

8330, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to contact Ms. Gamble.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 5 CFR 1320.12(a) requires that we provide a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning a collection of information to solicit comments on:

- (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper functioning of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- (b) the accuracy of our estimates of the information collection burden, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions we use;
- (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and
- (d) ways to minimize the information collection burden on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

The Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended (30 U.S.C. 181 *et seq.*), gives the Secretary of the Interior responsibility for oil and gas leasing on approximately 600 million acres of public lands and national forests, and private lands where the Federal Government retains the mineral rights. Congress passed the Federal Onshore Oil and Gas Leasing Reform Act of 1987 requiring BLM to offer all public lands that are available for oil and gas leasing by competitive oral bidding before accepting noncompetitive lease applications. The Department of the Interior Appropriations Act of 1981 (43 U.S.C. 6508) provides for the competitive leasing of the lands in the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska. The Geothermal Steam Act of 1970 (30 U.S.C. 1001–1025) authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to issue leases for geothermal development.

The regulations (43 CFR 3100) outline procedures for obtaining a lease to explore for, develop, and produce oil and gas resources located on public lands. The regulations (43 CFR part 3200) outline procedures to issue geothermal leases and the exploration, development and utilization of Federally-owned geothermal resources. BLM needs the information requested on the two forms of process lease bids for oil and gas and geothermal resources and to complete environmental reviews required by the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

You must submit the forms to the proper BLM office. Form 3000–2 requires the name and address to identify the bidder. This allows BLM to

ensure that the bidder meets the eligibility requirements in the regulations. The regulations require the bidder to submit one-fifth of the amount of the bid for a geothermal bid or the minimum acceptable bid for an oil and gas lease is the first year's rental and administrative fee. Form 3200–9 requires the name and address of the entity who will conduct operations on the land. You must also submit the legal land description of the lands you plan to enter or disturb for your exploration/operations and the starting and ending dates of operations. We use the starting and ending dates to determine how long the applicant/operator/contractor intends to conduct operations on the land.

Based on BLM's experience administering this program, we estimate the public reporting burden is 10 minutes for completing Form 3000–2 and 2 hours for completing Form 3200–9. These estimates include the time spent on research, gathering, and assembling information, reviewing instructions, and completing the respective forms. BLM estimates 1,000 competitive bids for oil and gas and geothermal resources and 30 Notice of Intent to Conduct Geothermal Resource Exploration Operations are filed annually, with a total annual burden of 227 hours. Respondents vary from individuals and small businesses to large corporations.

Any member of the public may request and obtain, without charge, a copy of BLM Forms 3000–2 or 3200–9 by contacting the person identified under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

BLM will summarize all responses to this notice and include them in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of a public record.

Dated: April 15, 2005.

Ian Senio,

Bureau of Land Management, Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WO–350–1430–PE–24 1A]

Extension of Approved Information Collection, OMB Control Number 1004–0029

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) requests the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to extend an existing approval to collect information from those persons who submit a Color-of-Title Application to apply for public lands under a color-of-title claim. BLM uses forms 2540–1, 2540–2, and 2540–3 for color-of-title transactions on public lands.

DATES: You must submit your comments to BLM at the address below on or before June 20, 2005. BLM will not necessarily consider any comments received after the above date.

ADDRESSES: You may mail comments to: Regulatory Affairs Group (WO–360), Eastern States Office, 7450 Boston Blvd., Springfield, Virginia 22153.

You may send comments via Internet to: WOCComment@blm.gov. Please include "ATTN: 1004–0029" and your name and address with your comments.

You may deliver comments to the Bureau of Land Management, Administrative Record, Room 401, 1620 L Street, NW., Washington, DC.

Comments will be available for public review at the L Street address during regular business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.) Monday through Friday.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: You may contact Alzata L. Ransom, Lands and Realty Group, on (202) 452–7772 (Commercial or FTS). Persons who use a telecommunication device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) on 1–800–877–8330, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to contact Ms. Ransom.

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Congress passed the Color-of-Title Act of December 22, 1928 (45 Stat. 1069), as amended by the Act of July 28, 1953 (67 Stat. 227; 43 U.S.C. 1068–1068b), to provide for the transfer of legal title to public lands from the United States to eligible individuals, groups, or corporations who have a valid color-of-title claim. The regulations at 43 CFR Part 2540 provide guidelines to file a color-of-title claim.

