

information collection should be sent to the Office of the Secretary Information Collection Budget Officer, Sue Ellen Sloca, 1951 Constitution Avenue, NW., MS 120 SIB, Washington, DC 20240. Individuals providing comments should reference OMB control number 1093-0004, "Take Pride in America National Awards Application/Nomination Process."

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instrument, please write to the above address, or call Sue Ellen Sloca, on 202-208-6045, or e-mail her on sue_ellen_sloca@nbc.gov. A copy of the collection instrument is also available at the Take Pride in America Web site, at <http://www.takepride.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations at 5 CFR 1320, which implement the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13), require that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (see 5 CFR 1320.8 (d)). This notice identifies an information collection activity that the Office of the Secretary will submit to OMB for extension or re-approval.

Under the Take Pride in America Program Act (the ACT), 16 U.S.C. Sec 4601-4608, the Secretary of the Interior is to: (1) "Conduct a national awards program to honor those individuals and entities which, in the opinion of the Secretary * * * have distinguished themselves in activities" under the purposes of the Act; and also to (2) "establish and maintain a public awareness campaign in cooperation with public and private organizations and individuals—(A) to install in the public the importance of the appropriate use of, and appreciation for Federal, State and local lands, facilities, and natural and cultural resources; (B) to encourage an attitude of stewardship and responsibility towards these lands, facilities, and resources; and (C) to promote participation by individuals, organizations, and communities of a conservation ethic in caring for these lands, facilities, and resources." The Act states that "[t]he Secretary is authorized * * * generally to do any and all lawful acts necessary or appropriate to further the purposes of the TPIA Program."

If this information were not collected from the public, Take Pride in America (TPIA) awards would be limited to

individuals and organizations nominated by Federal agencies based on projects within their sphere of influence. This would effectively block many worthy individuals and organizations from being considered for these awards. The TPIA was launched in April of 2003 with the stated intent of honoring the best in the nation, without restriction. It would reflect poorly on the Department and on the President if only volunteers to Federal agencies could be honored for their service to America.

II. Data

(1) *Title:* Take Pride in America National Awards Application/Nomination Process.

OMB Control Number: 1093-0004.

Current Expiration Date: 01/31/2007.

Type of Review: Information Collection: Renewal.

Affected Entities: Individuals or households, businesses and other for-profit institutions, not-for-profit institutions, State, Local, and Tribal Governments.

Estimated annual number of respondents: 500.

Frequency of response: annual.

(2) Annual reporting and recordkeeping burden.

Estimated number of responses annually: 500.

Estimated burden per response: 1 hour.

Total annual reporting: 500 hours.

(3) *Description of the need and use of the information:* The statutorily-required information is needed to provide the Office of the Secretary with a vehicle to collect the information needed to include individuals and organizations nominated by the public in applicant pools for TPIA National Awards and to recognize them for the valuable contributions that they make in support of the stewardship of America's lands, facilities, and cultural and natural resources.

III. Request for Comments

The Department of the Interior invites comments on:

(a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(b) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection and the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

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

(d) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those

who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, disclose or provide information to or for a federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; to develop, acquire, install and utilize technology and systems for the purpose of collecting, validating and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; to train personnel and to be able to respond to a collection of information, to search data sources, to complete and review the collection of information; and to transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget control number.

Dated: August 2, 2006.

Michelle Cangelosi,

Executive Director, Take Pride in America Program.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[MT-020-1020-PK]

Notice of Public Meeting, Eastern Montana Resource Advisory Council Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Public Meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Eastern Montana Resource Advisory Council will meet as indicated below.

DATES: A meeting will be held August 29, 2006, at the Bureau of Land Management Montana State Office, 5501 Southgate Drive, Billings, Montana, 59101, beginning at 7 a.m. The public comment period will begin at 11:30 a.m.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 15-member Council advises the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Land Management, on a variety of

planning and management issues associated with public land management in eastern Montana. All meetings are open to the public. The public may present written comments to the Council. Each formal Council meeting will also have time allocated for hearing public comments. Depending on the number of persons wishing to comment and time available, the time for individual oral comments may be limited. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation, or other reasonable accommodations, should contact the BLM as provided below. The Council will hear updates on the Miles City Resource Management Plan and the coal bed natural gas SEIS, Yellowstone River island ownership, and tour the Pompeys Pillar National Monument interpretive center.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary Apple, Resource Advisory Council Coordinator, Montana State Office, 5001 Southgate Drive, Billings, Montana, 59101, telephone 406-896-5258 or Sandra S. Brooks, Field Manager, Billings Field Office, telephone 406-896-5013.

