Idaho. At this meeting, the following topics will be discussed:

- RAC Members will discuss with BLM representatives what role they envision the Members playing in the "Working Landscape-Grazing Policy Changes" Initiative after the three "Listening" public meetings held around Idaho, in April;
- A presentation will be given on RS 2477 and the new handbook issued in November, 2002, entitled, "Road

Management and Maintenance Guidelines for Public Lands in Idaho";

- A video will be shown during lunch about noxious weeds;
- An update will be given on the two Resource Management Plans under development in the District;
- Subcommittee reports on Rangeland Standards and Guidelines, Sage Grouse Habitat Management, OHV and Transportation Management, River Recreation and Resource Management Plans, and Fire and Fuels Management; and
- Each of the Field Office Managers will provide an update on current activities and issues in each of their field office areas.

All meetings are open to the public. The public may present written comments to the Council. Each formal Council meeting will also have time allocated for hearing public comments. Depending on the number of persons wishing to comment and time available, the time for individual oral comments may be limited. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation, tour

transportation or other reasonable accommodations, should contact the BLM as provided below. Expedited publication is requested to give the public adequate notice.

Dated: April 17, 2003.

Jimmie Buxton,

Acting Associate District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Extension for Expiring Concession Contracts

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Public Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to 36 CFR 51.23, notice is hereby given that the National Park Service intends to extend the following expiring concession contract for a period of up to 6-months, or until such time as a new contract is awarded, whichever occurs sooner.

Concessioner ID No.	Concessioner name	Park
CC-EVER002-82	Everglades National Park Boat Tours, Inc.	Everglades NP

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cynthia Orlando, Concession Program Manager, National Park Service, Washington, DC 20240, Telephone 202/513-7144.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The concession authorization expires on its terms on December 31, 2002. The National Park Service has determined that the proposed 6-month extension is necessary in order to avoid interruption of visitor services and has taken all reasonable and appropriate steps to consider alternatives to avoid such interruption. This extension will allow the National Park Service to develop a prospectus leading to competitive selection for a new long-term concession contract.

Dated: February 14, 2003.

Richard G. Ring,

Associate Director, Administrator, Business Practices and Workforce Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Release of an Environmental Assessment Document for the Placement of Wireless Telecommunication Facilities

AGENCY: National Park Service, Catoclin Mountain Park.

ACTION: Reduction in the number of public informational meetings.

SUMMARY: Catoclin Mountain Park will release for public review, the Environmental Assessment document for the application regarding the placement of wireless telecommunication facilities (WTF). The public information meeting scheduled for April 29, 2003 will not be held. Two meetings were originally scheduled because the meetings were to be held during the winter months; since the meetings are being held in the spring, only one will be held. The public informational meeting of May 1, 2003

will be held as scheduled at Catoclin Mountain Park, Round Meadow Conference Room at 7 p.m.

DATES: Environmental Assessment release date—April 18, 2003.

Document Availability: The Environmental Assessment document will be available for public review at Catoclin Mountain Park headquarters located at 6602 Foxville Road, Thurmont Maryland, at Washington County Library (Hagerstown and Smithsburg branches) and Frederick County Library (Frederick and Thurmont branches) and online at the Catoclin Mountain Park's Web site <http://www.nps.gov/cato>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Scott Bell, Environmental Protection Specialist, 301/416-0536.

Dated: April 16, 2003.

J. Mel Poole,

Superintendent, Catoclin Mountain Park.

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