

route. Data are submitted electronically via the Internet or on hard copy. These data will be used to estimate population trends at various geographic scales and assist with documenting species distribution. NAAMP Web site is: <http://www.pwrc.usgs.gov/naamp/>.

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 400.

Estimated Annual Burden Hours: 3600 hours.

Affected Public: Primarily U.S. residents.

For Further Information Contact: To obtain copies of the survey, contact the Bureau clearance officer, U.S. Geological Survey, 807 National Center, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia 20192, telephone (703) 648-7313.

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DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR

Geological Survey

Civil Implementation Working Group—U.S. Commercial Remote Sensing Space Policy (CRSSP)

AGENCY: U.S. Geological Survey.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: Open meeting of the CRSSP Implementation Working Group (IWG) to present and discuss progress and plans for assessing near-term civil requirements for remote sensing data.

DATE/TIME OF MEETING: December 14, 2004, 9–12 a.m.

PLACE: Visitors Center, USGS Headquarters, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, VA 20192.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Inquiries and notice of intent to attend the meeting may be addressed to: Greg Snyder, CRSSP IWG Chair, USGS National Center Center MS 517, Reston VA 22091, gsnyder@usgs.gov or 703-648-5169.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of Public Meeting

This public meeting provides a forum for the remote sensing industry and other interested participants to be briefed on the progress and plans of the CRSSP near-term requirements collection and evaluation process and to discuss ways to improve its effectiveness.

Background

On April 25, 2003, the president signed the U.S. Commercial Remote Sensing Space Policy. The fundamental goal of this policy is to advance and protect U.S. national security and foreign policy interests by maintaining the nation's leadership in remote sensing space activities, and by sustaining and enhancing the U.S. remote sensing industry. Doing so will also foster economic growth, contribute to environmental stewardship, and enable scientific and technological excellence. In support of this goal, the United States Government is directed to:

- Rely to the maximum practical extent on U.S. commercial remote sensing space capabilities for filling imagery and geospatial needs for military, intelligence, foreign policy, and homeland security, and civil users;
- Focus United States Government remote sensing space systems on meeting needs that can not be effectively, affordably, and reliably satisfied by commercial providers because of economic factors, civil mission needs, national security concerns, or foreign policy concerns;
- Develop a long-term, sustainable relationship between the United States Government and the U.S. commercial remote sensing space industry;
- Provide a timely and responsive regulatory environment for licensing the operations and exports of commercial remote sensing space systems; and
- Enable U.S. industry to compete successfully as a provider of remote sensing space capabilities for foreign governments and foreign commercial users, while ensuring appropriate measures are implemented to protect national security and foreign policy.

The specific directives to civil agencies included:

- Determine which needs for imagery and geospatial products and services can be reliably met by commercial remote sensing space capabilities;
- Communicate current and projected needs to the commercial remote sensing space industry.

The policy also directs civil agencies to craft a plan for policy implementation. The plan, agreed to in December 2003, calls for shared responsibilities among civil agencies, close coordination with the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, and the formation of two groups; a senior steering committee (SSC) for policy guidance and an interagency policy implementation working group (IWG) for operational support. The USGS administers these two groups and serves as the lead civil agency. The policy also

identifies goals beyond the scope of the implementation plan that are being addressed by other interagency groups.

Proposed Agenda

The meeting will begin with presentations to provide an update on the CRSSP civil near-term requirements-collection process and planned reporting capabilities, followed by discussions of how to provide meaningful requirements information for industry planning and business decisions. Representatives from the CRSSP IWG will present the goals, accomplishments, plans and potential enhancements to the process.

Meeting Access

Directions to the USGS National Center can be accessed at http://www.usgs.gov/major_sites.html. After arriving at USGS follow signs to Visitors Parking and proceed to the Visitors Entrance. You will be required to show valid picture identification as you enter. A guard will point you to the Visitors Center.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

Potential for Oil Shale Development

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of request for comments.

SUMMARY: The BLM seeks public input on the terms to be included in leases of small tracts for oil shale research and development within the Piceance Creek Basin, northwestern Colorado; the Uinta Basin, southeastern Utah; and the Green River and Washakie Basins, western Wyoming.

DATES: Please send your comments no later than December 22, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Please hand-deliver written comments: To Nick Douglas, Suite 700, 1620 L Street, NW., Washington, DC. This is also the FedEx address. Mail written comments to BLM (Attention: Nick Douglas), Minerals, Realty and Resource Protection, Mail Stop: LS 700, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20240. Electronic Mail: You may send comments through the Internet to BLM at: Nick_Douglas@blm.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nick Douglas, Senior Policy Advisor, Minerals, Realty and Resource