

the LBA process. The BLM will announce public meetings and other opportunities to submit comments on this project at least 15 days prior to the event. Announcements will be made through local news media and the Casper Field Office's Web site: <http://www.wy.blm.gov/cfo>.

**ADDRESSES:** Please submit written comments or concerns to the BLM Casper Field Office, Attn: Nancy Doelger, 2987 Prospector Drive, Casper, Wyoming 82604. Written comments or resource information may be hand-delivered to the BLM Casper Field Office. Comments or questions may also be sent by facsimile to the attention of Nancy Doelger at (307) 261-7587; or sent electronically to: [casper\\_wymail@blm.gov](mailto:casper_wymail@blm.gov). Please put Maysdorf Tract/Nancy Doelger in the subject line.

Members of the public may examine documents pertinent to this proposal by visiting the Casper Field Office during its business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.), Monday through Friday, except holidays.

Your response is important and will be considered in the EIS process. If you do respond we will keep you informed of the availability of environmental documents that address impacts that might occur from this proposal. Please note that comments and information submitted regarding this project including names, electronic mail addresses and street addresses of the respondents will be available for public review and disclosure at the Casper Field Office. Individuals may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name, electronic mail address, or street address from public review or from 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, or from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nancy Doelger or Mike Karbs, BLM Casper Field Office, 2987 Prospector Drive, Casper, Wyoming 82604. Ms. Doelger or Mr. Karbs may also be reached by telephone at (307) 261-7600.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Cordero Mining Company (CMC) initially filed an application to lease the Federal coal on the Maysdorf Tract adjacent to the Cordero Rojo Mine on September 20, 2001. The Powder River Regional Coal

Team reviewed this lease application at a public meeting held on May 30, 2002, in Casper, Wyoming, and recommended that BLM process it.

CMC filed applications to modify the tract on May 22, 2002; April 30, 2004; and November 9, 2004. As currently filed, the application includes approximately 230.3 million tons of in-place Federal coal underlying the following lands in Campbell County, Wyoming:

T. 46 N., R. 71 W., 6th P.M., Wyoming  
Section 4: Lots 5, 6, 7 (E $\frac{1}{2}$  E $\frac{1}{2}$ ), 10 (E $\frac{1}{2}$  E $\frac{1}{2}$ ), 11, 12;

Section 10: Lots 1, 2, 3 (N $\frac{1}{2}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$  S $\frac{1}{2}$ ), 4 (N $\frac{1}{2}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$  S $\frac{1}{2}$ ), 5 (N $\frac{1}{2}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$  S $\frac{1}{2}$ ), 6 (N $\frac{1}{2}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$  S $\frac{1}{2}$ );

Section 11: Lots 1 through 8, 9 (N $\frac{1}{2}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$  S $\frac{1}{2}$ ), 10 (N $\frac{1}{2}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$  S $\frac{1}{2}$ ), 11 (N $\frac{1}{2}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$  S $\frac{1}{2}$ ), 12 (N $\frac{1}{2}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$  S $\frac{1}{2}$ );

T. 47 N., R. 71 W., 6th P.M., Wyoming  
Section 8: Lots 3 through 6, 11 through 13;  
Section 21: Lots 1, 2, 3 (E $\frac{1}{2}$  E $\frac{1}{2}$ ), 6 (E $\frac{1}{2}$  E $\frac{1}{2}$ ), 7 through 10, 11 (E $\frac{1}{2}$  E $\frac{1}{2}$ ), 14 (E $\frac{1}{2}$  E $\frac{1}{2}$ ), 15, 16;

Section 28: Lots 1, 2, 3 (E $\frac{1}{2}$  E $\frac{1}{2}$ ), 6 (E $\frac{1}{2}$  E $\frac{1}{2}$ ), 7 through 10, 11 (E $\frac{1}{2}$  E $\frac{1}{2}$ ), 14 (E $\frac{1}{2}$  E $\frac{1}{2}$ ), 15, 16;

Section 33: Lots 1, 2, 3 (E $\frac{1}{2}$  E $\frac{1}{2}$ ), 6 (E $\frac{1}{2}$  E $\frac{1}{2}$ ), 7 through 10, 11 (E $\frac{1}{2}$  E $\frac{1}{2}$ ), 14 (E $\frac{1}{2}$  E $\frac{1}{2}$ ), 15, 16.

