

administrative law judge of the Office of Hearings and Appeals and will be governed by the regulations applicable to other hearings under this part. All appeals should be made pursuant to 43 CFR 4.700–4.704.

*Chapter 6, Single Audit Act Report Resolution (417 FW 6)*

**6.1 What is the purpose of this chapter?** This chapter establishes Service policy for resolving findings and implementing recommendations from audits of Federal Assistance Program grantees under the Single Audit Act. See 417 FW 1 for authorities, responsibilities, and definitions.

**6.2 To what program does this chapter apply?** This chapter applies to Single Audit Act audits of grantees that receive funds through the Federal Assistance Program.

**6.3 Is the Service responsible for resolving all audit findings?** No. We are only responsible for resolving findings, recommendations, and questioned costs that directly relate to funds that we provide to the grantee.

**6.4 Does the OIG notify the Service when audits are completed?** The OIG will provide excerpts from the Single Audit Report to the Director or Regional Director if there are issues that we must address. The OIG's transmittal memorandum will identify the specific findings and questioned costs that we must resolve. The OIG does not notify us if the Single Audit Report contains no findings directly related to funds that we provide to the grantee.

**6.5 What happens when the Service receives a Single Audit Report?**

A. When the OIG provides the report to the Washington Office, the Service Audit Liaison Officer:

(1) Notifies the Chief, Division of Federal Assistance (Washington Office), and other Service offices, as needed, that we have received a Single Audit report that contains findings we must resolve.

(2) Forwards the documents to the Chief, Division of Federal Assistance (Washington Office), for review and transmittal to the appropriate Regional Director for action.

B. When the OIG provides the report to the Regional Office, the Chief, Division of Federal Assistance (Regional Office), will notify and provide a copy to the Chief, Division of Federal Assistance (Washington Office), and the Service Audit Liaison Officer. The Service Audit Liaison Officer will coordinate with other affected offices, as necessary.

C. The Regional Director notifies the grantee of receipt of the Single Audit Report.

**6.6 How much time does the Service have to respond to the Single Audit Report?** The OIG establishes a deadline in the transmittal memorandum submitted with the Single Audit Report. The Regional Director may, with concurrence of the Assistant Director—Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration, request that the OIG provide additional time for response. The request will include a justification for the extension.

**6.7 How are findings resolved?** The Regional Director is responsible for overseeing and monitoring the Service response to Single Audit Reports in accordance with procedures in 417 FW 4. The Regional Director coordinates with the grantee to ensure that the specified action will resolve the finding. If the Regional Director determines that the corrective action will not resolve the finding, he/she negotiates revised corrective actions with the grantee. When corrective actions to resolve audit findings have been documented by the grantee, the Regional Director notifies the OIG and the Chief, Division of Federal Assistance (Washington Office), in writing. The Chief, Division of Federal Assistance (Washington Office), notifies the Service Audit Liaison Officer of this action. The audit is closed when the Department office that is tracking the resolution concurs with the Service's response.

**6.8 Who maintains Single Audit Report resolution files?** The Regional Director will maintain all files related to resolution of Single Audit Act audit findings. These files will include, but not be limited to:

A. Copies of all relevant correspondence.

B. Single Audit Report and OIG transmittal memorandum.

C. Service response to OIG's transmittal memorandum.

D. Corrective actions and revised corrective actions, as described in paragraph 6.7, when appropriate.

E. Documentation that the grantee has resolved the audit findings and questioned costs in accordance with approved corrective actions.

**6.9 Can the grantee appeal a Single Audit corrective action?** Yes. Grantees may appeal Service decisions using the procedures outlined in 43 CFR 4.700–4.704. A grantee may appeal the Service's decision on a Single Audit corrective action within 30 calendar days of the date of mailing of the decision. Submit the appeal to the Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals, Department of the Interior. The Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals; an ad hoc appeals board appointed by that Director; or an administrative law judge of that office

will review the record, hold a hearing on all or part of the record, or listen to oral arguments and then make disposition of the appeal.

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**Craig Manson,**

*Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Indian Affairs

#### Request for Comments on Grazing Regulations Information Collection Renewal

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Submission of Information Collection to the Office of Management and Budget.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) is submitting to OMB the information collection, titled Grazing Permits, OMB Control Number 1076–0157 for renewal; or, for review and approval. The purpose of this data collection is to update and renew the information collected for 25 CFR 166 General Grazing Regulations as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before November 28, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments on the information collection to the Desk Officer for Department of the Interior, by facsimile at (202) 395–6566 or you may send an e-mail to: [OIRA\\_DOCKET@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_DOCKET@omb.eop.gov).