Any individual, group, or corporation that possesses valid evidence of a title to public lands administered by BLM may file a Color-of-Title Application (Form 2540–1). The Act refers to Class I and Class II claims. A Class I claim is a claim:

(1) Held in good faith and peaceful, adverse possession by a claimant, his ancestors or grantors, under claim or color-of-title for a minimum of 20 years; and

(2) Where claimant or predecessors placed valuable improvements and cultivated part of the land.

A Class II claim is a claim held in good faith and peaceful, adverse possession by a claimant, his ancestors or grantors, under claim or color-of-title for the period commencing not later than January 1, 1901, to date of application, during which time they paid taxes levied on the land by State and local governmental units.

A claim is not held in good faith when held with knowledge that the land is owned by the United States. A claim is not held in peaceful, adverse possession if it was initiated while the land was withdrawn or reserved for Federal purposes.

When BLM receives the application, we will analyze the information, conduct an on-site field examination of the lands, and prepare reports. The BLM will approve your application if you meet the requirements of a Class I or Class II claim. We will reject your application if you do not meet the requirements of a Class I or Class II claim. Class II claims are discretionary and we may reject the application if the public interest in retention of the lands clearly outweighs the interest of the applicant.

Based on past experience processing these applications, BLM estimates the public reporting burden for completing the Form 2540–1 is 1 hour, Form 2540–2 (Conveyances Affecting Color or Claim of Title) is 1 hour, and Form 2540–3 (Color-of-Title Tax Levy and Payment Record) is 1 hour. BLM estimates that we receive approximately 33 applications (11 for each form) annually, with a total annual burden of 33 hours.

Any member of the public may request and obtain, without charge a copy of BLM Forms 2540–1, 2540–2 and 2540–3 by contacting the person identified under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

BLM will summarize all responses to this notice and include them in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of a public record.

Dated: April 15, 2005.

Ian Senio,

Bureau of Land Management, Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

[WO–250–1220–PC–24 1A]

Extension of Approved Information Collection, OMB Control Number 1004–0165

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) requests the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to extend an existing approval to collect information from individuals submitting nominations for significant caves under the Federal Cave Resources Protection Act of 1988 and to request confidential cave information. BLM needs the information to determine which caves we will list as significant and decide whether to grant access to confidential cave information.

DATES: You must submit your comments to BLM at the address below on or before June 20, 2004. BLM will not necessarily consider any comments received after the above date.

ADDRESSES: You may mail comments to: Regulatory Affairs Group (WO–630), Eastern States Office, 7450 Boston Blvd., Springfield, Virginia 22153.

You may send comments via Internet to: WOComment@blm.gov. Please include “ATTN: 1004–0165” and your name and address with your comments.

You may deliver comments to the Bureau of Land Management, Administrative Record, Room 401, 1620 L Street, NW., Washington, DC.

Comments will be available for public review at the L Street address during regular business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.) Monday through Friday.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: You may contact James Goodbar, BLM Field

Office, Carlsbad, New Mexico, on (505) 234–5929 (Commercial or FTS). Persons who use a telecommunication device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) on 1–800–877–8330, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to contact Mr. Goodbar.

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The Federal Cave Resources Protection Act of 1988, 102 Stat. 4546, 16 U.S.C. 4301, requires the identification, protection, and maintenance of significant caves on public lands the Department of the Interior, BLM manages. The implementing regulations are found at 43 CFR 37—Cave Management. Federal agencies must consult with “cavers” and other interested parties and develop a list of significant caves. The regulations establish criteria for identifying significant caves and integrate cave management into existing planning and management processes to protect cave resource information. We protect this information to prevent vandalism and disturbance of significant caves. Other Federal or state agencies, bona fide education or research institutes, or individuals or organizations who assist land management agencies with cave management activities may request access to confidential cave information. BLM uses the Significant Cave Nomination Worksheet to collect some of the requested information on cave management activities.

Based on BLM’s experience administering this program, we estimate the public reporting burden is 3 hours for each nomination and 30 minutes for each request for confidential cave information. BLM estimates that 50 cave nominations and 10 requests for