

Part 9, Subpart A and Subpart B, respectively.

*Form(s):* None.

*Type of Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection of information.

*Description of Need:* The NPS regulates mineral development activities inside park boundaries on mining claims and on non-Federal oil and gas rights under regulations codified at 36 CFR part 9, subpart A ("9A regulations"), and 36 CFR part 9, subpart B ("9B Regulations"), respectively. The NPS promulgated both sets of regulations in the late 1970s. In the case of mining claims, the NPS promulgated the 9A regulations pursuant to congressional authority granted under the Mining in the Parks Act of 1976, 16 U.S.C. 1901 *et seq.*, and individual park enabling statutes. For non-Federal oil and gas rights, the NPS regulates development activities pursuant to authority under the NPS Organic Act of 1916, 16 U.S.C. 1 *et seq.*, and individual enabling statutes. As directed by Congress, the NPS developed the regulations in order to protect park resources and visitor values from the adverse impacts associated with mineral development in park boundaries.

*Affected Public:* Medium to large publicly owned companies and private entities.

*Obligation to Respond:* Required to receive a benefit.

*Frequency of Response:* 1 per respondent, 24 respondents per year.

*Estimated total annual responses:* 24 per year.

*Estimated average completion time per response:* 176 Hours.

*Estimated annual reporting burden:* 4224 hours.

*Estimated annual nonhour cost burden:* 0.

*Comments are invited on:* (1) The practical utility of the information being gathered; (2) the accuracy of the burden hour estimate; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information being collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden to respondents, including use of automated information collection techniques or other forms of information technology. 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.

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 OMB control number.

Dated: December 01, 2009.

**Cartina Miller,**

*NPS, Information Collection Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Availability of Draft Resource Management Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Clear Creek Management Area, CA

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has prepared a Draft Resource Management Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (RMP/EIS) for the Clear Creek Management Area (CCMA), and by this notice, announces the opening of the public comment period.

**DATES:** To ensure that comments will be considered, the BLM must receive written comments on the Draft RMP/EIS within 90 days following the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes its Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register**. The BLM will announce future meetings or hearings and any other public involvement activities at least 15 days in advance through public notices, media news releases, and/or mailings.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments at the public meetings or by any of the following methods:

- Mail Address: BLM Hollister Field Office, 20 Hamilton Court, Hollister, California 95023.
- E-mail: [cahornmp@ca.blm.gov](mailto:cahornmp@ca.blm.gov).
- Fax: (831) 630-5055.

The CCMA Draft RMP/EIS is available on-line at: <http://www.ca.blm.gov/hollister>. Compact discs (CDs) of the CCMA Draft RMP/EIS are available at the Hollister Field Office at the above address; CD copies are also available at the BLM California State Office, 2800

Cottage Way, Sacramento, California 95825.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sky Murphy, BLM Hollister Field Office, 20 Hamilton Court, Hollister, California 95023, (831) 630-5039.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The planning area covers approximately 75,000 surface acres and approximately 3,500 acres of subsurface mineral estate in San Benito and Fresno counties, California. The CCMA RMP, when completed, will provide management guidance for use and protection of the resources managed by the Hollister Field Office. The CCMA Draft RMP/EIS has been developed through a collaborative planning process among local, State, and Federal agencies and considers seven alternatives. The primary issues addressed include public health and safety, recreation, protection of sensitive natural and cultural resources, livestock grazing, guidance for energy and mineral development, land tenure adjustments, and other planning issues raised during the scoping process.

The Draft RMP/EIS also designates an Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC). The preferred alternative would carry forward the designation of the existing 30,200-acre Clear Creek Serpentine ACEC to protect public health and safety and other resource values identified in the Draft RMP/EIS. Restrictions on the use of public lands within the Serpentine ACEC to minimize human health risks from exposure to asbestos and reduce airborne emissions of asbestos from BLM management activities vary among the range of alternatives, but are likely to include limitations on motorized vehicle use and many other surface disturbing activities.

Please note that public comments and information submitted including names, street addresses, and e-mail addresses of respondents will be available for public review and disclosure at the above address during regular business hours (8 a.m. to 4 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.

**Dianna Brink,**

*Acting Deputy State Director for Natural Resources.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

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#### Service Regulations Committee Meeting

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Fish and Wildlife Service (hereinafter Service) will conduct an open meeting on February 3, 2010, to identify and discuss preliminary issues concerning the 2010-11 migratory bird hunting regulations.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held February 3, 2010.

