

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.

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 13, 2008.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

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**Extension of Approved Information Collection, OMB Control Number 1004-0165**

**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 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: 1004-0165) 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.: 1004-0165)

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 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.

**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 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

vandalism and disturbance of significant caves. Other Federal or state agencies, bona fide education or research institutes, or individuals or organizations that 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 confidential cave information will be filed annually, with a total annual burden of 155 hours. Respondents are cavers and other interested parties.

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 13, 2008.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Reclamation

#### Quarterly Status Report of Water Service, Repayment, and Other Water-Related Contract Negotiations

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of contractual actions that have been proposed to the Bureau of Reclamation and are new, modified, discontinued, or completed since the last publication of this notice on August 12, 2008. This notice is one of a variety of means used to inform the public about proposed contractual actions for capital recovery and management of project resources and facilities consistent with section 9(f) of the Reclamation Project Act of 1939. Additional announcements of individual contract actions may be published in the **Federal Register** and in newspapers of general circulation in the areas determined by Reclamation to be affected by the proposed action.

**ADDRESSES:** The identity of the approving officer and other information pertaining to a specific contract

proposal may be obtained by calling or writing the appropriate regional office at the address and telephone number given for each region in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Michelle Kelly, Water and Environmental Resources Office, Bureau of Reclamation, PO Box 25007, Denver, Colorado 80225-0007; telephone 303-445-2888.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Consistent with section 9(f) of the Reclamation Project Act of 1939 and the rules and regulations published in 52 FR 11954, April 13, 1987 (43 CFR 426.22), Reclamation will publish notice of proposed or amendatory contract actions for any contract for the delivery of project water for authorized uses in newspapers of general circulation in the affected area at least 60 days prior to contract execution. Announcements may be in the form of news releases, legal notices, official letters, memorandums, or other forms of written material. Meetings, workshops, and/or hearings may also be used, as appropriate, to provide local publicity. The public participation procedures do not apply to proposed contracts for the sale of surplus or interim irrigation water for a term of 1 year or less. Either of the contracting parties may invite the public to observe contract proceedings. All public participation procedures will be coordinated with those involved in complying with the National Environmental Policy Act. Pursuant to the "Final Revised Public Participation Procedures" for water resource-related contract negotiations, published in 47 FR 7763, February 22, 1982, a tabulation is provided of all proposed contractual actions in each of the five Reclamation regions. When contract negotiations are completed, and prior to execution, each proposed contract form must be approved by the Secretary of the Interior, or pursuant to delegated or redelegated authority, the Commissioner of Reclamation or one of the regional directors. In some instances, congressional review and approval of a report, water rate, or other terms and conditions of the contract may be involved.

Public participation in and receipt of comments on contract proposals will be facilitated by adherence to the following procedures:

1. Only persons authorized to act on behalf of the contracting entities may negotiate the terms and conditions of a specific contract proposal.

2. Advance notice of meetings or hearings will be furnished to those parties that have made a timely written

request for such notice to the appropriate regional or project office of Reclamation.

3. Written correspondence regarding proposed contracts may be made available to the general public pursuant to the terms and procedures of the Freedom of Information Act, as amended.

4. Written comments on a proposed contract or contract action must be submitted to the appropriate regional officials at the locations and within the time limits set forth in the advance public notices.

5. All written comments received and testimony presented at any public hearings will be reviewed and summarized by the appropriate regional office for use by the contract approving authority.

6. Copies of specific proposed contracts may be obtained from the appropriate regional director or his designated public contact as they become available for review and comment.

7. In the event modifications are made in the form of a proposed contract, the appropriate regional director shall determine whether republication of the notice and/or extension of the comment period is necessary.

Factors considered in making such a determination shall include, but are not limited to (i) the significance of the modification, and (ii) the degree of public interest which has been expressed over the course of the negotiations. At a minimum, the regional director shall furnish revised contracts to all parties who requested the contract in response to the initial public notice.

#### Definitions of Abbreviations Used in this Document

BCP—Boulder Canyon Project  
 Reclamation—Bureau of Reclamation  
 CAP—Central Arizona Project  
 CVP—Central Valley Project  
 CRSP—Colorado River Storage Project  
 CFS—Cubic foot (feet) per second  
 FR—Federal Register  
 IDD—Irrigation and Drainage District  
 ID—Irrigation District  
 M&I—Municipal and Industrial  
 NMISC—New Mexico Interstate Stream  
 Commission  
 O&M—Operation and Maintenance  
 P—SMBP—Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin  
 Program  
 PPR—Present Perfected Right  
 RRA—Reclamation Reform Act of 1982  
 SOD—Safety of Dams  
 SRPA—Small Reclamation Projects Act  
 of 1956  
 USACE—U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
 WD—Water District