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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Federal Emergency Management Agency

#### Open Meeting/Conference Call, Board of Visitors for the National Fire Academy

**AGENCY:** U.S. Fire Administration (USFA), FEMA, Emergency Preparedness and Response, Homeland Security.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting via conference call.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with section 10 (a) (2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, FEMA announces the following committee meeting:

*Name:* Board of Visitors (BOV) for the National Fire Academy.

*Dates of Meeting:* July 28, 2003

*Place:* Building H, Room 300, National Emergency Training Center, Emmitsburg, Maryland.

*Time:* July 28, 2003, 2-4 p.m.

*Proposed Agenda:* Review National Fire Academy Program Activities.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The meeting will be open to the public in the Emmitsburg commuting area with seating available on a first-come, first-served basis. The meeting is open to the public; however, teleconference lines are limited. Members of the general public who plan to participate in the meeting should contact the Office of the Superintendent, National Fire Academy, U.S. Fire Administration, 16825 South Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg, MD 21727, (301) 447-1117, on or before July 21, 2003. Dial-in information will be provided to those wishing to participate via telephone.

Minutes of the meeting will be prepared and will be available for public viewing in the Office of the U.S. Fire Administrator, U.S. Fire Administration, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Emmitsburg, Maryland 21727. Copies of the minutes will be available upon request within 60 days after the meeting.

Dated: June 10, 2003.

**R. David Paulison,**

*U.S. Fire Administrator.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Indian Affairs

#### Submission of Paperwork Reduction Act Request to Office of Management and Budget

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces that the Information Collection Request for Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) for a Certificate of Degree of Indian or Alaska Native Blood (CDIB) has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 25). The BIA is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before July 16, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be sent directly to the Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior, by facsimile at (202) 395-5806 or you may send an e-mail to:

*Ruth.Solomon@omb.eop.gov.*

Send a copy of your comments to Duane Bird Bear, Chief, Division of Tribal Government Services, Office of Tribal Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 1849 C Street, NW., MS-320-SIB, Washington, DC 20240.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Copies of the information collection may be obtained by contacting Carolyn Newman, 202-513-7641.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** No comments on the workload burden or the form itself (OMB Control No. 1076-0153) were received during or before the close of the public comment period on April 21, 2003, as requested in the Notice published in the **Federal Register** (68 FR 7800) on February 18, 2003. Comments were received but they concerned substantive requirements for descendants of members of federally recognized Indian tribes but who were not themselves enrolled members of the tribe. This issue will be addressed during rule revision.

#### Abstract

The purpose of this collection is to assist in determining the eligibility of individuals for various programs and

services available to American Indians and Alaska Natives. This part specifies the requirements for the documentation of degree of Indian blood and uniform standards by which we may issue, amend, or invalidate a Certificate of Degree of Indian or Alaska Native Blood. Disclosure of information may be given to the Department of the Interior and the Department of Justice when required for litigation or anticipated litigation. Notification of inquiries or access must be addressed to the appropriate Regional Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs.

We have adjusted the estimated number of respondents and the burden based on historical trend and for these reasons: (1) The number of federally recognized tribes has remained stable, (2) the number of requests for the CDIB form, usually issued once, has decreased and (3) the BIA field offices and agencies have reduced the number of CDIB forms, processed pending the issuance of a final rule.

Submission of this information is voluntary. However, not providing information may result in a determination that an individual is not eligible to receive program services based upon his/her status as an American Indian or Alaska Native. The information to be collected includes: certificates of birth and death, probate determinations, court orders, affidavits, Federal or tribal census records and Social Security records.

#### Request for Comments

The Department of the Interior invites comments on:

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

(b) The accuracy of the agencies' estimate of the burden (including the hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumption 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 information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

The Office of Management and Budget has up to 60 days to approve or disapprove the information collection but may respond after 30 days; therefore, comments submitted in response to this notice should be

submitted to OMB within 30 days in order to assure their maximum consideration. Please note: comments, names, addresses of commentators are available for public review during regular business hours. If you wish us to withhold any information, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. We will honor your request to the extent allowable by law. Please note that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless a currently valid OMB control number is displayed. You may request copies of the information collection forms and our submission to OMB from the person listed in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

*Title:* Request for Certificate of Degree of Indian or Alaska Native Blood, 25 CFR part 70.