Please send copy of comments to Bureau of Indian Affairs, Office of Trust Services, Division of Natural Resources, MS–3061–MIB, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240, or by facsimile at (202) 219–0006.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** You may request further information or obtain copies of the information collection request submission from James R. Orwin, (202) 208–6464, at the BIA Central Office in Washington, DC.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This collection of information is authorized under Public Law 103–177, the “American Indian Agricultural Resource Management Act,” as amended. Tribes, tribal organizations, individual Indians, and those entering into permits with tribes or individual Indians submit information required by the regulation. This information is used by the BIA to determine:

(a) Whether or not a permit for grazing may be approved or granted,

- (b) The value of each permit,
- (c) The appropriate compensation to landowners, and
- (d) Provisions for violations of permit and trespass.

A request for comments on this information collection request appeared in the **Federal Register** May 27, 2003 (68 FR 28836). No comments were received. Further research has guided a change in the total annual burden hours and the total annual cost to respondents as shown on the 60 days notice. These changes are a result of additional information received from the field offices. The number of annual responses was changed from 4,200 to 6,670, the total annual burden to respondents was changed from 500 hours to 861 hours, and the total annual cost to respondents was changed from \$2,500.00 to \$4,305.00. An administrative fee of up to 3% of the annual grazing rental is collected to reimburse the BIA for administration of the grazing permit program. In recent years, administrative fees have generated approximately \$175,000.00 per year.

*Request for Comments:* The Bureau of Indian Affairs requests you to send your comments on this collection to the locations listed in the **ADDRESSES** section. Your comments should address:

(a) The necessity of this information collection for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(b) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (hours and cost) of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

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

(d) The ways we could minimize the burden of the collection of the information on the respondents, such as through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Please note that an agency may not sponsor or request, and an individual need not respond to, a collection of information unless it has a valid OMB Control Number.

It is our policy to make all comments available to the public for review at the location listed in the **ADDRESSES** section, room 3061, during the hours of 8 a.m.–4 p.m., EST Monday through Friday except for legal holidays. If you wish to have your name and/or address withheld, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. We will honor your request according to the requirements of the law. All comments from organizations

or representatives will be available for review. We may withhold comments from review for other reasons.

OMB has up to 60 days to make a decision on the submission for renewal, but may make the decision after 30 days. Therefore, to receive the best consideration of your comments, you should submit them closer to 30 days than 60 days.

*OMB Approval Number:* 1076–0157.

*Title:* Grazing Permits 25 CFR 166.

*Brief Description of collection:*

Information is collected through a grazing permit application. Respondent supplies all information needed to prepare a grazing permit, including: name, address, range unit requested, number of livestock, season of use, livestock owner's brand, kind of livestock, mortgage holder information, ownership of livestock, and requested term of permit. Response is mandatory for respondents to supply the above information in order to obtain a grazing permit.

*Type of review:* Renewal.

*Respondents:* Possible respondents include: individual tribal members, individual non-Indians, individual tribal member-owned business, non-Indian owned businesses, tribal governments and landowners. Response is mandatory for respondents who wish to obtain a grazing permit.

*Number of Respondents:* 1,000.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 20 minutes (1/3 hour).

*Frequency of Response:* Annually and as needed.

*Total Annual Responses:* 6,670.

*Total Annual Hourly Burden to Respondents:* 861 hours.

Dated: October 23, 2003.

**Aurene M. Martin,**

*Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Indian Affairs

#### Request for Comments on Land Acquisitions Information Collection

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) invites comments on the information collection request which will be renewed. The collection is: 25 CFR 151 Land Acquisitions, 1076–0100.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before December 29, 2003, to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be sent to Ben Burshia, Chief, Division of Real Estate Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Mail Stop 4513–MIB, 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20240–0001.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Interested persons may obtain copies of the information collection requests without charge by contacting Ben Burshia at 202–219–1195.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 provides an opportunity for interested parties to comment on proposed information collection requests. This collection covers 25 CFR 151 as presently approved. The Bureau of Indian Affairs, Division of Real Estate Services is proceeding with this public comment period as the first step in obtaining a normal information collection clearance from OMB. The request contains (1) type of review, (2) title, (3) summary of the collection, (4) respondents, (5) frequency of collection, (6) reporting and recordkeeping requirements, and (7) reason for response.

#### 25 CFR 151—Land Acquisitions

*Type of review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Title:* 25 CFR 151, Acquisition of Title to Land in Trust.

*Summary:* The Secretary of the Interior has statutory authority to acquire lands in trust status for individual Indians and federally recognized Indian tribes. The Secretary requests information in order to identify the party(ies) involved and a description of the land in question. Respondents are Native American tribes or individuals who request acquisition of real property into trust status. The Secretary also requests additional information necessary to satisfy those pertinent factors listed in 15 CFR 151.10 or 151.11. The information is used to determine whether or not the Secretary will approve an applicant's request. No specific form is used, but respondents supply information and data, in accordance with 25 CFR 151, so that the Secretary may make an evaluation and determination in accordance with established Federal factors, rules and policies.

*Frequency of Collection:* One Time.

*Description of Respondents:* Native American Tribes and Individuals desiring acquisition of lands in trust status.

*Total Respondents:* 9,200.