

Assignor/transferor submits Form 3000-3, Assignment of Record Title Interest in a Lease for Oil and Gas or Geothermal Resources, and Form 3000-3a, Transfer of Operating Rights (Sublease) in a Lease for Oil and Gas or Geothermal Resources, to transfer interest in oil and gas or geothermal leases by assignment of record title or transfer operating rights (sublease) in oil and gas or geothermal leases under the regulations in 43 CFR subparts 3106, 3135, and 3216. These regulations outline the procedures for assigning record title interest and transferring operating rights in a lease to explore for, develop, and produce oil and gas resources and geothermal resources.

The assignor/transferor provides the required information to comply with the regulations in order to process the assignments of record title interest or transfer of operating rights (sublease) in a lease for oil and gas or geothermal resources. The assignor/transferor submits the required information to BLM for approval under 30 U.S.C. 187a and the regulations at 43 CFR subparts 3106, 3135, and 3216.

BLM uses the information submitted by the assignor/transferor to identify the interest ownership that is assigned or transferred and the qualifications of the assignee-transferee. BLM determines whether the assignee-transferee is qualified to obtain the interest sought and ensures that the assignee/transferee does not exceed statutory acreage limitations.

Based on BLM's experience administering the activities described above, we estimate it takes 30 minutes per response to gather and provide the required information. The respondents include individuals, small businesses, and large corporations. The frequency of response is occasional. We estimate 60,000 responses per year and a total annual burden of 30,000 hours.

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

Dated: November 14, 2008.

**Ted R. Hudson,**

*Acting Information Collection Clearance Officer, Bureau of Land Management.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

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**Extension of Approved Information Collection, OMB Control Number 1004-0185**

**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) is requesting the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to extend existing approvals to collect certain information from lessees, operators, record title holders, operating rights owners, and the general public on oil and gas and operations on Federal lands.

**DATES:** You must submit your comments to BLM at the address below on or before January 20, 2009. BLM will not necessarily consider any comments postmarked or received after the above date.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

*Mail:* U.S. Department of the Interior, Director (630), Bureau of Land Management, Mail Stop 401 LS, 1849 C St., NW., (Attention: 1004-0185), Washington, DC 20240.

*Personal or messenger delivery:* 1620 L Street, NW., Room 401, Washington, DC 20036.

*E-mail:* [information\\_collection@blm.gov](mailto:information_collection@blm.gov) (Attn.: 1004-0185).

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, except Federal holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** You may contact Barbara Gamble, Division of Fluid Minerals, on (202) 452-0338

(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. 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:

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

(2) The accuracy of our estimates of the information collection burden, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions we use;

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

(4) Ways to minimize the information collection burden on those who are required 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 (MLA), 30 U.S.C. 191 *et seq.*, gives the Secretary of the Interior responsibility for oil and gas leasing on approximately 570 million acres of public lands and national forests, and private lands where the mineral rights are reserved by the Federal government. The Act of May 21, 1930 (30 U.S.C. 301-306), authorizes the leasing of oil and gas deposits under railroads and other rights-of-way. The Act of August 7, 1947 (Mineral Leasing Act of Acquired Lands), authorizes the Secretary to lease lands acquired by the United States (30 U.S.C. 341-359). The regulations under 43 CFR part 3000 *et al.* authorize BLM to manage the oil and gas leasing and exploration activities. Without the information, BLM would not be able to analyze and approve oil and gas leasing and exploration activities.

BLM collects nonform information on oil and gas leasing and exploration activities when the lessee, record title holder, operating rights owner, or operator files any of the following information for BLM to adjudicate:

43 CFR	Information collection requirements	Reporting		Total hours
		Number of responses	hours per respondent	
3100.3-1 .....	Notice of option holdings .....	30	1	30
3100.3-3 .....	Option statement .....	50	1	50
3101.2-4(a) .....	Excess acreage petition .....	10	1	10
3101.2-6 .....	Showings statement .....	10	1.5	15
31.1.3-1 .....	Joinder evidence statement .....	50	1	50

43 CFR	Information collection requirements	Reporting		Total hours
		Number of responses	hours per respondent	
3103.4-1	Waiver, suspension, reduction of rental, etc	20	2	40
3105.2	Communitization or drilling agreement	150	2	300
3105.3	Operating, drilling, development contracts interest statement	50	2	100
3105.4	Joint operations; transportation of oil applications	20	1	20
3105.5	Subsurface storage application	50	1	50
3106.8-1	Heirs and devisee statement	40	1	40
3106.8-2	Change of name report	60	1	60
3106.8-3	Corporate merger notice	100	2	200
3107.8	Lease renewal application	30	1	30
3108.1	Relinquishments	150	0.5	75
3108.2	Reinstatement petition	500	0.5	250
3109.1	Leasing under rights-of-way application	20	1	20
3120.1-1(e)	Lands available for leasing	280	2.5	700
3120.1-3	Protests and appeals	90	1.5	135
3152.1	Oil and gas exploration in Alaska application	20	1	20
3152.6	Data collection	20	1	20
3152.7	Completion of operations report	20	1	20
Totals		1,770		2,235

BLM collects the information in the regulations that address oil and gas drainage and no form is required.

Type of drainage analysis	Number of analyses	Hours
Preliminary	1,000	2,000
Detailed	100	2,400
Additional	10	200
Total	1,110	4,600

Based upon our experience managing oil and gas activities, we estimate for the information collection 2,880 responses per year with an annual information burden of 6,835 hours.

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Dated: November 13, 2008.

**Ted Hudson,**

Acting Information Collection Clearance Officer, Bureau of Land Management.

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**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.

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

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(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 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 part 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 use this information to prevent