

approval of the paperwork requirements for the Mineral Resources Program's (MRP) Mineral Resource External Research Program (MRERP). To submit a proposal for the MRERP a project narrative must be completed and submitted via Grants.gov. Furthermore, for multi-year projects, an annual progress report must be completed, and for all projects, a final technical report is required at the end of the project period. This notice provides the public an opportunity to comment on the paperwork burden of these project narrative and report requirements. The narrative and report guidance is available at <http://www.usgs.gov/contracts/Minerals/index.html>.

DATES: Submit written comments by August 5, 2008.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on this information collection to the Department of the Interior, USGS, via:

- E-mail pponds@usgs.gov. Use Information Collection Number 1028-NEW, MRP in the subject line.
- FAX: (970) 226-9230. Use Information Collection Number 1028-NEW, MRP in the subject line.
- Mail to Phadrea Ponds, U.S. Geological Survey, 2150 Building C, Fort Collins, CO 80525. Please reference Information Collection 1028-NEW, MRP in your comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE

CONTACT: Jeff L. Doebrich at 703-648-6103.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Mineral Resources Program.
OMB Control Number: 1028-NEW.
Form Number: Project narrative and report guidance posted on Grants.gov.
Abstract: Through the MRERP, the MRP of the USGS offers an annual competitive grant and/or cooperative agreement opportunity to universities, State agencies, Tribal governments or organizations, and industry or other private sector organizations. Applicants must have the ability to conduct research in topics related to non-fuel mineral resources and that meet the goals of the MRP. The MRERP will consider all research-based proposals that address one of the MRP's long-term goals. The long-term goals of the MRP, as described in the MRP Five-Year Plan for FY 2006-2010 (http://minerals.usgs.gov/plan/2006-2010/2006-2010_plan.html) are (1) Ensure availability of up-to-date quantitative assessments of potential for undiscovered mineral deposits, (2) ensure availability of up-to-date geoenvironmental assessments of priority Federal lands, (3) ensure availability of reliable geologic, geochemical, geophysical, and mineral

locality data for the United States, and (4) ensure availability of long-term data sets describing mineral production and consumption. Furthermore, annual research priorities are provided as guidance for applicants to consider when submitting proposals. Annual research priorities are determined by USGS MRP management. Since its initiation in 2004, the MRERP has awarded more than \$1.8 million to 30 different research projects across the country.

We will protect information from respondents considered proprietary under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and implementing regulations (43 CFR part 2), and under regulations at 30 CFR 250.197, "Data and information to be made available to the public or for limited inspection." Responses are voluntary. No questions of a "sensitive" nature are asked. We intend to release the project abstracts and primary investigators for awarded/funded projects only.

Frequency: Annually.

Estimated Annual Number and Description of Respondents:

Approximately 500 research scientists from universities, State agencies, Tribal governments or organizations, and industry or other private sector organizations.

Estimated Total Number of Annual Responses: 48.

Estimated Annual Burden Hours: 2160.

Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping "Hour" Burden: We estimate the public reporting burden averages 45 hours per response. This includes the time for (1) Project conception and development, proposal writing and reviewing, and submitting project narrative through Grants.gov, (2) preparation of annual progress report, and (3) preparation of final technical report.

Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping "Non-Hour Cost"

Burden: There are no "non-hour cost" burdens associated with this collection of information.

Public Disclosure Statement: The PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*) provides that an agency may not conduct or sponsor and you are not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. Until OMB approves a collection of information, you are not obligated to respond.

Comments: Before submitting an ICR to OMB, PRA section 3506(c)(2)(A) (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*) requires each agency " * * * to provide notice * * * and otherwise consult with members of the public and affected agencies

concerning each proposed collection of information * * * Agencies must specifically solicit comments to: (a) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the agency to perform its duties, including whether the information is useful; (b) evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) minimize the burden on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

To comply with the public consultation process, we publish this **Federal Register** notice announcing that we will submit this ICR to OMB for approval. This notice provides the required 60-day public comment period.

USGS Information Collection Clearance Officer: Alfred Travnicek, 703-648-7231.

Dated: May 30, 2008.

Suzette M. Kimball,

Associate Director for Geology.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Renewed Application for the Proposed Los Coyotes Band of Cahuilla and Cupeño Indians Fee-to-Trust Transfer and Casino-Hotel Project, San Bernardino County, California

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) as lead agency, with the National Indian Gaming Commission and Los Coyotes Band of Cahuilla and Cupeño Indians (Tribe) as cooperating agencies, intends to gather information necessary for preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Tribe's renewed application for a proposed 45-acre fee-to-trust transfer and casino and hotel project to be located in San Bernardino County, California. The BIA did not approve the original application as submitted, hence published a Notice of Cancellation of work on the EIS on May 19, 2008, in the **Federal Register** (73 FR 28841).