**ADDRESSES:** The Service Regulations Committee will meet at the Embassy Suites Hotel, Denver—International Airport, 7001 Yampa Street, Denver, CO (303) 574-3000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Robert Blohm, Chief, Division of Migratory Bird Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, ms-4107-ARLSQ, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20240, (703) 358-1714.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the authority of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. 703-712), the Service regulates the hunting of migratory game birds. We update the migratory game bird hunting regulations, located at 50 CFR part 20, annually. Through these regulations, we establish the frameworks, or outside limits, for season lengths, bag limits, and areas for migratory game bird hunting. To help us in this process, we have administratively divided the nation into four Flyways (Atlantic, Mississippi, Central, and Pacific), each of which has a Flyway Council. Representatives from the Service, the Service's Migratory Bird Regulations Committee, and Flyway Council Consultants will meet on February 3, 2010, at 8:30 a.m. to identify preliminary issues concerning the 2010-11 migratory bird hunting regulations for discussion and review by the Flyway Councils at their March meetings.

In accordance with Department of the Interior (hereinafter Department) policy

regarding meetings of the Service Regulations Committee attended by any person outside the Department, these meetings are open to public observation.

Dated: November 23, 2009.

**Paul R. Schmidt,**

*Assistant Director, Migratory Birds, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Indian Gaming Commission

#### The National Environmental Policy Act Procedures Manual

**AGENCY:** The National Indian Gaming Commission, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The purpose of this notice is to provide an opportunity for public review and comment on the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) draft manual containing policy and procedures for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended, Executive Order 11514, as amended, and Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of NEPA. Pursuant to CEQ regulations, the NIGC is soliciting comments on its proposed procedures from members of the interested public.

**DATES:** Comments and related material must be post marked no later than 45 days after publication of this notice.

**ADDRESSES:** Please submit your comments by only one of the following means: (1) By mail to: Brad Mehaffy, National Indian Gaming Commission, 1441 L Street, NW., Suite 9100, Washington, DC 20005; (2) by hand delivery to: National Indian Gaming Commission, 1441 L Street, NW., Suite 9100, Washington, DC 20005; (3) by facsimile to: (202) 632-7066; (4) by e-mail to: [nepa\\_procedures@nigc.gov](mailto:nepa_procedures@nigc.gov); or (5) online at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bradley Mehaffy, NEPA Compliance Officer at the National Indian Gaming Commission: 202-632-7003 or by facsimile at 303-632-7066 (not toll-free numbers).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The NIGC encourages interested persons to submit written comments. Persons submitting information concerning the NEPA Procedures Manual should include their name, address, and other appropriate contact information. You may submit your information by one of the means

listed under **ADDRESSES**. If you submit information by mail or hand delivery, submit them in an unbound format, no larger than 8 1/2 by 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing. If you submit information by mail and would like to know it was received, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope. The NIGC will consider all comments received during the comment period.

#### Background

This manual will clarify policy and procedures to ensure the integration of environmental considerations into major Federal actions of the NIGC that trigger NEPA review. At present, the NIGC has identified only one type of major Federal action that it performs under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA) that triggers NEPA review—approving contracts for the management of Indian gaming facilities pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 2711. This manual clarifies the NEPA-related roles and responsibilities and establishes a framework for the preparation and consideration of appropriate NEPA documentation, thereby ensuring a balanced and systematic consideration of environmental impacts in the decision-making process of the NIGC.

The proposed manual includes processes for preparing Environmental Assessments, Findings of No Significant Impact, and Environmental Impact Statements. The NIGC proposes to use this manual in conjunction with NEPA, the CEQ regulations at 40 CFR 1500-1508, and other pertinent environmental regulations, Executive Orders, statutes, and laws developed for the consideration of environmental impacts of Federal actions.

This manual identifies several categories of actions taken by the NIGC that are categorically excluded from further NEPA review. In identifying these categories of actions, the NIGC relied on several environmental professionals' opinions and comparisons with other Federal agency actions that are categorically excluded.

A copy of this **Federal Register** publication, as well as the administrative record for the list of categorical exclusions, is available at <http://www.nigc.gov/Portals/0/NIGC%20Uploads/EPHS/projectsapproved/MANUAL07.pdf>.

A copy of the **Federal Register** publication is available at <http://www.regulations.gov>. The NIGC solicits public review of its draft NEPA Procedures Manual and will review and consider those comments before the manual is finalized.