Containing 2,219.39 acres more or less.

The surface estate of Lots 3, 4, 5, of Section 10, and Lot 4 of Section 11, T. 46 N., R. 71 W., containing 132.13 acres, more or less, is owned by the Federal government and administered by the BLM. The remainder of the surface estate is privately owned.

CMC proposes to mine the tract as a part of the Cordero Rojo Mine. At the 2003 mining rate of 36 million tons per year, the coal included in the Maysdorf Tract would extend the life of the Cordero Rojo Mine six to seven years. In accordance with 43 CFR 3425.1-9, BLM will evaluate the tract's proximity to all mining operations and may decide to add or subtract Federal coal lands to avoid bypassing coal or to increase potential competitive interest in the tract.

The Cordero Rojo Mine is operating under approved mining permits from the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality, Land Quality and Air Quality Divisions.

The Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM) will be a cooperating agency in the preparation of the EIS. If the Maysdorf Tract is leased to the applicant, the new lease must be incorporated into the existing mining and reclamation plan for the adjacent mine and the Secretary of the Interior must approve the revision to the Mineral Leasing Act (MLA) mining plan before the Federal coal in the tract can be mined. OSM is the

Federal agency that would be responsible for recommending approval, approval with conditions, or disapproval of the revised MLA mining plan to the office of the Secretary of the Interior if this tract is leased.

The BLM will provide interested parties the opportunity to submit comments or relevant information or both. This information will help BLM identify issues to be considered in preparing a draft EIS and in evaluating the FMV and MER of the Federal coal included in the Maysdorf Tract. Issues that have been raised during processing previous EISs in the Wyoming PRB include: the need for resolution of conflicts between existing and proposed oil and gas development including coal bed natural gas (CBNG) and coal mining on the tract proposed for leasing; potential impacts to big game herds and hunting; potential impacts to sage grouse; potential impacts to listed threatened and endangered species; potential health impacts related to blasting; the need to consider the cumulative impacts of coal leasing decisions combined with other existing and proposed development in the Wyoming PRB; and potential site specific and cumulative impacts on air and water quality.

The BLM open house that precedes the scoping meeting will provide information about the PRB Coal Review, a regional technical study being prepared to update the BLM's current status of coal development in the PRB, and to forecast coal and related industrial development. Based on these two review documents, a cumulative impact analysis will be developed for use in future EISs, including the EIS that BLM will prepare for the Maysdorf Tract.

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*Acting State Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Reclamation

#### Agency Information Collection; Proposed Revisions to a Currently Approved Information Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of renewal of a currently approved collection (OMB No. 1006-0005).

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44

U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Bureau of Reclamation (we, our, or us) intends to submit a request for renewal (with revisions) of an existing approved information collection to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB): Individual Landholder's and Farm Operator's Certification and Reporting Forms for Acreage Limitation, 43 CFR part 426 and 43 CFR part 428, OMB Control Number: 1006-0005. This information collection is required under the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982 (RRA), Acreage Limitation Rules and Regulations, 43 CFR part 426, and Information Requirements for Certain Farm Operations In Excess of 960 Acres and the Eligibility of Certain Formerly Excess Land, 43 CFR part 428. We request your comments on the revised RRA forms and specific aspects of the information collection.

**DATES:** Your written comments must be received on or before April 4, 2005.

**ADDRESSES:** You may send written comments to the Bureau of Reclamation, Attention: D-5300, PO Box 25007, Denver, CO 80225-0007. You may request copies of the proposed revised forms by writing to the above address or by contacting Stephanie McPhee at: (303) 445-2897.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Stephanie McPhee at: (303) 445-2897.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Title: Individual Landholder's and Farm Operator's Certification and Reporting Forms for Acreage Limitation, 43 CFR part 426 and 43 CFR part 428.