DATES: Written comments on the scope and implementation of this proposal must arrive by July 7, 2008.

ADDRESSES: You may mail or hand carry written comments to Dale Morris, Regional Director, Pacific Regional Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, California 95825. Please include your name, return caption, address and "DEIS Scoping Comments, Los Coyotes Band of Cahuilla and Cupeno Indians 45-Acre Fee-to-Trust Casino/Hotel Project, San Bernardino County, California", on the first page of your written comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Rydzik, (916) 978-6042.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed action would transfer approximately 45 acres of land from fee to trust status, upon which the Tribe would develop a casino, hotel, parking and other supporting facilities. The property is located within the incorporated boundaries of the City of Barstow, San Bernardino County, California, just east of Interstate-15, near State Highways 58 and 247 and Interstate-40.

The BIA published a Notice of Intent to prepare an EIS for the original application on April 19, 2006, in the *Federal Register* (71 FR 20126). The notice included project details, which remain unchanged in the renewed application. As this notice on the renewed application in effect resumes work on the EIS, public scoping for the issues and alternatives to be analyzed in the EIS has already been done. The BIA will not, therefore, hold any additional public scoping meetings. This notice, however, does provide the public another 30-day period to submit comments on what should be covered in the EIS.

Areas of environmental concern identified for analysis in the EIS include land resources, water resources, biological resources, cultural resources, traffic and transportation, noise, air quality, public health/environmental hazards, public services and utilities, hazardous waste and materials, socio-economics, environmental justice and visual resources/aesthetics. In addition to the proposed action, alternatives identified for analysis include no-action, reduced-intensity development and two alternate sites. The range of issues and alternatives are open to expansion based on comments received in response to this notice.

Public Comment Availability

Comments, including names and addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the BIA

address shown in the **ADDRESSES** section, during regular business hours, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Authority: This notice is published in accordance with sections 1503.1 and 1506.6 of the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500 through 1508) implementing the procedural requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), and the Department of the Interior Manual (516 DM 1-6), and is in the exercise of authority delegated to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by 209 DM 8.1.

Dated: May 23, 2008.

Carl J. Artman,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas Petition for Tribal Reassumption of Jurisdiction over Child Custody Proceedings

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is a notice that the Department of the Interior has received a petition from the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas for the tribal reassumption of jurisdiction over Indian child custody proceedings. The petition is under review by, and may be inspected at, the address listed in the **ADDRESSES** section.

ADDRESSES: The Bureau of Indian Affairs, Office of Indian Services, Division of Human Services, 1849 C St., NW., Room MIB-4513, Washington, DC 20240.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rochelle Apodaca (505) 563-3524.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The authority for the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs to publish this notice is contained in 25 CFR 13.14(a) and 209 DM 8. The Indian Child Welfare Act of

1978 (Pub. L. 95-608) provides, subject to certain specified conditions, that Indian tribes may petition the Secretary of the Interior for reassumption of jurisdiction over Indian child custody proceedings. This notice acknowledges receipt of the petition of Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas for the tribal reassumption of jurisdiction.

Dated: May 10, 2008

Carl J. Artman,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Alaska Native Claims Selection

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of decision approving lands for conveyance.

SUMMARY: As required by 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that an appealable decision approving lands for conveyance pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act will be issued to Sanak Corporation. The lands are in the vicinity of Pauloff Harbor, Alaska, and are located in:

Seward Meridian, Alaska

T. 53 S., R. 68 W.,

Secs. 3, 4, 5 and 8;

Secs. 9, 10, 15 and 16;

Sec. 21.

Containing approximately 2,120 acres.

T. 52 S., R. 70 W.,

Secs. 17 to 20, inclusive.

Containing 1,687.72 acres.

T. 52 S., R. 71 W.,

Secs. 9, 10, 15, and 16;

Secs. 21 to 24, inclusive;

Secs. 26 to 32, inclusive.

Containing 5,749.47 acres.

T. 53 S., R. 73 W.,

Secs. 33 and 34.

Containing approximately 952 acres.

T. 66 S., R. 90 W.,

Secs. 9 and 15.

Containing 3.77 acres.

Aggregating approximately 10,513 acres.

The subsurface estate in these lands will be conveyed to The Aleut Corporation when the surface estate is conveyed to Sanak Corporation. Notice of the decision will also be published four times in the Anchorage Daily News.

DATES: The time limits for filing an appeal are:

1. Any party claiming a property interest which is adversely affected by