

Construction of the Cochiti Dam and Lake (Project) was authorized for flood and sediment control in the Upper Rio Grande Basin by the Flood Control Act of 1960 (Pub. L. 86-645). Various Pueblo/Corps lease agreements defined the use and management of the Project land owned by the Pueblo including Corps construction of public use recreation facilities at various locations that the Pueblo would operate and maintain. In a lease amendment dated June 12, 1984, the Pueblo transferred the operation and maintenance of the Outlet Channel Area/Al Black Recreation Area to the Corps.

All private interests and Federal, State, local agencies, and tribes having an interest in the project are hereby notified of the proposed action and are invited to comment at this time. The scoping process will consist of public notification to explain and describe the proposed action, early identification of resources that should be considered during the study, and public review periods. Coordination with the public and with other agencies will be carried out through public announcements, letters, report review periods telephone conversations, and meetings.

The Corps prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment on the proposed action and held a public meeting on August 28, 2003 in Rio Rancho, NM. Additional information and evidence gathered during that meeting and expressed public resistance to establishing a recreation facility at Pena Blanca, NM resulted in the decision to prepare an EIS for the proposed action. All Federal, State and local agencies, affected Indian tribes, and other interested private organizations and parties will be notified of the meeting and will be provided copies of the Draft EIS (DEIS) for comment.

Significant issues to be discussed in the DEIS include the alternatives analysis for the possible relocation of the Al Black Recreation Area and other avenues for replacing lost recreation opportunities incurred as a result of the proposed action.

The lead agency for this project is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Albuquerque District. Cooperating agency status has not been assigned, nor requested, by any other agency.

The EIS is being prepared in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, and will address the project's relationship to all other applicable Federal and State laws and Executive Orders.

Scoping meetings will be held in Peña Blanca, Albuquerque and other

locations as deemed necessary. Specific information regarding location and time of the meetings will be published in local newspapers. It is anticipated that the DEIS will be available for public review and comment by February 1, 2004.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before January 5, 2004.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, *e.g.*, new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment.

The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate

of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: November 3, 2003.

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Office of the Under Secretary

Type of Review: New.

Title: Survey for the Study of the Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program Participants.

Frequency: One time.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 2,313. Burden Hours: 3,000.

Abstract: Follow-up survey data from current and former McNair program participants to determine program completion, employment status.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 2368. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to Vivian Reese, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Room 4050, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651 or to the e-mail address vivian_reese@ed.gov. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the internet address OCIO_RIMG@ed.gov or faxed to 202-708-9346. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be directed to Sheila Carey at her e-mail address

Sheila.Carey@omb.eop.gov. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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