*Abstract:* This information collection requires certain landholders (direct or indirect landowners or lessees) and farm operators to complete forms

demonstrating their compliance with the acreage limitation provisions of Federal reclamation law. These forms are submitted to districts who use the information to establish each landholder's status with respect to landownership limitations, full-cost pricing thresholds, lease requirements, and other provisions of Federal reclamation law. In addition, forms are submitted by certain farm operators to provide information concerning the services they provide and the nature of their farm operating arrangements. All landholders whose entire westwide landholdings total 40 acres or less are exempt from the requirement to submit RRA forms. Landholders who are "Aqualified recipients" have RRA forms submittal thresholds of 80 acres or 240 acres depending on the district's RRA forms submittal threshold category where the land is held. Only farm operators who provide multiple services to more than 960 acres held in trusts or by legal entities are required to submit forms.

*Changes to the RRA Forms and the Instructions to Those Forms*

We made a few editorial changes to the currently approved RRA forms and the instructions to those forms that are designed to assist the respondents by increasing their understanding of the forms, clarifying the instructions for use when completing the forms, and clarifying the information that is required to be submitted to the districts with the forms. The proposed revisions to the RRA forms will be included starting in the 2006 water year.

In response to Reclamation's efforts to fully implement the acreage limitation

provisions applicable to public entities (43 CFR 426.10 and the Act of July 7, 1970, Pub. L. 91-310), we have revised the existing "Declaration of Public Entities Landholdings" (Form 7-21PE) to allow Reclamation to ascertain required information about public entities' landholdings and the revenue generated from public entities' farming activities. There is expected to be a minimal increase in burden hours resulting from the changes to this form because (1) the number of public entities expected to complete the revised areas of Form 7-21PE is minimal, (2) the majority of public entities will continue to submit the same information on the revised Form 7-21PE that they have already been submitting on the current Form 7-21PE, and (3) the majority of public entities will be allowed to skip entire sections of the revised Form 7-21PE based on the characteristics of their farming activities. The proposed revisions to Form 7-21PE will be included starting in the 2006 water year.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Respondents:* Landholders and farm operators of certain lands in our projects, whose landholdings exceed specified RRA forms submittal thresholds.

*Estimated Total Number of Respondents:* 17,875.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 1.02.

*Estimated Total Number of Annual Responses:* 18,233.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 13,590 hours.

*Estimate of Burden for Each Form:*

Form No.	Burden estimate per form (in minutes)	Number of respondents	Annual number of responses	Annual burden on respondents (in hours)
Form 7-2180 .....	60	4,963	5,062	5,062
Form 7-2180EZ .....	45	503	513	385
Form 7-2181 .....	78	1,467	1,496	1,945
Form 7-2184 .....	45	36	37	28
Form 7-2190 .....	60	1,845	1,882	1,882
Form 7-2190EZ .....	45	109	111	83
Form 7-2191 .....	78	880	898	1,167
Form 7-2194 .....	45	4	4	3
Form 7-21PE .....	75	178	182	228
Form 7-21PE-IND .....	12	5	5	1
Form 7-21TRUST .....	60	1,045	1,066	1,066
Form 7-21VERIFY .....	12	6,237	6,362	1,272
Form 7-21FC .....	30	243	248	124
Form 7-21XS .....	30	164	167	84
Form 7-21FARMOP .....	78	196	200	260

*Comments*

Comments are invited on:

(a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper

performance of our functions, including whether the information will have practical use;

(b) The accuracy of our burden estimate for the proposed collection of information;

(c) Ways to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(d) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

We will summarize all comments received regarding this notice. We will publish that summary in the **Federal Register** when the information collection request is submitted to OMB for review and approval.

Department of the Interior practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from public disclosure, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. There also may be circumstances in which we would withhold a respondent's identity from public disclosure, as allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public disclosure in their entirety.

Dated: January 14, 2005.

**Roseann Gonzales,**

Director, Office of Program and Policy Services, Denver Office.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Reclamation

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Revisions to a Currently Approved Information Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of renewal of a currently approved collection (OMB No. 1006-0023).

