

threatened species previously accessioned into the applicant's collection for scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a five-year period.

Applicant: Timothy L. Nolan, Marion, WI, PRT-107719.

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus pygargus*) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: Robert B. Fay, Jr., Allison Park, PA, PRT-107181

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus pygargus*) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Marine Mammals

The public is invited to comment on the following application(s) for a permit to conduct certain activities with marine mammals. The applications were submitted to satisfy requirements of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), and the regulations governing marine mammals (50 CFR Part 18). Written data, comments, or requests for copies of the complete applications or requests for a public hearing on these applications should be submitted to the Director (address above). Anyone requesting a hearing should give specific reasons why a hearing would be appropriate. The holding of such a hearing is at the discretion of the Director.

Applicant: Clarence M. Bielat, Hillsdale, MI, PRT-107189.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport hunted from the Northern Beaufort Sea polar bear population in Canada for personal, noncommercial use.

Applicant: Michael L. Gill, Bakersfield, CA, PRT-109700.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport hunted from the Viscount Melville Sound polar bear population in Canada for personal, noncommercial use.

Applicant: William M. Lauer, Alden, NY, PRT-106839.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport hunted from the Lancaster Sound polar bear population in Canada for personal, noncommercial use.

Dated: September 2, 2005.

Michael L. Carpenter,

Senior Permit Biologist, Branch of Permits, Division of Management Authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

Scientific Earthquake Studies Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Geological Survey.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Public Act 106-503, the Scientific Earthquake Studies Advisory Committee (SESAC) will hold its eleventh meeting. The meeting location is the Courtyard Seattle Downtown /Lake Union, 925 Westlake Avenue North, Seattle, Washington 98109. The Committee is comprised of members from academia, industry, and State government. The Committee shall advise the Director of the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) on matters relating to the USGS's participation in the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program.

The Committee will review the overall direction of the U.S. Geological Survey's Earthquake Hazards Program in the current and next fiscal years with particular focus on the Program's activities in the Pacific Northwest.

Meetings of the Scientific Earthquake Studies Advisory Committee are open to the public.

DATES: September 27, 2005, commencing at 9 a.m. and adjourning at 12 p.m. on September 29, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. David Applegate, U.S. Geological Survey, MS 905, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia 20192, (703) 648 6714.

Dated: September 12, 2005.

Linda Gundersen,

Acting Associate Director for Geology.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WY-050-1232-MF-WY05]

Notice of Closure of Public Lands to Motorized Vehicle Use

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of closure of certain public lands located in Fremont County, Wyoming, to all types of motor vehicle use.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to 43 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Subpart 8341.2(a), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces the closure of certain BLM-administered public lands to all types of motor vehicle use to protect the National Historic Trails (NHT), which includes the Oregon, Mormon Pioneer, California, and Pony Express Trails.

This closure affects public lands located within Fremont County on the NHTs in the area known as Rocky Ridge. The closure area extends for approximately 2 miles from near the Lower Monument over Rocky Ridge to the western edge of the BLM-administered public land in Section 28, T29N, R97W.

DATES: This closure will be effective June 20, 2005, in accordance with the Environmental Assessment and Decision Record (March 28, 2005).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ray Hanson, Outdoor Recreation Planner, Bureau of Land Management, 1335 Main Street, P.O. Box 589, Lander, Wyoming 82520. Mr. Hanson may also be contacted by telephone: 307-332-8420.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The BLM Lander Field Office is responsible for management of public lands within Fremont, Natrona, Carbon, Sweetwater, and Hot Springs Counties. The management of these lands is addressed in the Lander Resource Management Plan (RMP) Record of Decision (ROD), which was signed in June 1987. In the Finding of No Significant Impact and Decision Record, based upon Environmental Assessment, WY050-EA4-047, for the Proposed Special Recreation Permit to Conduct Handcart Treks on Bureau of Land Management Administered Public Lands Between Sixth Crossing and Rock Creek Hollow (March 28, 2005), a decision to issue an Off-Highway Vehicle closure was included to mitigate the impacts caused by motorized vehicle use to the cultural, historic, and natural resources on approximately 2 miles of the NHTs on Rocky Ridge.

The following BLM-administered lands are included in this closure:

- Approximately 2 miles of NHT from the Lower Monument over Rocky Ridge to the western edge of BLM-administered public land in Section 28, T29N, R97W.

- The closure will include both the main NHTs route and the approximately 1/2 mile NHT variant from the top of Rocky Ridge west to its return to the NHTs near the public/private land boundary.

A map of these areas will be posted with this notice at key locations near the closure area, as well as at the BLM's Lander Field Office, 1335 Main Street, Lander, Wyoming 82520.

Closure orders may be implemented as provided in 43 CFR, subparts 8341.2(a) and 8364.1(a, b, c, and d). Violations of this closure are punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1000 and/or imprisonment not to exceed 12 months.

Persons who are administratively exempt from this closure include: any Federal, State, local officer, or employee acting within the scope of their duties, members of any organized rescue or fire-fighting force in performance of an official duty, and any person holding written authorization from the Bureau of Land Management.

Dated: July 6, 2005.

Robert A. Bennett,

State Director.

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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. 1006-0001).

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 of an existing approved information collection to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB): Crop Acreage and Yields and Water Distribution (Water User Crop Census Report [Form 7-332], and Crop and Water Data [Form 7-2045]), OMB Control Number: 1006-0001. We request your comments on the proposed forms and specific aspects of this information collection.

DATES: Your written comments must be received on or before November 18, 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: We are currently in the process of collaborating with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to develop a way to utilize USDA's existing information collection(s) to gather the data required for our purposes. However, this collaboration effort will not be completed before the expiration of the crop census forms in this information collection. Consequently, this information collection is being renewed as an interim measure to ensure a means exists for collection of the crop data necessary to perform our functions. We anticipate that the collaboration process with the USDA will be complete before further renewal of this information collection is required.

Title: Crop Acreage and Yields and Water Distribution.

Abstract: The annual crop census is taken on certain Reclamation projects primarily for use as a tool in administering, managing, and

evaluating various aspects of the Federal reclamation program. The census is used to assist in the administration of repayment and water service contracts, which are used to repay the irrigators' obligation to the Federal government. The census will provide data to facilitate the required 5-year review of ability-to-pay analysis, which is being incorporated into new repayment and water service contracts. The basis for these reviews is an audit by the Office of the Inspector General, Department of the Interior.

Data from the census are utilized to determine class 1 equivalency computation; *i.e.*, determining the number of acres of class 2 and class 3 land that are required to be equivalent in productivity to class 1 land.

In recent years, the census has provided data which are used to administer international trade agreements, such as the North American Free Trade Agreement. Data from the census are also used by the Office of the Inspector General, Government Accountability Office, and the Congressional Research Service to independently evaluate our program and to estimate the impacts of proposed legislation. These data are supplied to other Federal and State agencies to evaluate the program and provide data for research.

Frequency: Annually.

Respondents: Irrigators and water user entities in the 17 Western states who receive irrigation water service from Bureau of Reclamation facilities. Also included are entities who receive other water services, such as municipal and industrial water through Bureau of Reclamation facilities.

Estimated Total Number of Respondents: 1,325.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.0.

Estimated Total Number of Annual Responses: 1,325.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 2,075 hours.

Estimate of Burden for Each Form:

Form No.	Burden estimate per form (in hours)	Number of respondents	Annual number of responses	Annual burden on respondents (in hours)
Water User Crop Census Report (Form 7-332)	0.25	1,100	1,100	275
Crop and Water Data (Form 7-2045)	8.00	225	225	1,800
TOTAL	8.25	1,325	1,325	2,075