*OMB Control number:* 1076-0153.

*Description of respondents:*

Individual Indians who may be eligible to receive program services based upon their status and/or degree of Indian or Alaska Native blood.

*Frequency:* All information and documentation is to be collected once from each requester.

*Estimated completion time:* The reporting and record keeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1.5 hours for each response for an estimated 154,200 requests per year or 231,300 hours, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources and gathering needed data. In addition, 2,400 appeals are expected annually at 2.5 hours per appeal, which adds 6000 hours of burden. Thus, the estimated total annual reporting and record keeping burden for this entire collection is estimated to be 237,300 hours.

*Total annual burden:* 237,300 hours.

*Estimated non-hour cost:* There are no costs to consider, except postage and the cost of duplicating the original application form, because verification of the information is already available for other reasons.

Dated: June 6, 2003.

**Aurene M. Martin,**

*Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[UT-034-03-1220-DA]

#### Environmental Statements; Notice of Intent; Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, UT

**AGENCY:** Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, Utah.

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent to consider a proposed plan amendment and prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument (GSENM) to allow consideration of toilet facilities at designated campsites in the Frontcountry and Passage Zones and to consider additional designated campsites beyond that currently allowed in the management plan. The Monument includes public lands in Garfield and Kane counties, Utah.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Planning Regulations (43 CFR part 1600) this notice advises the public that the BLM, GSENM is considering amending the GSENM Management Plan as it pertains to the installation of toilet facilities at designated campsites in the Frontcountry and Passage Zones and the number of designated campsites allowed in the Frontcountry and Passage Zones. Plan Decisions FAC-10 and FAC-15 state that toilet facilities will not be provided at designated campsites in the Frontcountry and Passage Zones. With increased visitor use, human waste has become a concern at some of the sites being considered for designation as primitive campsites. Language used in Plan Decision FAC-16 for the Outback Zone states in part that toilet facilities could be considered for protection of resources in limited cases where other tools to protect resources are ineffective. The plan amendment proposes to adopt this same language for the Frontcountry and Passage Zones so that toilet facilities could be considered at designated campsites for the protection of resources in these zones as well. Plan Decisions FAC-10 and FAC-15 limit the number of sites that can be designated for primitive camping to 10 in the Frontcountry Zone and 25 in the Passage Zone. Visitor use has exceeded expectations when the plan was developed and additional primitive campsites are needed to meet the public demand. The plan amendment proposes to allow additional primitive campsites to be designated in the Frontcountry and Passage Zones with no specific

number of sites identified. Additional site specific analysis as required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) would be prepared for campsite designation.

**DATES:** This notice initiates a 30-day public scoping period. If you have information, data, or concerns related to the potential impacts of the proposed plan amendments, have comments on the planning criteria, or suggestions for alternatives, please submit them to the address below. Scoping comments must be received at the address below within 30 days of the date this notice is published in the **Federal Register**.

**ADDRESSES:** Written scoping comments should be sent to: Monument Manager, Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, 190 East Center Street, Kanab, Utah 84741. Planning documents and letters received, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the GSENM Office in Kanab, Utah during regular business hours (8 a.m. to 5 p.m.) Monday through Friday, except holidays. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or street address from public review and disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety and may be published as part of the EA. If you are not currently on our mailing list and wish to receive a copy of future planning documents, please send your name and address to the address listed above.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Barbara Sharrow, Assistant Monument Manager Visitor Services, 435-644-4312, or Dave Hunsaker, Monument Manager, 435-644-4330.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The BLM is preparing an EA to analyze the impacts of designating primitive campsites as required by the GSENM Management Plan. This EA will also be used to address the potential impacts of the proposed plan amendments as described above. The BLM has contracted with a third party, IHI Environmental of Salt Lake City, Utah to prepare the EA. The BLM has identified the following planning criteria, which will guide development of the amendment:

1. The proposed plan amendment and environmental analysis will be