Dated: August 2, 2006.

Sandra S. Brooks,

Billings Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CA-680-1430-ES; CA-46857]

Notice of Realty Action; Recreation and Public Purposes Act Classification; California

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Realty Action.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has examined and found suitable for classification for lease and subsequent conveyance under the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act (R&PP), as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 et seq.), approximately 2.5 acres of public land in Inyo County, California. The Southern Inyo County Fire Protection District proposes to use the land for a fire station and related facilities to include a water well with storage tanks, a helipad, two shade structures, two storage buildings, and a septic system enclosed within a chain link fence, as specified in the County's development plan (henceforth, fire station).

DATES: For a period until September 22, 2006, interested parties may submit comments to the Field Manager, BLM Barstow Field Office, at the address below.

ADDRESSES: Bureau of Land Management, Barstow Field Office, 2601 Barstow Road, Barstow, California 92311.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard Rotte, Realty Specialist, BLM Barstow Field Office, (760) 252-6026.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Southern Inyo County Fire Protection District filed an R&PP application for the classification, lease, and subsequent conveyance of the following described 2.5 acres of public land to be developed for a fire station:

San Bernardino Meridian, California

T. 20 N., R. 7 E.,

Sec. 11, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$.

The area described contains 2.5 acres, more or less, in Inyo County.

Leasing and subsequent conveyance of the land to the Southern Inyo County Fire Protection District is consistent with current Bureau planning for this area and would be in the public interest. The land is not needed for any Federal purpose. The lease would be issued for an initial term of 10 years to allow sufficient time to develop the planned facilities. The land would be conveyed after substantial development has occurred on the land. The lease and subsequent patent, if issued, will be subject to the provisions of the R&PP Act and applicable regulations of the Secretary of the Interior, and will be subject to the following terms, conditions, and reservations:

1. A right-of-way thereon for ditches or canals constructed by the authority of the United States pursuant to the Act of August 30, 1890 (43 U.S.C. 945).

2. All minerals shall be reserved to the United States, together with the right to prospect for, mine, and remove the minerals under applicable laws and regulations established by the Secretary of the Interior.

3. Those rights for a power transmission line granted by right-of-way R 01247 to Southern California Edison Company.

4. All valid existing rights.

5. Provisions of the R&PP Act and all applicable regulations of the Secretary of the Interior.

6. The lessee/patentee, its successors or assigns, by accepting a lease/patent, agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold the United States, its officers, agents, representatives, and employees (hereinafter "United States") harmless from any costs, damages, claims, causes

of action, penalties, fines, liabilities, and judgments of any kind or nature arising out of or in connection with the lessee's/patentee's use, occupancy, or operations on the leased/patented real property. This indemnification and hold harmless agreement includes, but is not limited to, acts or omissions of the lessee/patentee and its employees, agents, contractors, lessees, or any third-party arising out of or in connection with the lessee's/patentee's use, occupancy, or operations on the leased/patented real property which cause or give rise to, in whole or in part: (1) Violations of Federal, state, and local laws and regulations that are now, or may in future become, applicable to the real property and/or applicable to the use, occupancy, and/or operations thereon; (2) Judgments, claims, or demands of any kind assessed against the United States; (3) Costs, expenses, or damages of any kind incurred by the United States; (4) Releases or threatened releases of solid or hazardous waste(s) and/or hazardous substance(s), pollutant(s), or contaminant(s), and/or petroleum product or derivative of a petroleum product, as defined by Federal and state environmental laws, off, on, into, or under land, property, and other interests of the United States; (5) other activities by which solid or hazardous substance(s) or waste(s), pollutant(s), or contaminant(s), or petroleum product or derivative of a petroleum product as defined by Federal and state environmental laws, are generated, stored, used, or otherwise disposed of on the leased/patented real property, and any cleanup response, remedial action, or other actions related in any manner to the said solid or hazardous substance(s) or waste(s), pollutant(s), or contaminant(s), or petroleum product or derivative of a petroleum product; (6) Natural resource damages as defined by Federal and state laws. Lessee/Patentee shall stipulate that it will be solely responsible for compliance with all applicable Federal, state, and local environmental laws and regulatory provisions throughout the life of the facility, including any closure and/or post-closure requirements that may be imposed with respect to any physical plant and/or facility upon the real property under any Federal, state, or local environmental laws or regulatory provisions. In the case of a patent being issued, this covenant shall be construed as running with the patented real property and may be enforced by the United States in a court of competent jurisdiction.

Upon publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the public lands