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Bureau of Reclamation (we, our, or us) intends to submit a request for renewal (with revisions) of an existing approved information collection to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB): Limited Recipient Identification Sheet, Trust Information Sheet for Acreage Limitation, 43 CFR part 426, OMB

Control Number: 1006-0023. As a result of Reclamation's activities to fully implement the acreage limitation provisions applicable to public entities (43 CFR 426.10 and the Act of July 7, 1970, Public Law 91-310), a new "Public Entity Information Sheet" (Form 7-2565) has been developed for approval as part of this information collection. We request your comments on the proposed RRA forms and specific aspects of the information collection.

**DATES:** Your written comments must be received on or before April 4, 2005.

**ADDRESSES:** You may send written comments to the Bureau of Reclamation, Attention: D-5300, PO Box 25007, Denver, CO 80225-0007. You may request copies of the proposed forms by writing to the above address or by contacting Stephanie McPhee at: (303) 445-2897.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Stephanie McPhee at: (303) 445-2897.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Limited Recipient Identification Sheet, Trust Information Sheet, Public Entity Information Sheet for Acreage Limitation, 43 CFR part 426 and the Act of July 7, 1970, Public Law 91-310.

*Abstract: Identification of limited recipients*—Some entities that receive Reclamation irrigation water may believe that they are under the RRA forms submittal threshold and consequently, may not submit the appropriate RRA form(s). However, some of these entities may in fact have a different RRA forms submittal threshold than what they believe it to be due to the number of natural persons benefiting from each entity and the location of the land held by each entity. In addition, some entities that are exempt from the requirement to submit RRA forms due to the size of their landholdings (directly and indirectly owned and leased land) may in fact be receiving Reclamation irrigation water for which the full-cost rate must be paid because the start of Reclamation irrigation water deliveries occurred after October 1, 1981 (43 CFR 426.6(b)(2)). The information obtained through completion of the Limited Recipient Identification Sheet allows us to establish entities' compliance with Federal reclamation law. The Limited Recipient Identification Sheet is disbursed at our discretion. The proposed revisions to the Limited Recipient Identification Sheet will be included starting in the 2006 water year, and are designed to facilitate ease of completion.

*Trust review*—We are required to review and approve all trusts (43 CFR 426.7(b)(2)) in order to ensure trusts

meet the regulatory criteria specified in 43 CFR 426.7. Land held in trust generally will be attributed to the beneficiaries of the trust rather than the trustee if the criteria are met. When we become aware of trusts with a relatively small landholding (40 acres or less), we may extend to those trusts the option to complete and submit for our review the Trust Information Sheet instead of actual trust documents. If we find nothing on the completed Trust Information Sheet that would warrant the further investigation of a particular trust, that trustee will not be burdened with submitting trust documents to us for in-depth review. The Trust Information Sheet is disbursed at our discretion. The proposed revisions to the Trust Information Sheet will be included starting in the 2006 water year, and are designed to facilitate ease of completion.

*Acreage limitation provisions applicable to public entities*—Land farmed by a public entity can be considered exempt from the application of the acreage limitation provisions provided the public entity meets certain criteria pertaining to the revenue generated through the entity's farming activities (43 CFR 426.10 and the Act of July 7, 1970, Public Law 91-310). We are required to ascertain whether or not public entities that receive Reclamation irrigation water meet such revenue criteria regardless of how much land the public entities hold (directly or indirectly own or lease) (43 CFR 426.10(a)). In order to minimize the burden on public entities, standard RRA forms are submitted by a public entity only when the public entity holds more than 40 acres, which makes it difficult to apply the revenue criteria as required to those public entities that hold less than 40 acres. A new "Public Entity Information Sheet" (Form 7-2565) has been developed for approval as part of this information collection. The information obtained through completion of Form 7-2565 allows us to establish compliance with Federal reclamation law for those public entities that hold less than 40 acres and thus do not submit a standard RRA form because they are below the RRA forms submittal threshold. In addition, for those public entities that do not meet the exemption criteria, we must determine the proper rate to charge for Reclamation irrigation water deliveries. There is anticipated to be a very minimal increase in burden hours resulting from the addition of this form because of the very limited type of landholders that can use this form (*i.e.*, only those public entities that hold less